



WAGGGS

WOCO 5: BID TO HOST THE 38TH WORLD CONFERENCE



Walking together, walking far.

37th WORLD CONFERENCE 2021

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Membership Organisation Information

Membership Numbers

1,400+

287,392

18,744

2,100,000

MO Information

Cyprus is among the first countries in the world where Guiding was born right after the birth of the Movement.

Girl Guiding began in Malaysia in 1916. GGAM is amongst the 10 largest MOs of WAGGGS.

Oman guides have a very good experience in hosting international events on the GCC, Arab and World level

Girl Scouting was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low, after meeting with Lord and Lady Baden Powell.

Bid Proposal

Outline Proposal

The Girl Guides Association of Cyprus would like to organise the first WAGGGS sustainable World Conference.

Hosting the World Conference in Malaysia would increase the visibility and image of GGAM and will benefit girls and young women in Malaysia and globally.

Hosting the World Conference will enhance the role of Oman's Scouts and Guides in the Arab Region and on an international level.

GSUSA will have the opportunity to showcase the strength of our global connections and sisterhood while also seeing global governance in action.

Proposed Dates

22nd - 26th July 2023

21st - 27th July 2023

Between June and September 2023.

July 2023

Location

Proposed Venue

European University Cyprus

Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa

Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre

Disney World - Yacht and Beach Club Resort

Proposed Accommodation

Cyprus Hilton Nicosia
Centrum Hotel
Castelli Hotel

Bandar Sunway
GM Sunway Metro Hotel
Mixx Hotel Sunway

JW Marriott
Crown Plaza
Cetara Hotel

Yacht and Beach Resort
Coronado Springs Resort
Family Value Resort (TBD)

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Requirements for Visas

EU countries, Commonwealth countries and the USA do NOT need a visa.

Visas are not required for 162 countries for short stays of up to 2 weeks.

All the participants will need visas except UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar.

The United States requires visas for most visitors before entering the country.

Estimated fees

Estimated Registration Fee

\$900 - \$1,170

\$900 - \$1,000

\$1,000 - \$1,200

\$775-\$950

Estimated Accommodation Fee

\$31 - \$180

\$15 - \$94

\$65 - \$207

\$149 - \$299

Estimated total cost

\$2,000 - \$3,500

\$2,000 - \$4,000

\$3,000 - \$4,000

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Risks

Main Risks

Covid-19 - we will offer the opportunity of virtual attendance.

Air pollution has been an ongoing problem Malaysia.

To fly to Oman you need to bring a negative PCR test and there's a possibility of asking for a COVID-19 vaccine passport.

Orlando, FL is impacted by Hurricane season. There would be sufficient time to prepare or make alternate plans.

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MO Information:

Cyprus is among the first countries in the world where Guiding was born right after the birth of the Movement. We have documents in our archives (among them a letter by Olave Baden-Powell herself) proving that Guiding thrived in Cyprus from 1913, when the island was a British colony.

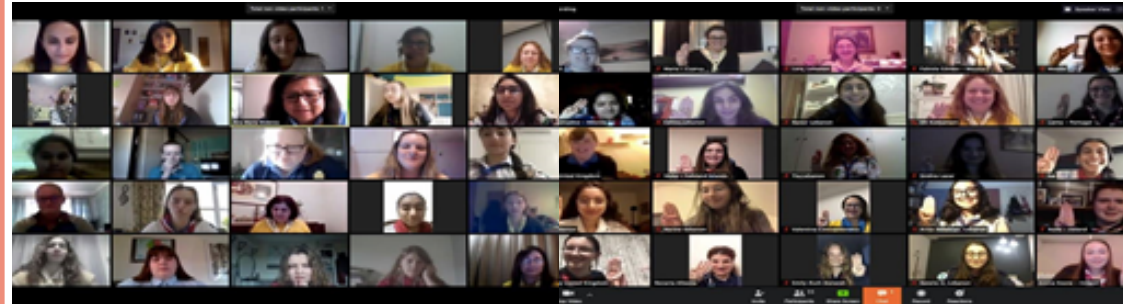
The Girl Guides Association of Cyprus was formed in 1960 along with the establishment of the Republic of Cyprus. It is a girls-only organisation which numbers more than 1,400 members of all ages, as follows: Chrysalides ages 5-6, Butterflies ages 7-9, Guides ages 10-12, Sea-Air-Forest Guides ages 13-15, Senior Guides and Prospective Leaders ages 16-18, Young Leaders (among them members of the Youth Council) ages 19-35, Volunteer Leaders and other groups.

Pictures below: From outdoor activities of our Members the year before the pandemic)



The GGAC has been striving to safeguard and spread the Guiding Light, despite the pandemic. We are proud we are among the first Organisations that introduced online activities. This allowed us to strengthen our relations with both our World Movement and Guides in other countries, with whom we organise activities for all ages.

(Pictures below: From the Official Celebration of World Thinking Day 2019 dedicated to Our Leaders and the Leaders of Guiding, and from the 1st International Call organised online by the Youth Council of the GGAC in April 2020.)



As GGA of Cyprus we have a long history of organising international events:

1. April 1989: The 6th European Scout & Guide Conference in Larnaca, along with the Cyprus Scouts Association with more than 400 participants, a conference which gained congratulations from all the participants and for years was discussed as one of the most successful.

