



## 16<sup>th</sup> SWYAA Global Assembly

### Egypt, November 2025

SWYAA Egypt would like to warmly welcome all SWYAA International members and friends to the 16<sup>th</sup> Global Assembly!

The Official Program will be held between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 in Cairo & Alexandria.

The Optional Tour will be held between the 27<sup>th</sup> of November and the 1<sup>st</sup> of December onboard a Nile Cruise between the cities of Aswan & Luxor, South of Egypt.

Note: Return from Luxor to Cairo will be in the evening of December 1<sup>st</sup>. Participants in the Optional tour should be conservative allowing a few hours between their return to Cairo and the departure of their return flight.

### The Official Program

Our theme for the Official Program will be “5000 years of History”, where we will take you to visit highlights of grand architecture from ancient Egypt, Greco-Roman Egypt, and Islamic Egypt. We will combine this with social contribution activities, a conference on post program activities, and lots of fun!

Here is the schedule of the Official Program (minor changes are possible):

Saturday, 22 November	All day	Arrival of Participants and transfer to hotel
	Evening	Ice breaker including dinner
Sunday, 23 November	Morning	Breakfast at hotel
		Social Contribution Activity (split in groups to visit different NGOs & institutes incl. environmental, educational, cultural or charity.)
	Noon	Lunch
		Return to hotel
	Afternoon	Official opening ceremony including dinner (Main guests: Minister of Youth & Sports & Ambassador of Japan)
Monday, 24 November	Morning	Breakfast at hotel
		Visiting the Pyramids
	Noon	Lunch
	Early afternoon	Visiting the Grand Egyptian Museum
Tuesday, 25 November	Evening	Dinner on a floating restaurant on the Nile including folklore performance
	Morning	Breakfast at hotel or box on bus
		Travel to Alexandria
		Visiting Catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa
		Lunch
		Visiting Roman Theater
		Bus tour of Alexandria landmarks (library, castle, ...)
	Afternoon	Return to Cairo

	Evening	Traditional Egyptian dinner (Feteer) on the way back
Wednesday, 26 November	Morning	Breakfast at hotel
		Visiting Islamic Cairo
		Lunch
		Free time at traditional bazar (Khan El-Khalili)
	Afternoon	Conference for post-program activities
	Evening	Closing / farewell ceremony including dinner
Thursday, 27 November	Morning	Breakfast at hotel
	All day	Departure of Participants, or Start of Optional tour

### Flights:

You will book your own flights from your home to and from Cairo. The cost of these flights is not included in the joining fees for the Global Assembly.

Please plan your travel to arrive at Cairo International Airport (CAI) on Saturday, 22nd November. Ideally, before 5 pm so that you can join the ice breaking event in the evening.

Our volunteers will meet you at Cairo International Airport (CAI) on Saturday, 22nd November, starting from 1 am. We have arranged a bus leaving the airport every 3 hours to take you to the hotel. You will need to arrange your own transfer if you are traveling on a different date or traveling via another airport.

If you are not joining the Optional Tour, you can plan your travel any time on Thursday, November 27th. We have arranged a bus leaving the hotel every 3 hours on Thursday, November 27th to Cairo International Airport (CAI). If you are traveling on a different date or traveling via another airport, you will need to arrange your own transfer.

### Hotel:

You will be staying in the [Grand Pyramids Hotel](#), a newly renovated 4 stars hotel. You can see its location [here](#)

We have secured accommodation and transportation for participants in the official program. Places were reserved based on first come first served basis. We are maintaining a waiting list for additional applicants and will attempt to negotiate additional rooms with the hotel.

The official check-in time is 14:00 on Saturday, 22nd November. We are trying to negotiate free early check-in from 11:30. If you want to check-in earlier, you will need to book an extra night as described in the next paragraph.

If you are arriving earlier than November 22nd, or departing later than November 27th, you will need to book your extra nights and arrange your own transportation between the airport and the hotel. If you wish to spend extra nights before or after the program at the same hotel, you can book those by emailing [cai@his-cairo.com](mailto:cai@his-cairo.com) and stating in the email subject line "SWYAA extra night accommodation". Advance payment is required to book extra nights at the same hotel and the prices are:

- Single room per person including breakfast USD 85
- Double room per person including breakfast USD 48
- Triple room per person including breakfast USD 45

Please note that the hotel we selected is conveniently located for the official program, but is far from other attractions you may want to visit if you are staying longer in Cairo. Thus, it will be convenient if you are only staying one extra night. If you want to extend by a few days in Cairo, it may be more convenient to book a hotel near the city center.

### Registration:

We will have three phases of application:

*Phase 1 - Pre-registration:* We will open pre-registration on May 31<sup>st</sup> for this phase. This will be exclusively for SWYAA members (not family or friends). 40 discounted places at the Official Program will be offered during this phase. To give equal chances to members in different time zones, we will split them in 4 batches, each of 10 places. Pre-registration for these batches will open at 00:00, 06:00, 12:00 and 18:00 Egypt time (UTC+3) on May 31<sup>st</sup> (Note that for your time zones, some of these slots may fall on May 30<sup>th</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup> your time).

