



POLAND 2027: YOUR WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE ADVENTURE

Australian Contingent
Information Guide

**Choose your journey - Core, Explore,
Adventure, Ultimate, Escape.**

WELCOME!

Welcome to the adventure of a lifetime!

In July 2027, thousands of Scouts from across the world will come together in Poland for the 26th World Scout Jamboree (WSJ). Representing Australia, our Contingent will be a dynamic mix of youth participants, passionate leaders, and committed International Service Team (IST) members, all united by the power of global Scouting.

This guide contains everything you need to know to begin your Poland 2027 journey. Whether you're a young person eager to camp beneath European skies for the first time, a leader keen to guide a new generation, or an adult ready to volunteer your skills on the world stage, there's a place for you in our Contingent.

We're proud to offer a flexible program with meaningful pre- and post-tour options, financial transparency, and a strong support network to get you from idea to Poland and back again.

We can't wait to welcome you aboard.



Phil Britt
Contingent
Leader



Lisa Picking
International
Commissioner



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QUICK FACTS

When is it?

29 July – 9 August 2027 (Core Jamboree)

Full trip dates depend on the selected travel package (see pg 6–7).

Where is it?

Wyspa Sobieszewska (Sobieszewo Island),
Gdańsk, Poland

Pre-tour: Kraków, Poland*

Post-tour: Prague, Czech Republic*

Who can go?



Youth Participants: Born between 12 August 2009 and 30 July 2013 (Core & Pre-tour)



Post-tour eligible: Born between 16 August 2009 and 30 July 2013



Unit Leaders: Must be 18+ and current adult members of Scouts Australia †



International Service Team (IST): Must be 18+ by 25 July 2027 and willing to volunteer †

† See page 7 for full eligibility

Packages:

- Core (Jamboree only)
- Explore (Pre-Tour + Jamboree)
- Adventure (Jamboree + Post-Tour)
- Ultimate (Pre-Tour + Jamboree + Post-Tour)
- IST (Jamboree International Service Team)
- IST Escape (Jamboree International Service Team + IST Escape Post-Tour)

Cost Range:

Youth: \$8,800 – \$11,800

Unit Leaders: \$6,800 – \$9,400

IST: \$5,800 – \$6,775

Applications open:

5 October 2025 8pm AEDT

(Register your interest now at poland2027.au/eoi)

Payment Schedule:

6 instalments from Oct 2025 to March 2027 (see pg 10)

Flights:

Group travel is included.

Questions?

info@wsj2027.scouts.com.au



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VISION & VALUES

At its heart, the World Scout Jamboree is more than just an event, it's a life-changing global experience rooted in peace, friendship, and cultural exchange.

The Jamboree exists to:



Unite young people across borders through shared Scouting values



Promote peace and understanding between cultures



Empower Scouts to grow as global citizens



Inspire curiosity, leadership, and independence through hands-on experience

For Scouts Australia, it's also a chance to:



Represent our nation proudly on the world stage



Build confidence and independence in our youth



Strengthen our Adult Volunteer base through international exposure



I made lifelong friends, tried things I never imagined, and came home more confident than ever.

– Jacob, 2023 Korea WSJ Australian Participant.



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CHOOSE YOUR JOURNEY OVERVIEW



No two journeys are the same, and that's by design. With five different package options, each participant can tailor their Jamboree experience based on their interests, availability, and age eligibility.

