

# WHV – The Feast of Na-Tcha in the Historic Centre of Macao

*Historic Centre of Macao, China, Macao S.A.R.*

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Macao, a lucrative port of strategic importance in the development of international trade, was under Portuguese administration from the mid-16th century until 1999, when it came under Chinese sovereignty. With its historic street, residential, religious and public Portuguese and Chinese buildings, the historic centre of Macao provides a unique testimony to the meeting of aesthetic, cultural, architectural and technological influences from East and West. The site also contains a fortress and a lighthouse, the oldest in China. It bears witness to one of the earliest and longest-lasting encounters between China and the West, based on the vibrancy of international trade.



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**Project objectives:** Part of the World Heritage Volunteers initiative for the second consecutive year, the project aims at promoting the image of Macao as a city that embraces different cultures in harmony, with a unique richness and diversity of heritages to be unveiled that goes well beyond the popular picture of a 'gambling city'. By supporting one of the most important cultural festivals deeply rooted in the city's cultural history and stories, the project's awareness-raising program aims at promoting a better understanding and preservation of Macao's Outstanding Universal Value, an impact that can be "traced in the fusion of different cultures that characterise the historic core zone" where the Feast takes place.

**Project activities:** The volunteers will support the logistic preparation of the parade for the Feast of Na-Tcha, originating at one of the properties inscribed as part of Macao World Heritage. In addition to the practical work needed to organise the event, lectures on World Heritage and Macao Heritage will provide the volunteers

the necessary knowledge background to prepare World Heritage guided tour itineraries, in cooperation with the Macau Heritage Ambassadors Association. This guided tour will be proposed to the tourists and locals taking part in the Feast of Na-Tcha. Additional awareness-raising events will be run using non-formal education tools developed by the volunteers themselves during the workshops at the Youth Action Camp.

**Partners:** Association of Macao Chi San Na-Tcha Temple, Macao Heritage ambassadors Association, Macao Foundation, and DESJ Macao.