(Picture Below: The Welcoming Committee of the Conference)



2. November 1995: European Youth Seminar “Intercultural Awareness” (Guides and Scouts from 20 countries participated)

3. 2001: WAGGGS FORUM 3 – European meeting in Cyprus with 120 participants from 35 countries

4. 8-11/09/2005: The Olave Baiden-Powell Society Annual Event organised in Paphos. Our newly introduced website: <https://www.girlguides.org.cy>

Bid Proposal:

Organising a WAGGGS World Conference in Cyprus has been a dream and a goal of The Girl Guides Association of Cyprus for many years. The successful organisation of other major international Guiding and Scouting events and our extended history of Guiding in Cyprus, make us optimistic that we can achieve this goal for 2023.

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Even though we are a small organisation, our optimism grew in the last year, due to the strong relations we built with other WAGGGS MOs. The pandemic opened new horizons and discussions, despite difficulties and challenges, with both governmental officials and profound sponsors, which reinforced our optimism.

The Girl Guides Association of Cyprus would like to give the 38th WAGGGS World Conference a small footprint and thus, organize the first **WAGGGS WORLD SUSTAINABLE CONFERENCE!**

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The benefits of incorporating sustainability considerations into the conference can be vast. Sustainability considerations lead to environmental improvements, financial advantages, creating a positive image for the conference planners, and social benefits for the local community.

They can also trigger secondary positive effects such as innovation in the marketplace, thereby stimulating new product growth; and by raising awareness and inspiring change they can create long-term benefits for the broader community.

The GGA of Cyprus strongly believes that it can organise a successful 38th World Conference, based not only on our own history and on the reinforcement from sponsors and volunteers, but also with the help of a very successful professional partner we have by our side, Top Kinisis Travel, a firm with both experience and achievements in international conferences.



When will it be?
22 – 26 July 2023

Where will it be?

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Situated at the north-eastern end of the Mediterranean basin, Cyprus is the third largest island in the region.

Nicosia is 'The brightest capital of Europe'!

Nicosia is literally bright - It has the most days of sunshine of any capital in Europe

Nicosia is intelligent - A university city full of bright minds and innovation

Nicosia is lively - Teeming with business, culture, life, and entertainment

Nicosia is colourful - Blue skies, green nature, vibrant food, and multiculturalism

Nicosia has a bright future - Growing, developing, and constantly rising in quality

The conference venue will be the European University Cyprus (EUC) located in Nicosia. EUC is a private university in Nicosia and the oldest institution of higher education in Cyprus. Rising in the rankings, European University Cyprus has been gaining local, regional, and global acknowledgement of their efforts to be a student-focused and innovative institution, with an emphasis on an international orientation, sustainability, and industry/community engagement. With a history of more than 60 years, European University Cyprus has grown into a leading academic and research institution in the region with Schools of Medicine, Sciences, Business, Law, and Humanities, Social & Education Sciences, and a Distance Education Unit. EUC meets the capacity needs of WAGGGS World Conference in terms of meeting rooms, catering, AV/IT, and various accommodation options in close proximity. Distance from Larnaca Airport to Conference Venue: 50.3 km (41 min).

Cyprus videos:

[Better Days Are Coming](#)

[Better Days Are Here](#)

How much would it cost?

Based on the analytical event budget, the suggested fee would be in the range of: \$900 - \$1.170.

Participants should expect to spend \$2,000 - \$3,500 for the trip, including accommodation, flight fares, visa and registration fee not including souvenirs and side excursions.

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Accommodation options:

There are various accommodation options in various categories which meet all budgets. The following hotels have confirmed availability for the proposed conference dates (22 – 26 July 2023).

THE LANDMARK HOTEL 5* (Distance from Venue: 3.9 KM / 10' drive): Room rates per person: Single \$168, Double \$102, Triple \$80

HILTON NICOSIA HOTEL 4* (Distance from Venue: 2.1 KM / 4' drive, 15' walk): Room rates per person: Single \$180, Double \$105, Triple \$80

THE CLASSIC HOTEL 3* (Distance from Venue: 3.2 KM / 7' drive): Room rates per person: Single \$96, Double \$57, Triple \$42

CENTRUM HOTEL 3* (Distance from Venue: 3.6 KM / 12' drive): Room rates per person: Single \$87, Double \$52, Triple \$43, Quadruple \$39

CASTELLI HOTEL 3* (Distance from Venue: 3.3 KM / 7' drive): Room rates per person: Single \$72, Double \$43, Triple \$31

SEMELI HOTEL 3* (Distance from Venue: 3.6 KM / 10' drive): Room rates per person: Single \$96, Double \$57, Triple \$48

ALTIUS BOUTIQUE HOTEL CAT. A' (Distance from Venue: 2.1 KM / 4' drive, 15' walk): Room rates per person: Single \$96, Double \$69, Triple \$54

STUDENT RESIDENCES (Distance from Venue: 1 KM / 8' walk): Room rates per person: Single \$66

The number of rooms: More than 500 rooms in total will be available in the above-mentioned hotels/residences.