Package Name	What's Included	Info	Cost
 Core	Jamboree only (Poland)	Page 11	Youth: \$8,800 Adult: \$6,800
 Explore	Pre-Tour + Jamboree	Page 11 & 12	Youth: \$10,300 Adult: \$8,100
 Adventure	Jamboree + Post-Tour	Page 11 & 13	Youth: \$10,300 Adult: \$8,100
 Ultimate	Pre-Tour + Jamboree + Post-Tour	Page 11, 12 & 13	Youth: \$11,800 Adult: \$9,400
 IST	Jamboree (International Service Team)		\$5,800
 IST Escape	Jamboree + Post-Tour	Page 14	\$6,875

ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPANT ROLES

We welcome eligible Scouts and adult members from across Australia to join our Contingent. Each participant category has different age ranges, responsibilities, and program options:

01

Youth Participants (Core and Explore)

Eligibility: Must be born on or before 30 July 2013 (to be at least 14 years old by the start of the Jamboree), and born after 12 August 2009 (to remain under 18 throughout)

- Must be an invested Scout or Venturer Scout
- Must have completed Outdoor Adventure Skills – Camping Stage 4 prior to departure
- Due to the expansive nature of the site, a good level of fitness is required – participants are expected to walk over 10 km per day
- Must be recommended as suitable to attend by their Scout/Venturer Leader and Group Leader, and endorsed by their Branch Headquarters

02

Youth Participants (Adventure and Ultimate)

Eligibility: Must be born on or before 30 July 2013 (to be at least 14 years old by the start of the Jamboree), and born after 16 August 2009 (to remain under 18 throughout)

- Must be an invested Scout or Venturer Scout
- Must have completed Outdoor Adventure Skills – Camping Stage 4 prior to departure
- Due to the expansive nature of the site, a good level of fitness is required – participants are expected to walk over 10 km per day
- Must be recommended as suitable to attend by their Scout/Venturer Leader and Group Leader, and endorsed by their Branch Headquarters

03

Unit Leaders / Assistant Unit Leaders

Eligibility: Must be a registered member of your Branch as a Rover, Youth Program Leader or Program Support Leader.

- Must be recommended as suitable to attend by your Group Leader or next appropriate Commissioner, your Region/District Commissioner, and endorsed by your Branch Headquarters
- Must be 21 years of age by 23 July 2027
- A good level of fitness is required – Leaders are expected to walk over 10 km per day
- Must have demonstrated experience with the Scout or Venturer age group, and ideally previous Jamboree/Venture experience
- Leaders will be selected based on their experience, ability to work with youth, and ability to run a successful Jamboree Unit
- Unit Leaders will be individually selected from the Assistant Unit Leader pool

04

International Service Team (IST)

Eligibility: Must be a registered member of your Branch as a Rover or Youth Program or Program Support Leader. (Other members may be considered by the Contingent Leader to meet specific needs of the Contingent where these are not met by Youth Program Leaders or Program Support Leaders. Additionally, where particular skills and experience are required by the Contingent or event, other membership categories may be considered by the Contingent Leader, in conjunction with the International Commissioner.)

- Must be 18 years of age by 25 July 2027
- Must be recommended as suitable to attend by your Group Leader or next appropriate Commissioner, your Region/District Commissioner, and endorsed by your Branch Headquarters
- A good level of fitness is required – IST members are expected to walk up to 10 km per day
- Members with qualifications in particular Adventurous Activities will be highly regarded by the Jamboree Committee
- Roles are assigned by the Jamboree Organising Committee and subject to approval – applicants approved by the Australian Contingent may not necessarily be approved by the Host Jamboree if a suitable role is not found
- IST will be selected to meet quotas prescribed by the Jamboree Organising Committee

TIMELINE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

This is a major international experience, and we've designed our application and payment timeline to give families time to plan and fundraise.

Key Milestones



Sep 2025:
Information Guide Launch



5 Oct 2025:
Applications Open



31 Oct 2025:
Youth Applications Close
(Adults Close Sat Oct 25)



15 Feb 2026:
Provisional Offers Finalised



Mar - May 2026:
Mandatory State Meet-Camps

- **NSW/ACT:** 6–8 March 2026
- **SA:** 13–15 March 2026
- **VIC/TAS:** 27–29 March 2026
- **QLD/NT:** 17–19 April 2026
- **WA:** 1–3 May 2026
- *These are all subject to change based on Contingent numbers*



May 2026:

Final Contingent and Unit Positions Confirmed.



