

# GSCTX ..... Traveler



## What's New?

New Safety Activity Checkpoints coming soon! GSUSA has new language that members do not use AirBnB and other personal accommodation rentals, or Uber/Lyft and other ride-sharing services. This recommendation was made after careful examination of these services' operations by our risk management team. The primary issues are insufficient insurance, and lack of many kinds of safety oversight/inspections that are customary with traditional rentals and services. This recommendation is to protect girls and councils, given the current state of these services; GSUSA will be monitoring this space continuously and will re-review this recommendation during our annual risk management review process.

For more information on travel visit our webpage at [www.gsctx.org/travel](http://www.gsctx.org/travel).

## Volunteer Opportunities

*Interested in Chaperoning one of our awesome trips?*

Are you interested in challenging and empowering girls through travel to cultivate their cultural competencies, help them learn a wide range of practical life skills, advance their sense of self, and ultimately build memories and friendships with other Girl Scouts? Then we want you to be our next GSCTX Travel Chaperone! Ideal volunteers will have a passion for travel, previous travel experience, trip specific knowledge, and the ability to work collaboratively with other chaperones and the Trip Lead. Chaperones are not required to be Committee Members or Trip Leads. This volunteer position requires volunteers to apply for each trip they would like to chaperone. The term begins once they're selected as a chaperone and concludes after the trip has occurred. Chaperones will be required to complete trip specific training after their term begins and should be prepared to cover the full or partial per person cost to attend the trip. **Applications are accepted for all posted trips from September 1 – October 31 annually.** Selected chaperones will be notified by December 1. [Apply today!](#)

## Travel Talk

*2017 Germany Castles in the Sky, by GSCTX Ambassador Jillian H.*

Going on a trip to Germany was by far the highlight of my summer. At first I was a bit skeptical--it was an expensive trip, it involved traveling to a different country, and required I fly from Austin to Newark by myself. As someone who'd never traveled alone for any period of time before the whole thing seemed impossibly daunting. However, deciding to apply for the trip in spite of all of these things revealed itself to be one of the best decisions I've ever made. Financial aid from ATS and GSCTX, experienced guides around Germany, and wonderful food that I didn't even have to pay for quickly whisked my worries away. Everyone involved with the trip was incredibly understanding and fun to be around, and the towns we visited were so colorful. This trip to Germany has truly been a dream I didn't even know I had come true.

## Travel Tips



Self Etiquette: Good article about how to discuss if it's appropriate to take selfies in certain locations.

**Check it out here:** <https://bit.ly/2qFAB22>

New U.S. Civil Rights Trail: A new trail focused on important civil rights locations was launched this year.

**Check it out here:** <https://bit.ly/2HwmSVM>

## Upcoming Trips & Deadlines

### Upcoming Trips:

My Troop and I visit Big Bend, TX - March 10-17, 2019

Incredible India - June 25-July 5, 2019

The Ultimate Harry Potter Experience - June 6-17, 2020

West Coast National Park Adventure - July 28-Aug 10, 2019

### Deadlines:

\$300 Deposit Deadline for the first three trips is Dec. 1, 2018.