*Phase 2 - Priority registration for SWYAA members:* Following phase 1, we will accept applications exclusively from SWYAA members (not family or friends) on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 00:00 Egypt time. Only 120 places will be available in this phase (i.e. a total of 160 places in phases 1 & 2). This phase is intended to give priority to members before we accept applications for family and friends of participants. This phase will close once all places have been reserved.

*Phase 3 - General admission:* Will be opened on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 16:00 Egypt time, we will accept applications for all remaining places at the Official Program not only for SWYAA members, but also for family and friends of attending SWYAA members. This will be your chance to bring over your family or best friend.

### **Official Program Fees:**

We are securing a small amount of sponsorship to contribute to the cost of the Official Program for SWYAA members. We have applied these sponsorships to pre-registration & priority registration. No sponsorship will apply for the general admission or to single room reservations.

The joining fees for the Official program will be:

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| - Pre-registration for SWYAA members:        | USD 500 per person in a double room |
| - Priority registration for SWYAA members:   | USD 550 per person in a double room |
| - General admission:                         | USD 600 per person in a double room |
| - Joining fee with single room accommodation | USD 700 per person                  |

Last year we announced that we are targeting a lower participation fee for the official program. We have been challenged by high levels of local inflation that prevented us from achieving that target. We hope you will understand and accommodate this increase.

### **What is included and what is excluded?**

The participation fee includes:

- Transportation from Cairo International Airport (CAI) to hotel on day of arrival (November 22<sup>nd</sup>).
- Accommodation for 5 nights (check-in 22 Nov., check-out 27 Nov.).
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner starting dinner on 22 Nov. until breakfast 27 Nov
- All transportation during the program.
- English speaking guides during tours.
- All entrance fees for visits planned during the program.
- Transportation from hotel to Cairo International Airport (CAI) on day of departure (November 27<sup>th</sup>).

Please note that the participation fee does not include:

- Any personal travel to and from Cairo.
- Your personal travel and health insurance.
- Medical expenses.
- Visas necessary for entry into Egypt.
- Incidental charges at the hotel (mini bar, laundry, calls. etc.).
- Bank transfer fees for when you make the payment.
- Accommodation before the beginning of the program or after the end of the program. (See the section titled "Hotel and Number of Participants" above for instructions on booking extra nights)
- Transportation from & to the airport if you are not arriving on November 22<sup>nd</sup> or not departing on November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Any drinks/beverages (only water will be served with meals)
- Additional personal expenses.

### **Cancellation Policy**

- Cancellation until 12 October, 2025 is fully refundable except for bank transfer fees
- Cancellation between 13 and 23 October, 2025 will be subject to a 25% cancellation charge applied to the total amount per person.
- Cancellation between 24 October and 7 November will be subject to 50% charge of the total amount per Person.
- Starting from 8 November no refund can be made in the case of cancellation.
- Bank fees associated with the refund transfers will be for the participant's account.
- Bulk cancellation may not be possible and in the unlikely situation it happens, the possibility of refund will be subject to negotiation with the accommodation and travel providers and could be unachievable.

## The Optional Tour

The Optional tour will be a Nile Cruise that will start from the city of Aswan 900 km South of Cairo and finish in the city of Luxor 700 km South of Cairo. We will go to Aswan via an overnight train leaving Cairo on the evening of Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and will fly back from Luxor to Cairo on the evening of December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The program will include daily sightseeing visits to amazing ancient Egyptian heritage.

Here is the schedule of the Optional Tour (minor changes are possible):

Thursday, 27 November	Check-out of Hotel at 12:00 (and leave luggage) Free day in Cairo Afternoon: Transfer from hotel to train station Overnight train ride to Aswan (exact train departure time to be provided later)
Friday, 28 November	Arrive Aswan Sightseeing of the High dam and Isis Temple Check-in Cruise Ship Lunch & Dinner on board Sightseeing of Nubian Village with motor boat
Saturday, 29 November	Transfer to Abu Simbel by coach (around 4 h) Sightseeing of Abu Simbel Temples Back to Aswan by coach (around 4h) Sail to Kom Ombo Sightseeing of Kom Ombo Temple Sail to Edfu Lunch & Dinner on board
Sunday, 30 November	Sightseeing of Edfu Temple by horse carriage Sail to Luxor Sightseeing of Luxor Temple Lunch & Dinner on board
Monday, 1 December	Check-out of Cruise and leave luggage Sightseeing of West Bank (Valley of Kings (excluding Tut Ank Amoun tomb) Hatshepsut Temple & Memnon Lunch at Local restaurant Sightseeing of East Bank (Karnak Temple) Transfer to Airport flight to Cairo MS067 at 19:45/20:55

### Return flights:

We will be flying back from Luxor to Cairo International Airport (CAI) on the evening of Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please be conservative and allow a few hours between your return to Cairo and the departure of your return flight back home.