Feb - Apr 2027:

Mandatory Orientation Days



Jul 24 – 29 Jul 2027:

Pre-Tour (for Explore/Ultime participants)



29 Jul – 9 Aug 2027:

World Scout Jamboree



9 – 14 Aug 2027:

Post-Tour (for Adventure/Ultime/Escape participants)

Youth Member Core Only Payment Plan (Example Only)

UPON APPLICATION

\$1,300

Deposit

30 APR 2026

\$1,500

Flights

31 JUL 2026

\$1,500

Program

31 OCT 2026

\$1,500

Accommodation
& Uniform

31 DEC 2026

\$1,500

Final Transport
& Contingency

31 MAR 2027

Remainder

Final balance based
on tour selection

Breakdown by tour stream will be available at time of application.



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To get ready for the adventure of a lifetime, all Contingent members must take part in a mandatory Meet Camp in early 2026.

These in-person weekends are a key part of the Contingent experience and are designed to prepare you for international travel, build your Patrol or IST team connections, and ensure everyone is ready to thrive at the Jamboree.

Why It Matters

Meet Camps help set expectations, resolve issues early, and ensure every participant youth and adult, is ready to represent Australia safely and positively.

They're also a key milestone in your journey. After attending your Meet Camp, you'll receive your final confirmation of attendance to Poland 2027.

Please note: Attendance is mandatory. Non-attendance may affect your place in the Contingent.

Proposed Dates (subject to confirmation)

NSW/ACT:	SA:	VIC/TAS:	QLD/NT:	WA:
6–8 March 2026	13–15 March 2026	27–29 March 2026	17–19 April 2026	1–3 May 2026

Participants will be expected to travel to the most convenient or closest camp location. More information will be communicated closer to the date.

EXPLORE PRE-TOUR

Kraków, Poland • 24–29 July 2027

Included in Explore and Ultimate Packages

Before the Jamboree begins, join a 5-night experience based in the historic city of Kraków. You'll have time to settle in, connect with your Unit, and explore southern Poland through the activity stream of your choice.

Choose Your Steam

Participants will preference one of three activity streams to match their interests. Each stream runs for four full days before travelling to the Jamboree site on 29 July.

ADVENTURE

- Swim at Zakrzówek Park + visit Wawel Castle
- Energylandia theme park
- Trail of the Eagles' Nest cycle OR adventure activity
- Hike in Tatra National Park OR raft the Dunajec River

CULTURE

- Kraków museums
- Auschwitz tour OR silver mine & boat trip
- Zakopane + thermal spa + cheese tasting
- Salt mine visit + pierogi cooking class

HYBRID

- A mix of adventure and cultural highlights
- Includes Energylandia, Zakopane, and Tatra hike

You'll stay in dorm-style youth lodges, with all meals included. Transport around Kraków is by coach and tram. As Poland's former royal capital, Kraków is home to Europe's oldest universities and a UNESCO-listed Old Town, the perfect base to explore, meet your Unit, and get ready for the adventure ahead.



CORE JAMBOREE EXPERIENCE

The World Scout Jamboree is a once-in-a-lifetime event, a global celebration of Scouting that brings together tens of thousands of young people from over 170 countries.

Key Details



Dates: 29
July – 9
August 2027



Location: Wyspa
Sobieszewska
(Sobieszewo Island),
Gdańsk, Poland



Eligibility: Included
in all packages (Core,
Explore, Adventure,
Ultimate, Escape)

What to Expect

- Camp with 40,000 Scouts from across the globe
- Patrol-based program delivery and making international friendships.
- Activities include water sports, hiking, pioneering, sustainability labs, global development village, culture day, exhibitions, and live shows
- All meals, tenting, and base support provided

Australian Contingent Units will camp together and be supported by their assigned Unit Leaders and the on-site Contingent Management Team (CMT). Each Unit is made up of 36 youth participants and 4 adult Leaders, organised into 4 patrols of 9 youth and one Leader. International Service Team participants will be accommodated in a separate area.

