



WOMEN'S
INTERNATIONAL
CLUB
JAKARTA

Jakarta - Yogyakarta - Bali, Indonesia | 27 April - 1 May 2026

BRIDGING TRADITIONS AND TRANSFORMATIONS:

Empowering Women through Education and Cultural Heritage in a Changing World

In the heart of Indonesia, a nation rich with diverse cultures and traditions, we invite Welcome Clubs International (WCI) members and sister clubs to gather and explore the powerful synergy between education, cultural heritage, and women's empowerment. This conference aims to bridge international friendship and highlight the transformative potential of education and cultural heritage in empowering women, fostering innovation, and promoting sustainable development in Indonesia and beyond.





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SUNDAY, 26 APRIL 2026 – JAKARTA

Welcome to Jakarta!

Check in & registration, followed by Meet and Greet cocktail and dinner.

MONDAY, 27 APRIL 2026 – JAKARTA

Opening of the 17th Biennial Conference, featuring a keynote address by the Minister of Women's Empowerment of the Republic of Indonesia (*to be confirmed*), followed by Sister Clubs' reports, the WCI Executive Committee Meeting, and the WCI Board Meeting. In the late afternoon, delegates will experience Indonesia's "unity in diversity" with a visit to the Friendship Tunnel, which links Jakarta Cathedral and Istiqlal Mosque – the largest mosque in Southeast Asia. The day concludes with a Gala Dinner featuring performances that showcase Indonesia's cultural richness and celebrate the 40th anniversary of Welcome Clubs International.

TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2026 – JAKARTA

Visits to WIC Jakarta's partner social institutions, followed by lunch at the WIC Jakarta Clubhouse. Learn about the challenges and opportunities facing our beneficiaries, explore the impact of WIC Jakarta's Scholarship Programs on educational access and outcomes, and meet several scholarship students to hear their stories firsthand. In the early evening, enjoy a guided walk through Kota Tua (Old Batavia), Jakarta's historic quarter, highlighting Dutch-era architecture, museums, and the old square that charts the city's evolution from trading post to capital, followed by a curated *rijsttafel* dinner: an array of Indonesian dishes served in small portions that, while rooted in the colonial era, now offers a respectful way to savor the archipelago's culinary diversity with historical context.

WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2026 – JAKARTA TO YOGYAKARTA

Early-morning departure to Yogyakarta by train, with lunch served onboard. Upon arrival, continue to *Giriloyo Batik Village*, where batik, recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, is created through intricate wax-resist dyeing that carries deep symbolic meaning. More than fabric, batik is a living tradition that captures Indonesia's spirit and creativity. Visit workshops where many traditional pieces, including those made for the Royal Palace, are crafted; take part in a hands-on session to create your own batik; and learn about community programs that empower local women. The day concludes with an al fresco BBQ dinner featuring live music and dance—so bring your singing voice and be ready to dance!

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THURSDAY, 30 APRIL 2026 – YOGYAKARTA

Visit Borobudur, a 9th-century Mahayana Buddhist monument whose tiered mandala design symbolizes the ascent from the earthly realm to enlightenment; with over 2,600 narrative reliefs and more than 500 Buddha statues, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a masterpiece of stone architecture. Lunch will feature traditional Indonesian cuisine. In the early evening, we will depart by special transportation to attend “Women’s Role in the Modern World: Perspective from Inside the Palace Wall,” delivered by GKBRAA Gusti Putri, spouse of Paku Alam X, the Duke of Pakualaman, a Javanese principality within the Special Region of Yogyakarta. The day concludes at the Palace complex with traditional Javanese dance performances and a special farewell dinner to conclude our 17th Biennial Conference.

FRIDAY, 1 MAY 2026

Farewell, ‘till we see you again!

Free time for shopping in the morning; participants continuing with the post-conference program will depart for Bali, while others will return to Jakarta. Please note an additional USD 100 is required to cover airfare from Yogyakarta–Jakarta or Yogyakarta–Bali.

POST CONFERENCE TRIP

Enhance your Indonesia experience with a 3-night, 4-day post-conference trip to Bali from Friday, May 1 to Monday, May 4, departing directly from Yogyakarta.

