

Young Friends sleepovers: FAQs

There are four sleepovers a year when Young Friends can spend the night exploring the Museum after dark! There's a great range of things to get involved in, from storytelling and craft activities to talks by curators on the permanent collection or current exhibitions. It's a fantastic opportunity to discover the Museum and learn more about the collection. Please note that sleepovers are one of the most popular activities and places are given on a first come first served basis.

Please do not promise children that they will be attending a sleepover until you receive written confirmation from the Membership Team.

What is the age group?

8–15 years old. We don't recommend bringing younger children since the last activity in the evening finishes at midnight.

Where is the sleeping area?

The Egyptian and Mesopotamian Galleries, located on the Ground floor.

What happens on the evening?

A typical sleepover includes:

18.45	Registration – meet your ushers, choose a sleeping plot in the allocated gallery
19.00	Introductory talk
19.30	Activity I
20.30	Activity II
21.30	Snack break
22.00	Activity III
23.00	Activity IV
Midnight–07.00	Sleeping time
07.00–08.00	Breakfast, pack up sleeping area
08.00–09.00	Farewell activity

What do we have to bring?

- A sleeping bag, a ground mat, a pillow, a torch, a toothbrush
- Clothing to sleep in (NOT pyjamas or other nightwear, please!)
- Midnight snacks/refreshments for the evening, as food will not be provided until breakfast, so you will probably need something to keep you going (there is tea/coffee for adults only)

Please note that items which need an electric plug are not permitted at the sleepovers. We strongly recommend not to bring things with you that are of financial or sentimental value.

When is the next sleepover?

Sleepovers are advertised in the Remus magazine (the magazine for the Young Friends of the Museum), which is published three times a year. Bookings take place when the new issue of Remus is released. Please note that bookings will be accepted by post only within the first few weeks to ensure fair ticket allocation.

How much does it cost?

Sleepovers are an experience you'll never forget and for just £27.50 per person you'll receive:

- experienced staff who will ensure you have a safe and enjoyable event
- materials for arts/craft activities
- breakfast
- overnight accommodation sleeping among the British Museum's objects in the Egyptian/Mesopotamian Galleries

How many tickets can I buy?

You can book up to a maximum of 5 tickets which includes a ticket for the parent or guardian of the Young Friend and the Young Friend themselves.

What are the adults' responsibilities?

You are responsible for your party throughout the night. This will ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable evening. An adult must be present in each party and accompany the children at all times.

What if a child is being accompanied by an adult who is not a parent or legal guardian?

We will need the child's parents to sign a consent form which will be sent with the booking confirmation. This needs to be returned to the Membership Office at least one week prior to the event.

What if I need to cancel?

If you are unable to attend please let us know as soon as possible so that your tickets can then be made available to other Young Friends. Please note that refunds cannot be made within two weeks of an event and an administration charge of £2 will be made for every refund.