A World Scout Jamboree is a challenging event. It is not like an Australian major event. It's important to understand what to expect so you're prepared:

- **Heat and weather:** Poland in summer can be hot, with long days in the sun with limited shade. Be ready for outdoor living in all conditions.
- **Distances:** The site is vast. Participants will often walk more than 10 km a day, sometimes with baggage. A suitable level of fitness is required.
- **Food:** Meals are not the same as home. Choice is minimal, dietaries can be difficult, and mistakes happen. You must be prepared to eat what is provided.
- **Changing timelines:** With an event of this scale, plans shift. Knowing things won't always go to plan is important.
- **Language and culture:** You'll meet Scouts from all over the world. English is common, but not universal. Patience is essential.

All participants must be prepared and resilient for these realities.





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ADVENTURE POST-TOUR



Prague, Czech Republic • 9–14 August 2027

Included in Adventure and Ultimate Packages

After the Jamboree ends, keep the adventure going with a 5-night experience in the vibrant city of Prague. This is your chance to relax, celebrate everything you've achieved, and wrap up your time in Europe with something unforgettable.

Choose Your Steam

Participants will preference one of three activity streams to match their interests. Each stream runs for four full days before flying home on 14 August.

ADVENTURE

- Rafting, archery, and a bike tour in Veltrusy Park
- Explore Prague with the Prague Visitor Pass
- Bozkov dolomite cave tour
- Full-day Action Park experience (paintball, bubble soccer + more)

CULTURE

- Glass blowing and painting at Ruckl Glassworks
- Traditional Czech cooking class
- Explore Prague with the Prague Visitor Pass
- Prague Mystery City Race

HYBRID

- Explore Prague with the Prague Visitor Pass
- Glassworks tour
- Action Park experience
- Prague Mystery City Race

You'll stay in dorm-style youth lodges, with all meals included. Transport around Prague is by coach, tram and train. With castles, cobbled streets and river views, Prague is one of Europe's most beautiful and culturally rich cities. The Adventure Post-Tour is the perfect way to wind down, reflect on your journey, and say goodbye to new friends.

ESCAPE POST-TOUR

For IST members only



Dates: 10–15
August 2027



Locations: Berlin · Leipzig ·
Münster · Utrecht · Amsterdam

Fresh off the Jamboree and not ready to head home just yet? Join your new mates on an epic city-hopping adventure through Germany and the Netherlands. The Escape Tour is six days of train rides, street food, bucket-list sights, and laid-back vibes, the perfect way to wind down and celebrate after an intense two weeks of service and Scouting.

You'll explore buzzing capitals and hidden gems, cruise canals, climb towers, and cycle cobbled lanes. Think less rigid itinerary, more "see the city, make memories, crash in a hostel, and do it all again tomorrow."

Highlights include:

- Berlin's East Side Gallery, Brandenburg Gate & Holocaust Memorial
- Leipzig's Old Town and Monument to the Battle of the Nations
- A chilled ride around Münster by bike
- Utrecht's quirky sculpture hunt and Dom Tower
- Amsterdam's canal cruise, farewell dinner & park challenge finale

Includes:

All transport, accommodation, breakfast and packed lunch daily, group dinners, museum and attraction entries, and all the good times in between.

Spots are limited. If you're after a fast-paced, social end to your Poland 2027 experience — this is your tour.



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CONTINGENT INCLUSIONS

Every participant will receive a carefully designed set of inclusions that support their experience before, during, and after the Jamboree.

Standard Inclusions

- Return international flights from major Australian capital cities
- Travel insurance, including baggage and emergency cover
- All accommodation, meals, and transport within Europe
- Full access to the Jamboree program, activities, and support services
- Pre-tour or post-tour package (depending on stream)
- All taxes, surcharges, and entry fees
- Dedicated unit support and on-the-ground Contingent team
- Pre-event meet camps and orientation sessions

Contingent Kit

Each participant will also receive a kit of exclusive Australian Contingent gear:

- 2 x Sublimated Polo Event Shirts
- Australian Contingent Badge 6pk
- Name Bar
- 30L Backpack
- Contingent Bucket Hat
- Water Bottle
- Wheeled Duffle Bag 80L*

Note: The wheeled duffle bag is included unless the participant already owns an eligible bag from the 25th WSJ in Korea and chooses to opt out at time of application.