Travel Options from Hotels to Venue: on foot, public bus transfer, taxi. High possibility of acquiring either free or reduced rate bus passes for all participants during Conference days. We would prefer that shuttle service exclusively for participants is avoided since this will maximize both CO2 emissions and urban air pollution. We would not want to maximize the environmental impacts of transport by using extra buses since there are public buses available.

All hotels adopt **health and safety** measures, are accessible and have COVID-19 measures in place.

How to arrive there?

Cyprus is easily accessible as it is linked with numerous direct and connecting flights with all the main European cities, Middle East, Africa, and Asian countries.

EU countries, Commonwealth countries and the USA do NOT need a visa. Citizens of the European Union (EU) countries, as well as of Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway may enter Cyprus with their national identity card, provided there is a photograph.

Schengen Visa holders can enter the Republic of Cyprus.

The [Schengen Visa](#) has made traveling between 25 member countries (22 European Union states and 3 non-EU members) much easier and less bureaucratic. Traveling on a Schengen Visa means that the visa holder can travel to any (or all) member countries using one single visa, thus avoiding the hassle and expense of obtaining individual visas for each country. A Schengen visa allows the holder to travel freely within the Schengen countries for a maximum stay of up to 90 days in a 6-month period.

For a list of countries whose citizens do NOT need a visa for a stay of up to 90 days, provided they are bona fide visitors [click here](#). To visit the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus [click here](#).

Flying to Cyprus

The legal ports of entry into the Republic of Cyprus are the airports of Larnaca and Paphos. Some of the major Airlines flying to Cyprus include: Aegean Airlines, Aeroloft, Air France, Air Malta, Air Moldova, Air Serbia, Alitalia, Austrian Airlines, Belavia Blue Air, British Airways, Bulgaria, Air Czech Airlines, Easyjet, EgyptAir, Emirates, Etihad Airways, Eurowing, Finnair, Germanwings, Gulf Air, Jet2, KLM, LOT, Lufthansa, MEA, Monarch, Norwegian, Olympic Air, Qatar Airways, Ryanair, Swiss, Thomson Airways, Ukraine International, Vuelling.

Distance from Larnaca Airport to Conference Venue: 50.3 km (41 min).

Main risks:

For the overall management of the Conference, the Host MO along with its partner will use methods that were successfully applied in previous projects to ensure the success of this important Conference.

An organizing committee and an implementation team will be formed along with respective team coordinators, who will be available throughout the project implementation period. The members of the teams will be carefully selected based on their qualifications, expertise, and availability.



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An action plan will be created for the period leading to the conference and during the conference. This way unpleasant surprises will be avoided as well as possible risks. A comprehensive timetable will be prepared outlining a detailed work-sharing structure that will allow for effective project monitoring and control. To ensure the quality of the project, electronic and other communication tools will be used, which will inform the project implementation team and at the same time confirm the correct and timely receipt of the information.

A risk management team will also be formed comprising of a main coordinator and members who will be responsible to take all necessary actions and inform/get in contact with the right people so as to deal with any problem that arises as promptly as possible.

What if someone has food intoxication or gets hurt?

The venue is supported by the nursing staff of the Medical and First Aid office. In addition, the venue has 30 trained first aiders and if necessary, the closest medical facility is 1,5km far from the venue premises.

What happens in case of fire?

The venue is equipped with smoke alarms and fire exits. There is also an evacuation plan and staff are responsible to assist visitors to evacuate the building safely.

What happens if a COVID-19 vaccine passport is required to attend?

If this becomes a requirement, then we will offer the opportunity of virtual attendance exclusively for these cases. However, based on the current national legislation, a negative PCR test is acceptable for most countries. Covid-19 - we will offer the opportunity of virtual attendance.

What if less participants attend than initially estimated and it is not possible to cover all expenses?

The budget will be monitored regularly so as to avoid any deficit. As some of the costs are fixed and not variable, we will have backup or have more economical options (i.e., marketing material, staging). Plus, efforts will be made to collect local funding (i.e., the increase of internet speed and bandwidth could be sponsored by a local telecommunications provider). We will also make sure to apply to the available incentive schemes for conference hosting by the Cyprus Deputy Ministry of Tourism.

Venue (Health – Safety and wellbeing)

The venue has Fire Certificate, fire extinguishing equipment and fire doors. Its capacity depends on the COVID measures. The venue is accredited by the ISO 45001 and ISO 2603. Welfare services are available opposite the main entrance of the venue. Temperature and lighting controls are available according to the needs of each event. Access to the venue is very easy for all visitors. There is a CCTV system covering the outside area of the venue. The level of noise outside the building will not affect the venue.

