EXPLORE 2017 Weekend 10-12 November

Royal Geographical Society

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Advancing geography and geographical learning

The annual RGS-IBG expedition and field research planning weekend

EXPLORE: is the the Society's annual expedition and field research planning weekend.

Inspiration • Contacts • Advice

If you are planning an expedition involving field research, conservation or an adventurous journey with a purpose, *Explore* is the place to find the inspiration, contacts and practical advice you need. *Explore* is the starting point for hundreds of expeditions each year. The emphasis is on small projects with a research component but anyone planning an overseas expedition or fieldwork is welcome, regardless of age or experience.

Over 100 field scientists and explorers will give lectures, run workshops and exhibits, providing inspiration, contacts and practical advice on projects in a variety of environments and research disciplines.

Highlights of the weekend

- Practical advice on planning geographical field research, conservation and adventurous projects
- Specialist workshops on field research skills, working in remote environments, and communicating discoveries through writing, photography, film, and art
- Meet and share ideas with others planning expeditions
- Specialists on hand to share tips on fundraising, social media, mapping technologies, and keeping safe.

Exhibitors

Displays of innovative equipment, clothing, medical supplies and other useful services will be on show, together with organisations offering research opportunities overseas.

Event details

Friday evening lectures:

The Explore weekend opens with a series of short presentations by past *Explore* attendees to field science and exploration, and future challenges.

Saturday: Expedition Planning and LogisticsAfternoon: **Logistics workshops** include marine, mountain, tropical forest, polar, desert, river, cycling and vehicle dependent expeditions.

The **Explorers bar** in the evening is an opportunity to network and share experiences.

Sunday: Field Research and Expedition Skills Lectures will cover: designing a research project; working with the host country; field mapping & communicating your discoveries.

Sunday morning field research workshops include human, earth and biological sciences, mapping & surveying, education projects, & route planning for overland journeys. Sunday afternoon workshops will cover photography, journalism, video and sound, and communicating research through art.

Venue

Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

Event cost

The first 40 people to <u>book online</u> can buy weekend tickets at the **early**, **early bird rate £55**.

Thereafter tickets cost from £65 for the weekend.

All prices include VAT, lunch and course notes. For group bookings of six delegates or more, please contact go@rgs.org.

Advance booking only. Please return the booking form or book online at www.rgs.org/bookonline.

Friday 10 November 2017:

The Foyle Reading Room will be open from midday for use by Explore delegates. View the Society's collection of maps, expedition reports and travel resources in preparation for the weekend.

Pre-Explore Peter Smith Memorial Lecture 2017 – 6.30pm

A free evening event for Explore 2016 delegates. On the door donation of £5 for additional guests.

Saturday 11 November 2017: Expedition Planning and Logistics

Morning lectures are likely to cover:

- Putting purpose into your expedition
- Project planning and organisation
- Reports from returning expeditions
- Budgeting and fund-raising
- Health and safety in the field
- Eating well in the outdoors

Afternoon logistics workshops include:

- Mountain and trekking expeditions
- Tropical forest
- Polar & Arctic environments
- Desert & Savannah

- Oceans: marine and underwater projects
- Adventure with purpose
- Cycling
- Vehicle dependent expeditions.

5.30pm – Presentations of research posters from returned expeditions.

6pm - The **'Explorers Bar'** on Saturday evening is a great opportunity to make contacts, chat with speakers and delegates and share experiences.

Sunday 12 November 2017: Ideas for Field Research & Expedition Skills

Lectures are likely to cover:

- Designing a research project
- Working with the host country
- Field mapping technologies

- Communicating from the field
- Applying for research grants
- Sharing your discoveries

Fieldwork skills workshops on Sunday morning include: human, earth and biological sciences, schools and educational expeditions, GIS and field mapping, and route planning for overland journeys. Sunday afternoon workshops on communicating your discoveries though: film & video, radio and sound-recording, photography, writing, artistic endeavours as well as publishing your scientific research.

Please select the workshops you would like to attend when making your booking.

Please note programme and workshop details may be subject to change. Please keep an eye on our website for more details. www.rgs.org/explore

Websites and social media

To see details of previous Explore weekends, updates on speakers and programme details and information on how to get the most from your weekend visit www.rgs.org/explore
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