IST and Leaders will receive variations in kit based on role-specific needs.

TRAVEL & BAGGAGE

The Contingent will arrange group flights departing from each capital city to Europe. All Youth Participants and Unit Leaders must travel with the Contingent.



Flights & Transfers

- Departing Australia 23–24 July 2027
- Returning to Australia 15–16 August 2027
- All internal transfers (coach, rail, air) are included
- Baggage allowance is economy class: 1 x 23 kg checked, 1 x 7 kg carry-on



Self-Organised Travel

Youth Participants and Unit Leaders:

- All travel for Youth Participants and Unit Leaders is arranged by the Australian Contingent and included in the Jamboree fee.
- In very limited circumstances, and only at the discretion of the Contingent Leader, an exception may be granted for self-organised travel.
- If approved, strict conditions apply. Contact us for more information.



IST Members:

- May choose either Contingent-organised travel or self-organised travel.
- If choosing self-organised, you must meet the Contingent at a designated location in Poland at a non-negotiable time.

Passports must be valid until at least 16 February 2028 to meet travel requirements.



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FUNDRAISING & FINANCIAL SUPPORT



• **Fundraising Resources**

We know that international travel is a significant investment. That's why we're committed to supporting participants and families with practical fundraising tools and access to financial assistance.

We are currently compiling resources which will be available on our website.

Each state and territory may also run their own branch-specific fundraising activities or grants.



• **Financial Assistance**

Some Branches offer scholarships or bursaries to support youth participation.

Contact your Branch International Commissioner for more information.

FAQS

Q	Will I be in a Unit with people I know?
A	We try to place at least one familiar person with each participant, but the Jamboree is about meeting new people too! Units are formed based on age, gender, state, and experience balance.
Q	What if I have accessibility or medical needs?
A	We welcome all eligible members to apply, however it is important to note this is a large-scale event with limits to what can be accommodated by the Jamboree. Please include any additional needs in your application so we can work with you to plan a safe and supported experience, or discuss other opportunities if required.
Q	Will there be a kit sizing guide?
A	Yes, you'll be able to enter your sizes for every item before we finalise production. Sizing charts and try-on opportunities may be provided.
Q	Can I go on the tour with my child as a parent or guardian?
A	Only registered Adult Leaders or Rovers over 18 who meet eligibility criteria may attend.
Q	How will you support dietary or cultural needs?
A	We work with our caterers to accommodate dietary and cultural needs wherever possible. Meals will be different to home and choice is limited, so some flexibility is required. You'll be asked to provide this information during your application.
Q	Can I fundraise as a group with other applicants?
A	Absolutely! You can work together locally to host fundraising events. Just be sure to follow Scouts Australia's fundraising guidelines and always seek permission where required.
Q	What happens if I need to withdraw after being accepted?
A	If you need to withdraw after being accepted, refunds are based on when we receive your notification: • On or before 30 October 2026: Full refund • 31 October 2026 – 31 March 2027: Recoverable fees plus \$500 admin fee. • On or after 1 April 2027: No refund Refunds are calculated based on costs already committed by the Contingent at each stage.
Q	What if the Jamboree is cancelled or postponed?
A	We will communicate any changes as soon as possible. Our priority is to recover and refund any costs that haven't already been committed, but some expenses may be non-refundable.



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HOW TO APPLY & CONTACT

Applications for all participant roles open 5 October 2025 at 8pm AEDT. Register your interest today at poland2027.au/eoi for first access.

Contact Us

If you have questions, need help, or want to get involved:



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