Other information (pre & post tours or other relevant information)

For participants arriving prior to the Conference and/or departing after the conference, we will schedule several optional tours to choose from. Cyprus is an island rich in history and culture, and full of wonderful experiences just waiting to be enjoyed. Whatever the season, Cyprus provides an ample opportunity to experience something new, interesting, and exciting. Below is a sample of the proposed optional tours:

- FULL DAY TOUR KAKOPETRIA & OMODOS VILLAGES (MOUNTAINOUS AREA OF TROODOS & LIMASSOL).
- MORNING OR EARLY AFTERNOON HALF DAY TOUR TO LEFKARA VILLAGE
- FULL DAY TOUR TO CURIUM ANCIENT SITE AND PAPHOS
- 4-HOURS DAY CRUISE ALONG THE COAST OF LIMASSOL (weather permitted)



MALAYSIA

MO Information:

GGAM membership number currently stands at 287,392. Girl Guiding began in Malaysia in 1916. GGAM has been a Full Member of WAGGGS since 1966. GGAM is amongst the 10 largest MOs of WAGGGS. GGAM has vast experience and capacity in organising and delivering major events as follow:

1. Helen Storrow Pop-Up Seminar 2018
2. Penang Georgetown International Camp 2018
3. Kuala Lumpur International Camp 2017
4. Centenary International Camp 2016
5. Commonwealth Chief Commissioners' Conference in 1990 and 2014
6. Arab-Asia Pacific Regional Training of Trainers 2011
7. 9th Asia Pacific Regional Conference in 2007
8. 2nd Asia-Pacific International Leadership Training 2002
9. Commonwealth Camp 1998
10. International Camps for different sections (Brownies, Guides and Rangers)

In addition to the next World Conference, GGAM is also planning for the following:-

- 1.1. Asia-Pacific Youth Leadership Forum parallel to the OB-PS gathering in 2022.
- 2.2. 'Round Table 2023, Bridging Present and Future Leadership'



AP - Arab Regional TOT 2011

Bid Proposal:

Her Majesty Tunku Azizah The Queen of Malaysia as the Royal Patron of GGAM invites all WAGGGS' MOs to the 38th World Conference 2023 in Malaysia. Her Majesty is the Royal Patron of Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS and also the benefactor of OB-PS. Her Majesty wishes to pledge her full support and invite WAGGGS host the 38th World Conference in Malaysia in 2023 during her term as the Queen which ends in 2024.

Malaysia, strategically located at the centre of the vast Asia Pacific region, is the perfect location for the 38th World Conference. It is a renowned tourist destination in Asia, boasting a multicultural society living in the blend of old and new world charms. The political climate is stable, with a robust economy. The ease of passage for delegates to enter the country is guaranteed, with the government actively promoting Malaysia as a destination for international conventions. Economically, Malaysia's competitive currency exchange rate provides good value for money to its international visitors. Malaysia is likely the best place to stage the conference as the country offers value for money in terms of location, infrastructure, accommodation, and the diversity of entertainment and dining - a sentiment that is supported by the TripAdvisor TripIndex 2019 which ranked Malaysia as the 4th Least Expensive Destination in the World. Hosting the 38th World Conference in Malaysia is an affordable option for WAGGGS' MOs.

The proposed city is Sunway City Kuala Lumpur. Sunway City Kuala Lumpur is one of the region's leading destinations for meetings and events, with more than 360,000 square meters of world-class vibrant venues, close to 1,500 rooms and suites, as well as indulgent dining options. International conferences and exhibitions are frequently organised at the convention centre. Its state-of-the-art meeting rooms are highly conducive for plenary sessions, with enhanced technology features. The convention centre has what it takes to provide exceptional experiences for the delegates.

GGAM is enthusiastic in hosting the 38th World Conference in Malaysia as it would increase the visibility and image of GGAM whose members are of diverse racial, cultural and religious background.

The 38th World Conference will benefit girls and young women not only in Malaysia but globally too, as it will provide a platform to encourage more girls and young women to be involved in volunteerism. We believe this will empower them to develop confidence, increase their advocacy involvement and communicative skills, which will improve their lives and their communities.

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In conjunction with the 38th World Conference, GGAM plans to organise a pre-event for the Chief Commissioner and a young leader of each MO - 'Round Table 2023, Bridging Present and Future Leadership'

We have the full support from the Government of Malaysia in proposing our bid and hosting the World Conference for the first time. We are backed by Her Majesty Tunku Azizah The Queen of Malaysia, the Malaysia Convention and Exhibition Bureau (established by the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture), the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Youth and Sports. With this backing, we are confident in ensuring the success of this prestigious event.

Every MO in every city has its own virtues. However, we are convinced that at present, Malaysia and GGAM are in the best position to raise the profile of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts through the 38th World Conference. When 2023 comes around, we would all look forward to welcoming and engaging with the delegates of 38th World Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Malaysia is Truly Asia. All delegates are assured of a lifetime experience of diversity should the 38th World Conference be held in Malaysia.

When will it be?

The proposed dates for the 38th World Conference is 21 to 27 July in 2023. As Malaysia experiences warm tropical weather all year round. Temperatures range from a low of 21°C (70°F) to a high of 32°C (90°F) with little variation throughout the year. Heavy rain showers are common but most often don't last very long. Balmy evenings are ideal for outdoor dining, night markets, and late-night shopping.

Where will it be?

The proposed venue is the Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa. Experience a collection of 477 well-appointed guestrooms and suites, designed with cutting-edge technology. Expect to be greeted by a luxurious lobby, exclusive lounges and new family zones. Dine at Gordon Ramsay Bar & Grill, the multi-Michelin starred chef's first restaurant in Malaysia, all seamlessly connected to Sunway Pyramid shopping centre, Sunway Lagoon theme park and other facilities.

Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa presents a new beginning as it unveils its fully renovated event spaces. Plus, experience their brand new ballroom, meeting and function spaces, with enhanced facilities and technology upgrades. All set in the heart of Kuala Lumpur's Sunway City.

How much will it be?

The proposed registration fee will be between \$900 and \$1,000 per participant. However, GGAM is confident in working to reduce the registration fee, to make it affordable for all MOs, if Malaysia is chosen to host the 38th World Conference.

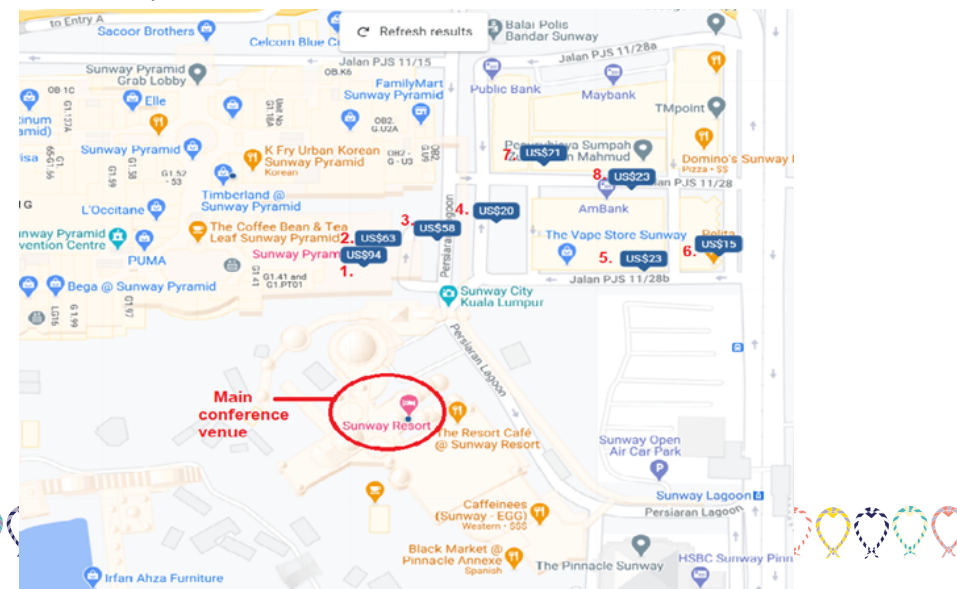
Participants should expect to spend \$2,000 - \$4,000 for the trip, including accommodation, flight fares, visa and registration fee (not including souvenirs and side excursions).

Accommodation Options:

There is no shortage of accommodation choices. There are three Sunway hotels in Sunway City Kuala Lumpur, named Sunway Resort, Sunway Pyramid Hotel and Sunway Clio Hotel. These hotels include a collection of more than 1,500 guestrooms, suites and pool villas, affording guests every conceivable choice for their budget.

The map below shows other hotel surrounding Sunway City Kuala Lumpur and the range of price for reference.

1. Resort Suites Hotel at Bandar Sunway - \$94
2. Sunway Resort Suites by Wonderpoly Place - \$63
3. Mixx Hotel Sunway - \$58
4. 33 Boutique Hotel Bandar Sunway - \$20
5. Artisan Eco Hotel - \$23
6. GM Sunway Metro Hotel - \$15
7. MM Hotel at Sunway - \$21



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How to arrive there:

Malaysia is easily accessible with international airports in major cities, including Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Johor Bahru, Kuching and Kota Kinabalu.

Most visitors arrive by air at one of the six main international airports in Malaysia. The main gateway into Malaysia is the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) or the Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 (KLIA2) at Sepang, located approximately 58km from the south of Kuala Lumpur City Centre. Visitors arrive from 100 cities around the globe on the 50 international airlines and low cost carriers that fly into the country. The rest of the country, including Sabah, Sarawak and the Federal Territory of Labuan in East Malaysia is well serviced by 14 domestic airports.

Getting around within the country is easy too. Within Kuala Lumpur, taxis and buses are readily available, as well as Light Rail Transit (LRT) system and monorail service to get around. Air conditioned express buses connect Kuala Lumpur to other cities and towns in Malaysia.

Visa information

Visa requirements are visitor-friendly, visas are not required for 162 countries for short stays of up to 2 weeks. Visitors to Malaysia must be in possession of a valid passport or travel document with a minimum validity of six months beyond the period of stay.

Nationals from countries that require a visa can apply through the nearest Malaysian overseas mission, or log onto

<https://www.imi.gov.my/portal2017/index.php/en/visa/apply-for-visa.html>

Below is the estimated price range (in USD) of return economy flight to Malaysia from

