

# WHV – Youth for World Heritage conservation

## *Dougga / Thugga, Tunisia*

◆ Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 1997

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Before the Roman annexation of Numidia, the town of Thugga, built on an elevated site overlooking a fertile plain, was the capital of an important Libyco-Punic state. It flourished under Roman and Byzantine rule, but declined in the Islamic period. The impressive ruins that are visible today give some idea of the resources of a small Roman town on the fringes of the empire.



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**Project objectives:** The main objective of the project is to contribute to the conservation of the archeological site of Dougga/Thugga. It also aims to promote and raise awareness in different levels towards local population, and international young generation about the importance of the preservation of the site. The project aims to sensitize and involve the youth in the conservation and preservation of the site in order to encourage continuous public interest and solidarity.

**Project activities:** The volunteers will take part in a site visit in order to obtain in-depth information concerning the history and present of the site, challenges from the tourism, and importance of its preservation. They will also clean and maintain the archeological site including weeding and picking up the litter. They will prepare information materials such as posters and signs for visitors in collaboration with the National Institute of Heritage Conservation. The volunteers will organise educational workshops as well. An open day with the local population will also be organised to raise awareness about the importance of the archaeological site and encourage them to preserve.

**Partners:** Ministry of Culture, and Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.