

World Centre postcards



Guiding traditions



30 mins





Aim of activity

Did you know there are special centres all around the world for international Guiding members to visit? Find out all about them in this activity and decide which you would like to visit.

What you'll get out of it

- Find out about the WAGGGS World Centres.
- Practise writing and drawing skills.

What you'll need

- A map or globe
- Postcards or A5 paper or card
- Pens and pencils
- Information about the five World Centres (optional)

Note to leader

Girls shouldn't include full names or identifiable personal details in their postcards.







Guiding exists all over the world through WAGGGS – the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Millions of girls around the globe are connected as part of the worldwide Guiding community.

World Centres are special places that Guiding members can visit. You can do lots of different activities at the World Centres and earn lots of badges when you visit them.

The five World Centres are:

- Pax Lodge in London
- Our Cabaña in Mexico
- Our Chalet in Switzerland
- Sangam in India
- Kusafiri, a travelling Centre that moves around Africa.

What to do

- As a unit, try to find all the World Centres on your map or globe. Your leader will help you.
- Has anyone been to a World Centre, or been on holiday to one of the countries where a World Centre is?

- Now think about which World Centre you'd most like to visit: would you like to see the Changing of the Guard while staying at Pax Lodge? Or go skiing at Our Chalet? Maybe you could learn how to put on a sari while visiting Sangam? Or would you like to see the massive volcano that stands near Our Cabaña? Or even visit the newest World Centre, Kusafiri?
- As a unit, share your ideas about which World Centre you'd want to visit. Did you all choose the same World Centre, or do you want to go to different ones?
- Now let's have some fun drawing or writing a postcard to the World Centre you want to visit. Tell them:
- Why you want to visit them.
- The kind of things you get up to at Rainbows with your unit.

Try it this way

Instead of drawing or writing you could make your postcard using an online postcard maker.

Take it further

As a group, pick a World Centre and go on an imaginary visit to 'deliver' your postcards. Act out different activities you could do while you're there.