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| 1) London from \$717 - \$1,123 | 12) Cape Town from \$958 - \$1,058 |
| 2) Sydney from \$590 - \$751 | 13) Nigeria from \$1,011 - \$1,379 |
| 3) Beijing from \$489 - \$780 | 14) Johannesburg from \$895 - \$2,844 |
| 4) Singapore from \$142 - \$250 | 15) Prague from \$778 - \$1,218 |
| 5) Bangkok from \$233 - \$570 | 16) Germany from \$753 - \$3,806 |
| 6) Tokyo from \$465 - \$662 | 17) Moscow from \$679 - \$1,471 |
| 7) Hong Kong from \$249 - \$360 | 18) New York from \$728 - \$2,143 |
| 8) New Delhi from \$388 - \$1,119 | 19) Toronto from \$869 - \$1,802 |
| 9) Abu Dhabi from \$509 - \$2,251 | 20) Sao Paulo, Brazil from \$1,135 - \$5,000 |
| 10) Dubai from \$441 - \$2,222 | 21) Mexico from \$1,041 - \$2,854 |
| 11) Istanbul from \$753 - \$1,121 | |

Main risks:

Air pollution has been an ongoing problem in many countries in the Southeast Asia region and Malaysia is one of the affected areas. The main cause of this haze is the slash and burn practice by farmers and peat fires from Indonesia, especially Sumatra between June to October. GGAM will monitor the Air Pollutant Index Management System (APIMS) updates and health advisories issued by the Malaysian Department of Environment and advise if require seeking medical assistance.

Other information (pre & post tours or other relevant information):

Track Records

Malaysia has an excellent track record for hosting major international conventions, which often attract world record attendances because of its strategic location and affordability.

Year	Event Name	Delegates
2022	Congress of the International Society of Blood Transfusion	4,000
2021	Congress of the Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association	1,300
2021	Federation of Asian pharmaceutical association congress	2,096
2020	Biennial Scientific Meeting of The Asia Pacific Paediatric Endocrine Society	1,000
2019	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	5,000
2018	Annual Congress and General Assembly of the International Solid Waste Association	1,233
2018	Congress of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists	1,164
2018	Mobile 360 Series in Asia – Digital Societies 2019	1,295

Pre & Post Conference Excursions:

Malaysia's diverse and easily accessible attractions have made it a popular choice for delegates and their accompanying persons. From idyllic tropical islands to ancient rainforest teeming with flora and fauna to world heritage sites, there is no shortage of venues to choose from. Visiting delegates have many options pre and post meetings, such as late-night shopping excursions or unique cultural experiences. Being a relatively small country with an efficient transportation network, nothing is very far away.

Kuala Lumpur – Garden City of Lights

Malacca – The Historic State

Penang – The Pearl of the Orient

Langkawi – The Jewel of Kedah

Sabah – The Land beneath the Wind

Sarawak – The Land of the Hornbills

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MO Information:

Oman Guides has 18744 members (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Advance Guides, Rangers and Leaders).

Oman guides has a very good experience in hosting international events on the GCC, Arab and World level and here are some examples:

- 2013 hosted the 20th Arab Regional Conference.
- 2014 hosted WLDP & NLDP Training.
- 2015 hosted the first global girl guides and girl scouts experience forum.
- 2017 – 2019 Gold Project.
- 2019 JLS.



Bid Proposal:

Oman is one of the safest countries in the world with one of the lowest crime rates in the world.

The first thing that attracts visitors to Oman is the friendliness, generosity, and hospitality of its citizens. Smiles seldom leave their faces.



Whether they know you or not, you are welcomed in an Omani house. Omanis are always generous and take pride in their Arab characteristic of providing excellent hospitality.

The Omani culture is one of the richest cultures in the Arab region and not only for their ancient history and the grand civilizations they built but also for the great norms and traditions they have developed and still hold to this day.

Oman is one of the cleanest countries in the world. Not only because rules are strictly applied, but also because the Omanis love their country so much they want to keep it clean and pretty.

The conference would be held at Muscat. Muscat is one of the provinces of the Sultanate of Oman, and the political capital of the Sultanate of Oman. Muscat is the heart of Sultanate of Oman. Muscat is characterized by a combination of ancient heritage and modern architecture. Visitors can see old houses decorated with beautiful domes and winding streets that give tourists the impression of living in an ancient historical time, before moving to modern markets, buildings and shops. This integration preserved the city's historical and cultural character. As any other city, Muscat has wonderful tourist attractions that attract many tourists to visit the city every year.

In addition to that hosting and organizing such conferences have many dimensions, including:

- Giving young leaders the opportunity to practice in executive tasks in organizing such major events. Usually when Oman guides hosting such events they form different services groups and giving the opportunity to the young leaders to participant in these groups.
- Enhancing the role of Oman's scouts and guides on the Arab and international levels and registering this in the documents of Arab and international guiding associations and organizations. Hosting the World Conference will enhance the role of Oman's Scouts and Guides in the Arab Region and on an international level.
- Providing an opportunity to acquire skills and exchange experiences with experienced leaders participating from different countries of the world.

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- Contribute to achieving the sustainable development goals and Oman 2040 vision through the different roles played by Oman Girl Guides. The Vision 2040 is a guide and key reference for planning activities in the next two decades. And the strategy in the vision is based on inputs from Omani individuals, businesses and stakeholders representing all facets of the society. Oman has been an active participant in international and regional fora that produced the Sustainable Development Goals 2030. The Sultanate of Oman has sought to translate its commitments into key components of the ninth five-year development plan and Oman Vision 2020 to 2040. Oman intends to continue to work to achieve the economic, social and environmental dimensions of Sustainable Development Goals within the specified time frame.



When will it be?

June – September 2023

Where will it be?

