

Scouts NSW KISC 2023 - 2024

Branch Friendship Tour

27 December 2023 – 10 January 2024



Eligibility – Participants

- Be aged at least 14 years as of 27 December 2023 and not have had their 26th Birthday by 10 January 2024.
- Must be a registered and invested Scout, Venturer Scout, or Rover Scout and demonstrate a sound level of camping experience (generally, have earned at least Camping Stage 4).
- Must accept the Contingent Terms & Conditions and be accepted by the Tour Management Team.

Eligibility – Adults (Leaders)

- Must be a registered Leader holding a Certificate of Adult Leadership with Scouts NSW.
- Must accept the Contingent Terms & Conditions and be accepted by the Tour Management Team
- It is preferred that Leaders be Leaders of Youth within the sections covered in the participant age range.
- Wood badge training is preferred.
- Selection is at the discretion of the Tour Management Team.

The Event

Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) welcomes thousands of Scouts from around the world every year. This is the 2nd Tour of its kind from Scouts NSW, in 2018, Scouts from Port Hacking District in South Metropolitan organised a Summer Trip. The Scouts NSW KISC 2023 – 2024 Tour is being organised to complement the current International Events scheduled for 2023, such as the KISC100 Australian Contingent and the 25th World Scout Jamboree. The Scouts NSW KISC 2023 – 2024 Trip will be running in the Swiss Winter.

The Scouts NSW KISC 2023 – 2024 Branch Friendship Tour (The Tour) will take place during the December 2023 School Holidays on 27 December 2023 – 10 January 2024. The Tour will leave Sydney on the 27/12/2023 and return on the 12/01/2024.

The program will make the most of the Snow-capped mountains, international friendships, frosty mornings, and cosy evenings, as well as closing out the KISC 100 Centenary. During this time away we will be in the heart of the Swiss Alps for 12 days and there will be 10 days of programmed activities and 2 Free Days for you to explore the Village of Kandersteg and its surrounds. Whether you're into hiking, sledding, snowshoeing, skiing, or simply relaxing in our Finnish Sauna there's something for everyone.



Travel and Attendance

Two options are provided for travel to Kandersteg as a part of this Contingent. Contingent members may travel with the Contingent from Australia, ex-Sydney. Alternatively, members may elect to travel independently, allowing for them to factor the trip to Kandersteg into a larger personal trip. The cost of the travel is only included from Sydney. If you are from a Regional Community in NSW, we may be able to look to organise Travel as part of your Return Ticket, but this is not guaranteed.

Costs

Travel w/ Group	AU\$4,200 - \$4,700*	Includes airfares, transfers, all meals, program activities, KISC charges, Travel Insurance & Contingent fees
Independent Travel	AU \$2,400 - \$2,250*	Includes transfers to and from Flughafen Zuerich (Zurich Airport) to Kandersteg, all meals, program activities, KISC charges & Contingent fees

*These prices are flexible and have been budgeted carefully to ensure you get the best value for money, as well as taking into account the current COVID-19 situation. Final price is dependent on final flight costs and exchange rates.

Payment Schedule

Date	Instalment	Group Travel	Independent Travel
On Application	Deposit	\$750	\$375
August 1 2022	Second	\$750	\$375
November 1 2022	Third	\$750	\$375
February 1 2022	Fourth	\$750	\$375
April 1 2023	Fifth	\$750	\$375
September 1 2023	Sixth	TBA	TBA
Total		\$4,200 - \$4,700	\$2,400 - \$2,250*

Payment can only be made by Direct Deposit to the KISC Bank Account. You will need to email kisc2023@nsw.scouts.com.au once you have made a payment so we can record this in the system. Travel insurance for independent travellers is not included. Independent travellers should explore personal travel insurance for their entire time away.

What does the cost include?

Group Travel: Return flights from Australia to Switzerland (ex-Sydney), Comprehensive Travel Insurance, All Transfers, All Meals, Accommodation and Activity Fees, Merchandise including 2 Polo Shirts, Name Bar, 2 x Australian International Scarfs, and Administrative Costs.

Independent Travel: All the above, minus return flights.





What's not included in the cost?

There are some additional costs you need to account for including obtaining a passport if you don't already have one (see www.passports.gov.au for details), any spending money for souvenirs or incidental items, and any extra activities you choose to undertake during your free time/days.

Please be sure to consider any clothing or equipment you may need to purchase or borrow before the event. This may need to include a small lightweight tent.

Cancellation Policy

Members withdrawing from the Tour must notify the Tour Management Team in writing as soon as possible. Since many expenses must be paid well before our departure to secure the best prices, it is not possible to provide full refunds upon withdrawal. The following table highlights the amount of any refund payable. Consideration for alteration to the below may be made in extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the Contingent Leader.

Notification of withdrawal received:	Refund
Before August 1 2022	Full Refund
Before November 1 2022	Amount paid less \$500
Before February 1 2023	Amount paid less \$1000
Before August 1 2023	Amount paid less \$1500
On or After August 1 2023	No Refund

Terms & Conditions

All applicants are reminded that membership within the tour is a privilege, not a right, and that inappropriate behaviour prior to departure, such as that specified in the terms and conditions, may jeopardise your place in the Contingent. Participants not adhering to the Contingent or Centre rules during the event may be sent home at their expense. All Contingent members must accept and sign the terms & conditions agreement which will be provided later.



Tour Management Team



Toby Luck

Tour Leader

Toby is an aspiring member of Scouting. Since 2010 he has risen through the sections doing his best to participate in every opportunity available. In 2016 he attended his first overseas trip to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre. At age 14, he hiked the Swiss Alps! He continued to become one of the Global Ambassadors at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. A very unique role that was very rewarding at the WSJ. He continues to grow and learn in scouting and one day will be leading a contingent of his own!



Lloyd Nurthen

Deputy Tour Leader

Lloyd is the Branch International Commissioner for Scouts NSW. He joined Scouts back in 2006 as a Cub Scout and has been right through all Sections. Lloyd has had plenty of National and International Travel experiences with the latest being Deputy Contingent Leader to WSJ2019, and annual visits to Kandersteg International Scout Centre. In between Scouting, he works as a Customer Experience Manager at Nearmap where he runs the Customer Experience Function of the growing Australian Tech Start Up.



Chris Buggie

Branch Commissioner
Sponsor

Chris is the Deputy Chief Commissioner Youth & Program Support for Scouts NSW. He joined Scouts back in 1996 as a Scout and was appointed a Scout Leader in 2006. Chris has supported a previous Branch Friendship Tour to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in 2018. He has lots of experience with major events including 5 Jamborees and holding various director positions on other branch Major Events. In between Scouting, he works as a Senior Business Information Analyst for Minter Ellison, an international Law Firm.



Mitch Stubbs

Admin and Finance
Manager

Mitch is the State Commissioner – One Program and looks after supporting our Youth Program in NSW. Mitchell joined Scouts in 2006 as a Cub Scout at Eastwood/Marsfield Scout Group and has been in all sections through to Rover Scouts. Mitchell has attended numerous state major events and was a part of the 2019 NSW Contingent team to AJ2019. If volunteering wasn't enough, Mitchell is the Centre Manager at the Baden-Powell Activity Centre in Pennant Hills.

More Information

You can find more information at WEBSITE or by contacting the team at kisc2023@nsw.scouts.com.au.

