

## OWHC Young Travelling Scholarship 2024



### For the quick reader – the OWHC Young Travelling Scholarship in a nutshell

**What?**

Win a 1.000 € scholarship for a trip through World Heritage in Europe and/or North America

**When?**

For at least 2 weeks from June until October 2024

**Who?**

Young adults between 18 and 28 years

**How?**

You will travel at least 2 weeks through World Heritage Sites and Cities in Europe or North America. During your trip, you actively share your experience on all Social Media Channels as well as on a special travel blog website.

**How to apply?**

Send us a letter of motivation, your travel plan and a creative idea how you want to share your experiences.

### The OWHC Young Travelling Scholarship in detail

**Travel and explore World Heritage Cities with a 1.000 € scholarship!**

You are between 18 and 28 years old, love to learn more about culture and heritage and you can easily connect to people? You also like to tell others about your experiences on social media? Then you are invited to apply for our OWHC Young Travelling Scholarship 2024!

The Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) sends you on a trip through Europe and North America. Equipped with a budget of 1.000 €, you will discover World Heritage Cities and experience why our UNESCO World Heritage needs to be preserved.

**Share your experience!**

Tell us about your story and the things you discover, your experiences and personal encounters during your trip. What do we learn from our past and what connects us with our future when travelling in World Heritage Cities? We want you to actively share your experience on all Social Media Channels as well as on a special travel blog website.

## Our rules

- You have to be between 18-28 years old
- You can apply individually or as a team of two
- Travel anytime from June until October 2024, for at least 2 weeks
- Travel destination: you choose a route, but we require that you visit at least three World Heritage Cities in at least two different countries and two of them have to be a member of our OWHC Regional Secretariat (you can find the list here: <https://www.ovpm.org/secretariat/northwest-europe-and-north-america/>)
- Regular posts on social media and our travel blog
- Produce a creative travel diary/documentation

## Your benefits

- 1.000 Euro as a free budget for your travel expenses
- support from our member cities on site
- invaluable experiences when travelling our World Heritage Cities

## Application/Candidacy

Please hand in a **letter of motivation** (in English) and tell us briefly about your interests to participate in the project (max. 500 words).

- Give a short description of yourself (origin, age, studies/work) and tell us why *YOU* should win this trip.
- Maybe you want to answer the following questions:
  - What does “World Heritage” mean to you?
  - Which heritage should we pass on to future generations?
  - What is the “World Heritage of tomorrow”? What are we doing today that will be regarded as human achievement in 100 years?
- **Be creative!**
- As an output of your travel experience, we would ask you to submit a creative form of documentation (i.e. in form of urban sketching, a photo project, a video documentation, a poster etc. - there are no limits to your creativity).
- Please hand in a little draft of your project or let us know what you want to do.
- Hand in a **travel plan** to give us an idea what cities you would like to visit (this is really important for the selection process, your travel route is an important criteria we look after).

**Send your letter of motivation including your travel plan and your planned creative output (PDF or Word Format, max. 500 words) until no later than 23 June 2024 to the following address: [owhc@regensburg.de](mailto:owhc@regensburg.de)**

**The winners will be selected by a jury and informed by 26 June 2024 through the OWHC Regional Secretariat.**

## Background information

### OWHC Young Travelling Scholarship

In 2022, the OWHC Regional Secretariat for Northwest Europe and North America organizes this Travelling Scholarship for young people for the third time already. You can find more information and read about their experiences on the travel blog as well as our OWHC website:

[www.ovpm.org/program/owhc-young-travelling-scholarship/](http://www.ovpm.org/program/owhc-young-travelling-scholarship/)  
[www.owhc-youngtravelling.com/](http://www.owhc-youngtravelling.com/)

### Concept

The idea behind the concept is to entice young people to travel to World Heritage Cities and actively think about the concept of cultural heritage sites. That is why we ask you to visit at least three different cities listed as World Heritage in at least two different countries. Two of your travel destinations should be a member of the Regional Secretariat Northwest Europe and North America of the OWHC. You can find the complete list of the OWHC member cities here: [www.ovpm.org](http://www.ovpm.org). There the list is also sorted in Regional Secretariats, so you can see which cities are part of this specific region. We would like you to think of a good travel plan and develop your individual route on the track of World Heritage.

### Financial organisation

For the whole trip, we grant a budget of 1.000 €. You by yourself are responsible for all travel organisations and bookings of transport or accommodation. You will receive the full reimbursement at the end of your trip or part of it while you are on the journey.

Should you need any support with local contact in our World Heritage Cities, please let us know and we are more than happy to help.

### Output on Social Media

- While travelling: daily post on the OWHC Instagram account using *#owhc and #owhcyoungtravelling*, which is organized through our OWHC General Secretariat
- personal posts on your own Instagram account and linking it to OWHC
- share your trip on Instagram and all your other social media accounts you are using
- write on our travel blog website under [www.owhc-youngtravelling.com/](http://www.owhc-youngtravelling.com/) to gather all our travellers' experiences

### Creative Output

- Your individual output in form of a creative documentation of your experiences
- Let the focus be World Heritage and how it makes a difference
- We will collect your outputs and make it accessible on the OWHC website as well as other platforms for our members

## FAQ's

### What is a World Heritage?

- It is defined as a not renewable resource which has to be safeguarded to guarantee its authenticity and preservations for future generations.
- In 1972 the World Heritage Convention was established; in 1978 the first World Heritage sites were listed. Currently we have 1.092 World Cultural and Natural sites in 167 countries.
- For more information have a look at the UNESCO website <http://whc.unesco.org/>

### What possibilities of transportation do I have?

There are several alternatives: Global Interrail, railway, Flix Bus, flight etc. It is up to you how to travel from A to B within your budget. It is also up to you to cover the rest by yourself if the costs exceed our granted scholarship budget.

### Insurance?

Unfortunately, there is no insurance through our organization. We would recommend getting a personal travel insurance in the country of your residency.

The OWHC Regional Secretariat cannot be held liable for any accidents, losses or robbery etc.

### Who is my contact person?

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