No hotel accommodation in Cairo is included. If you are not leaving in the early hours of Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, you may want to book an extra night. If you do, we recommend you stay in a hotel close to the airport. We are looking for good deals and will add details here around mid August.

### Cruise ship:

We will sail from Aswan to Luxor onboard [M/S A Sara](#), a five stars cruise ship.

We have chartered the entire cruise ship (68 rooms). Places were reserved based on first come first served basis. We have more applicants on a waiting list.

### Registration:

Applications will be received together with the application for the Official Program at the times mentioned above. It is possible to apply for the Optional Tour without applying for the Official Program.

**Optional Tour Fees:**

The joining fees for the Optional Tour will be:

Per person in a double room	USD 850
Per person in a single room	USD 1090

**What is included and what is excluded?**

The participation fee includes:

- Transportation from hotel to train station on the start day of Optional Tour (November 27<sup>th</sup>).
- Train ticket from Cairo to Luxor (27 Nov.)
- Accommodation for 3 nights onboard the cruise ship (check-in 28 Nov., check-out 1 Dec.).
- Supper (box) on the train on 27 Nov.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner on the cruise ship starting lunch on 28 Nov. until breakfast 1 Dec.
- Lunch in Luxor on 1 Dec.
- All transportation during the program.
- English speaking guides during tours.
- All entrance fees for visits planned during the program.
- Flight from Luxor to Cairo (1 Dec.).

Please note that the participation fee does not include:

- Any personal travel to and from Cairo.
- Your personal travel and health insurance.
- Medical expenses.
- Visas necessary for entry into Egypt.
- Lunch during the free day on 27 Nov.
- Dinner after completing the program on 1 Dec.
- Incidental charges at the cruise ship (mini bar, laundry, calls. etc.).
- Bank transfer fees for when you make the payment.
- Accommodation before the beginning of the program or after the end of the program. Note that the program ends when you arrive at Cairo airport on the night of 1 December. If you are not flying from Cairo airport a few hours after we land, you will need to book your own accommodation and arrange your own transportation from airport to hotel.
- Any drinks/beverages (only water will be served with meals)
- Additional personal expenses.

**Cancellation policy:**

- Cancellation until 12 October, 2025 will be subject to a 20% cancellation charge
- Cancellation between 13 and 23 October, 2025 will be subject to a 45% cancellation charge applied to the total amount per person.
- Cancellation between 24 October and 7 November will be subject to 70% charge of the total amount per Person.
- Starting from 8 November no refund can be made in the case of cancellation.
- Bank fees associated with the refund transfers will be for the participant's account.
- Bulk cancellation may not be possible and in the unlikely situation it happens, the possibility of refund will be subject to negotiation with the accommodation and travel providers and could be unachievable.

## Confirmation and payment

After sending your application, please wait for the confirmation email to ensure you secured a place at the Global Assembly. If the number of participation slots fill up before you can register, you will be placed on a waiting list.

The confirmation email will be sent out at most three (3) days after the application is received, and will contain instructions on how to pay the participation fee. Alternatively, you will be informed that you have been placed on the waiting list.

It will be possible to either transfer your payment individually or to make one collective transfer for a number of participants (which may save on bank transfer fees). Please transfer the participation fee within 5 working days from receiving your confirmation email and send us a copy of the transfer document for our tracking. Once the payment has been received, you will receive another email which confirms that you are registered as a participant.

## Visas

- Participants are required to arrange their own VISA.
- Visa requirements depend entirely on your nationality.
- Nationals of many countries can obtain an e-visa at: <https://www.visa2egypt.gov.eg/>, please check the FAQ section on this website to find out if you are eligible.
- Nationals of countries that are not eligible to e-visa, will need to apply via the Egyptian consulate in their country.

## Terms & Conditions

Any participant bringing their children along is required to consult SWYAA Egypt to ensure we accommodate them better and to confirm participation fee with our providers.

During free time, the participant is responsible for their actions and movements.

Participation is possible for all previous participants in the SWY program (unless suspended/disqualified). This includes Participating Youth, National Leaders, Advisors/facilitators, Administration staff, IYEO staff. Participants can also bring their family / friends provided places are available.

## Registration ex-JPY

As requested by IYEO, JPY will apply directly as mentioned above, and then pay to IYEO for a one-time collective transfer. IYEO will reach out to all the participants from Japan about the payment information.

## Further information about the Global Assembly

Please follow out Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/swyegypt/> and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/swyaa.egypt> for updates related to the Global Assembly. Individual questions can be sent to [GA16@SwyaaEgypt.org](mailto:GA16@SwyaaEgypt.org)