The conference will be held at the Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre.

The Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre is in its own fully integrated precinct only four kilometers from Muscat International Airport. The design of the Centre ensures a flow of the meeting spaces to suit the most discerning conference and exhibition organizers. It also incorporates expansive concourse areas to enable ease of large delegations, with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking landscaped gardens and water features.

At the Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre, we aspire to deliver an excellent experience through our state-of-the-art features, that include one of the region's largest lyric-style theatre. Fitted with the very latest technology, OCEC is a venue for events of all sizes. A space to inspire and connect, it offers a gateway to Oman's magnificent landscape and its famously welcoming hospitality, making OCEC a venue where the world meets.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oOMcA0TF-k>

The participants can walk from the hotels to the centre and for participants who will need transportation, travel will be provided.

How much would it cost?

The suggested registration fee for this event is \$1,000 - \$1,200. We are working to ensure we can provide the most cost-effective fee for participants.

Participants should expect to spend \$3,000 - \$4,000 for the trip, including accommodation, flight fares, visa and registration fee not including souvenirs and side excursions.

Accommodation options:

JW Marriott

- Single room = \$155
- Double room = \$181
- Triple room = \$207

Crown Plaza

- Single room = \$105
- Double room = \$117

Cetara Hotel

- Single room = \$65
- Double room = \$75
- Triple room = \$100

How to arrive there?

Participants can book their tickets according to their budget. There are different airlines company's available from all around the world. Some can do more than one stop depends on their destination. The cheaper option is Oman Air, and it has a network of 50 destinations in 27 countries out of its primary hub at Muscat.

Prices are between \$400 and \$2,000.

Visas:

All the participants will need visa except UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar.

Participants can issue visas with two ways:

1. Online visa through Oman Royal Police website:
<https://www.rop.gov.om/OnlineServices/eVisa/en/>
2. Oman Scouts and Guides will help the participants who may face challenges in issuing the online visa.

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The Visa cost 50 US dollars, but they should send a copy of their passports valid for six months after the conference and a personal photo with white background at least three months before the conference. For the participants who need the Visa to book the flight tickets, they can apply for the visa before.

We might face difficulties with Israel because it has a long and complicated process.

Participants will be received and pick up from the airport to the hotel by Oman Guides. Transportation will be provided by Oman Scouts and Guides.

Main risks:

- We are seeking approval from the Council of Ministers. There is a small risk of not getting the approval at the right time. We are following with them and we are sure we will get this approval in the next few weeks.
- Difficulties for some participants to get the visa on time to book their flights.
- Difficulties for Israel to get the visa.
- At this moment, if you want to fly to Oman you need to bring a negative PCR test, and it looks like it will be the same in the foreseeable future. However, there is also the possibility of Oman asking for a COVID-19 vaccine passport when entering the country. At this point, this is only a possibility and has not been confirmed by the authorities.

Other information (pre & post tours or other relevant information) Difficulties for Israel to get the visa.

Social Program

- Royal Opera House Muscat
- Mattrah Traditional Souq
- Bait Al Zubair Museum
- Muscat City and Al Alam Palace
- A day tour – AL Dakhilya Region
- Al Hoota Cave
- Misfat Al Abriyeen
- Nizwa Fort
- Nizwa Souq
- Al Jabal Al Akhdhar
- AL Sharqiyah South

If Oman hosts the conference we will arrange with a tourist company to organise different tours.



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The potential configuration of Convention 2023 is represented by the below image:

Elements of the Convention 2023 Agenda

56th National Council Session – Triennial business meeting of the Girl Scout Movement

"Girl Con" – the ONLY place to be for girls in 2023!

"Adult Con" – Adult women engaging from around the globe to celebrate their personal and professional power and to mobilize for change

"Expo Hall" – an Extraordinary B2B/B2C experience bringing vendors, partners and advocates together

WAGGGS World Conference (bid to be submitted 4/26/21)

We believe the opportunity to connect these two events will significantly benefit WAGGGS and our global movement. For WAGGGS, alignment with our National Convention will provide cost effectiveness, efficiency, accessibility, and location recognition with Member Organisations. For our movement, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to showcase the strength of our global connections and sisterhood while also seeing global governance in action. We at GSUSA are excited to include Member Organizations and their girl members in this unique opportunity.

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World Conference will be hosted in Orlando, Florida in parallel with our National Convention in collaboration with the national council partners including the seven local councils in the area. Orlando was the original location of our 2020 Convention that was cancelled due to the global pandemic. Local councils and the Orlando community are committed to partnering with GSUSA to host a convention in their area. They had strong partnerships in 2020 and hope to continue and expand upon them for 2023 events. GSUSA is partnering with Disney Destinations to host the 2023 events at key Disney properties. Additionally, Disney Destinations has committed to providing marketing and promotions support and has offered numerous package benefits including special theme park experiences, production support for the Opening and Closing events, and a flagship presence in the Expo.

When will it be?

World Conference would be held in July 2023 in parallel with 2023 Girl Convening & National Council Session (governance meeting).

