

Dursley district does Disney 2026

We're excited to announce that we're planning a trip to Disneyland Paris for our Girlguiding Dursley district members, including Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders. We already have a team of very excited volunteers willing to be part of this trip, so we're now ready for our young members to sign up.

Bookings basics:

- Bookings will open on Monday 20th May 2024. This is to allow communications to reach all our young members and give everyone equal opportunity to sign up.
- A link will be added to [the webpage](#) to the booking form on Monday 20th May.
- Bookings will be on a first come, first served basis. The form can be completed straight away to reserve your space.
- Payment is required by 10th June to confirm your space(s).

If your young person is interested, please read all the information below.

Dates: Sunday 24th May to Wednesday 27th May 2026

Cost: £800 per young person (but don't let that put you off! Please read on!)

What does this cost include?

- Coach and ferry travel from Dursley.
- Three night's accommodation at the [Campanile Val de France](#) hotel.
- Two days park tickets to the Disneyland Park and the Walt Disney Studios Park.
- Breakfast in the hotel.
- Evening meals.
- Packed lunches for the two Disney days and the return journey.
- A trip hoodie & polo shirt.
- A trip badge.
- Travel insurance.

What is not included in the cost?

- Spending money.
- A packed breakfast and lunch will be needed for the first travel day.

Your young member will need:

- To be a member of Girlguiding at the time of the event. If they leave Girlguiding they will no longer be able to travel with us.
- A valid passport *
- A valid ETIAS Visa Waiver for France (being introduced in 2025) *
- A valid UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) *

* It will be your responsibility to ensure these are in place, including covering the cost.

An information meeting will be set up a little closer to the travel dates to talk through the trip with parents/carers, to share all the trip information in more detail and to support any questions regarding any of the above.

Funding: We will run a range of fundraising opportunities for you to join in with over the next two years, including the Dursley Fireworks event. We are also able to match fund up to £300 per person from their fundraising efforts. For those that join in with our range of opportunities, it is very possible that the full cost could be fundraised.

Next steps:

- Read the FAQs to find out all about the trip.
- Watch out for the bookings going live on???

If there is anything you think we've missed then please send your questions to dursleydisney@girlguidingglos.org.uk.

WHEN?

When is the trip taking place?

The trip will take place from Sunday 24th May to Wednesday 27th May 2026 which is during the May half term holidays.

What is the rough itinerary?

- Sunday 24th May – Travel from Dursley to hotel just outside of Disneyland Paris
- Monday 25th May – Visiting Disneyland Paris
- Tuesday 26th May – Visiting Disneyland Paris
- Wednesday 27th May – Travel from hotel to Dursley, with a short stop off in Paris

Be prepared for an early start and a late return!

COSTS

How much will the trip cost?

The trip will cost £800. You will also need spending money.

However, we will run a range of fundraising opportunities for you to join in with over the next two years, including the Dursley Fireworks event.

We are also able to match fund up to £300 per person from their fundraising efforts. This is thanks to a significant amount we have saved from fundraising for large scale camp that was cancelled because of Covid, and ongoing fundraising by one of our leaders selling obsolete Guiding badges through Covid where we've not yet had the opportunity to spend the funds on our adventures.

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- A packed lunch will be needed for the first travel day.
- Costs for getting your child a passport, GHIC and ETIAS (visa).

What is the payment schedule?

- We will require a £75 per person initial deposit to be paid by 10th June 2024 to secure place(s).
- We will then require a further £100 payment by 19th July 2024.
- The remaining balance will be required in instalments, but as we carry out fundraising activity this can be deducted from your bill.
 - £125 per person by 30th November 2024
 - £125 per person by 31st March 2025
 - £125 per person by 31st July 2025
 - £125 per person by 30th November 2025

Are the payments refundable?

If we do not get enough young members signed up to make the trip viable then all initial deposits will be returned in full.

Once we confirm full sign up and place our booking with the travel provider, all payments are non-refundable.

If your young member drops out we will do our best to refill the space. If we do refill the space, then it may be possible to refund some of your fees paid, but this will depend on what costs have already been incurred that can't be swapped to the new member, or if there is a charge to do this.

No funds received from fundraising events, whether completed as part of the group or individually, will be refunded. The Charity Commission requires funds raised for a certain reason to be used for that reason. In this case the reason is to provide a Disneyland Adventure to members of Girlguiding Dursley district. Your fundraising efforts will go towards the trip as a whole.

If your young person drops out of the event and we cannot refill the space, you will still be eligible for the full cost of the space as costs per person are based on numbers attending and increase if numbers are reduced.

How do I pay?

Payments can be made by bank transfer to our holiday account. **Please note this is not the same account you pay subs to.** Please use the child's name as a reference when making your payments.

- Account name: Dursley District Guiding Holidays
- Account Number: 72185287
- Sort code: 55-61-38
- This is a business account with NatWest.

BOOKINGS

How do I book?

- Bookings will open on Monday 20th May 2024. This is to allow communications to reach all our young members and give everyone equal opportunity to sign up.
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What if I need to cancel my space after booking?

All payments are non-refundable. If your young person drops out of the event and we cannot refill the space, you will still be eligible for the full cost of the space as costs per person are based on numbers attending and increase if numbers are reduced.

WHO?

Who can attend the trip?

The trip is open to all Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and adult members in Dursley district. That includes units in Dursley, Cam and Coaley.

Everyone travelling must be a member of Girlguiding, and young members must be un year 13 or below, at the time of the trip. If you move between sections, for example if you are currently a Brownie but move to Guides before the trip, then this is not a problem. However, if you leave Girlguiding altogether then you will forfeit your space. Please see the costs section about refunds and the booking section about cancellations.

Who are the adults who will be looking after my child/ren?

- Trip leader – Dee Williams
 - Dee is an experienced leader with Rainbows and Brownies and has supported Coaley Guiding for a couple of years on camps and holidays, in addition to her own groups in Gloucester. She is new to international adventure in Guiding and is completing the international licence on this trip.
- Assistant trip leader – Anne Anderson
 - Anne has been a leader in Dursley district for almost 25 years and has experience with our young members of all ages. She already holds her international licence and is supporting Dee as she learns.
- We also have leaders from all our Brownie, Guide and Ranger groups taking part. They are:
 - Louise G. (2nd Dursley Brownies)
 - Sian or Megan G. (2nd Dursley Brownies)
 - Helen D. (3rd Cam Brownies)
 - Zen N. (3rd Cam Rainbows)
 - Kate B. (3rd Cam Rainbows)
 - Clare F. (Coaley groups)
 - Elaine R. (Coaley groups)
 - Alice V. (3rd Cam Guides)
- We also have a reserve leader – Ann P. (2nd Dursley Brownies)

TRAVEL

How will we get there?

We will be travelling by coach from Dursley to our hotel. We will have one pick-up point within the district for everyone. Our coach and drivers will be with us for the duration of the trip.

We will cross the channel on a ferry.

To get from our hotel to the Disney Parks we will use a combination of our own coach and the regular shuttle bus.

How long is the journey?

Door to door including the ferry crossing we are looking at approximately 13.5 hours of travelling each way.

MEALS

Where is breakfast?

Breakfast on day one will be packed from home.

Breakfast on the other days will be provided in the hotel.

Where will the evening meals be?

The evening meal on our arrival day will be in the hotel. On our two park days we will be eating in a Disney restaurant. The exact restaurant is yet to be confirmed (as this will depend on our total numbers) but it will most likely be a buffet style restaurant.

What about lunches?

We will be asking people to bring a packed lunch and snacks with them on the first travel day. On the other days, including for our journey home, the hotel will provide us with a packed lunch to take with us.

What if I have dietary requirements?

We can inform Disney and the hotel of any dietary requirements and they will be catered for.

DISNEY PARKS

Which parks are we visiting?

We will have two days to visit the Disneyland Park and the Walt Disney Studios Park. The parks are directly next to each other and it is easy to walk between them. We will be in smaller groups during the days so it will be for the smaller group to decide how much of their time they wish to spend in each park.

What rides and attractions can we see there?

You can find out lots of information about the rides and attractions in the two parks by visiting: www.disneylandparis.com

Will we be visiting as one large group?

Logistically it would be impossible to tour the park as a large district group. Therefore, we will split into smaller groups to explore the park in.

Will my child be accompanied in the parks?

Yes. The only exception to this might be the Rangers. However this depends on how many of them sign up and whether they show themselves to be safe to be let off in their own unaccompanied group. We will discuss this with them and their parents during the planning stages of the trip to cover their safety, etc.

ACCOMMODATION

Which hotel will you be staying at?

Accommodation at the [Campanile Val de France](#) hotel

How many girls will share a room?

Rooms are of different sizes (accommodating between 2 and 6 people) and we will put children together from the same unit where possible.

Will leaders be close by overnight?

Yes. Leaders rooms will be dotted among the children's rooms. The children will be shown where to find leaders in the night should they need anything.

PRACTICALITIES

What if my child has additional needs?

Please contact the trip leaders before booking to discuss any additional needs so that we can make sure we are able to support your young person and we can make our tour operator aware and discuss any additional requirements you may have.

How much luggage can I take?

We recommend a small cabin sized suitcase on wheels along with a small day sack for carrying packed lunches and personal items.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

What documents will we need to travel?

Each member will require a passport issued less than 10 years before the start date of the trip and valid for at least 3 months after the last day of the trip (check the 'expiry date').

Each member will also require a UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) & an ETIAS (the new visa waiver form that comes into effect at the end of 2025).

What Girlguiding paperwork will I need to complete?

There will be a consent form and a health form to complete, but not until nearer the time of the trip.