World Conference dates: Tuesday, July 18 – Saturday, July 22, 2023

56th National Council Session (governance meeting) dates: Sunday, July 16 – Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Girl Convening dates: Wednesday, July 19 – Saturday, July 22, 2023

Expo Hall dates: Friday, July 21 – Sunday, July 23, 2023

The current proposed schedule is as follows (tentative):

Potential Timeline and Site Plan - TENTATIVE

Coronado Springs and Contemporary Resort

Event	Location	July 16 Sun	July 17 Mon	July 18 Tue	July 19 Wed	July 20 Thu	July 21 Fri	July 22 Sat	July 23 Sun
Arrival/Mobilization Day	CS Promenade, Ballrooms, YB	X	X	X					
WAGGGS World Conference	YB Newport Ballroom E/W			X	X	X	X	X	
56 th NCS	CT Fantasia Ballroom	X	X	X					
Girl Con Opening	CS Ballroom H-L (Round)				X				
Girl Con	CS Ballroom H/J + A-G					X	X	X	
Adult Con Opening	CS Ballroom H-L (Round)				X				
Adult Con	CS Ballroom K/L + M-T					X	X		
Expo Hall (Exposition/Program)	CS Veracruz					X	X	X	X
Donor and Special Events	CS Fiesta Ballroom and CT Sorcerer's Ballroom			X	X	X	X	X	

Where will it be?

GSUSA will be holding it's 2023 program in collaboration with Disney Events in Orlando Florida. GSUSA will be bringing all participants to the Disney World properties.

If selected, World Conference would be held at the Yacht and Beach Club Resort. Current accommodations capacity is at 500 rooms on peak. This resort hotel has ballroom and breakout space commensurate with the needs for World Conference. They are also able to accommodate the food/beverage needs of this event.

There are two other conference hotels being used as part of the larger event plan. They are the Coronado Springs Resort and the Contemporary Resort. These hotels would also be available for World Conference guests if needed or requested.

GSUSA is currently negotiating with Disney to provide value hotel option (i.e. Pop Century Resort or comparable) for groups. This hotel and price point would also be made available for World Conference guests if needed or requested.

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How much would it cost?

The suggested registration fee for this event is \$775-\$950. We are working to ensure we can provide the most cost-effective fee for participants. Additionally, accommodations and travel for this event will be approximately \$1,500 (hotel) and \$1,000 (travel).

Participants should expect to spend \$3,000 - \$4,000 for the trip, including accommodation, flight fares, visa and registration fee not including souvenirs and side excursions.

Accommodation options:

Yacht and Beach Resort - \$299 - Location of the World Conference
Coronado Springs Resort - \$219-269
Contemporary Resort - \$299
Family Value Resort (TBD) - \$149-189

All alternate accommodation sites are about 5km -8km (3-5miles) distance from our location venue at the Yacht & Beach Resort. GSUSA will be providing buses to shuttle participants to and from venues throughout the day.

Accommodation venues do not offer breakfast, but Yacht and Beach Resort will be serving breakfast as part of our meeting schedule.

How to arrive there:

Orlando, Florida is accessible for visitors via air, rail, car and boat.

For international visitors, air is the most effective method of arrival. Orlando has two international airports, serving the area; Orlando International Airport (20 min/16.6 mi/26.7 km from venue) and Orlando Sanford International Airport (46 min./42.4 mi./68 km from venue).

United States does require visas for most visitors before entering the country. Visa Requirements to the US can be difficult to obtain for citizens of some countries. On average US visas cost \$160 per person and require decent lead time to apply and schedule an interview at relevant US Consular Office.

The following countries don't require a visa to visit the United States:

Andorra, Australia, Austria Belgium, Bermuda, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands,

New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan*, United Kingdom**

We believe that through our long-standing relationship with the US State Department and long-term planning most delegates requiring visas will obtain them with little or no issue. Additionally, our leadership has agreed to put resources in place to support the visa process.

This will include providing invitation letters, recommended timelines based on region/country to ensure visa appointments, and dedicated staff to help address visa issues and concerns as they arise.

*Taiwan- confirms Taiwan's eligibility and the United State's unofficial relationship after the 1970's one China policy.

** For UK citizens- **To be eligible to travel under the VWP, British citizens must have the unrestricted right of permanent abode in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

Main risks:

The majority of delegates will need to acquire a US Visa before attending the conference. We do have a long-standing relationship with the US State Department and our national board has committed resources and support to ensure integration with the US State Department for participant access. We have been able to obtain State Department support in the past for global events and hope the same will be true for 2023.

Orlando, FL is impacted by Hurricane season in the United States. The season generally lasts from June 1- November 30th. It takes days sometimes weeks for hurricanes to develop and there would be sufficient time to prepare or make alternate plans for such an event. Additionally, the state of Florida and city of Orlando are prepared to support individuals if such an event were to arise.

July is tourism season for Florida – costs for travel will be higher and pre-planning will be required to ensure that participants purchase affordable flights and other related travel costs if arriving early or departing late outside of our GSUSA event packages and discounts. GSUSA will work with participants to provide recommended timelines to purchase tickets aligned with the visa process.

Other information: (pre & post tours or other relevant information)

GSUSA will be curating a host of pre-post event packages for Disney and the Orlando area. We hope to be able to provide discounted packages to World Conference and Girl Convening Participants. Availability is subject to reservations prior to arrival.



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