

WHV - Rabat a historic city needs us

Rabat, Modern Capital and Historic City: a Shared Heritage, Morocco

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World Heritage since 2012

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Located on the Atlantic coast in the north-west of Morocco, the site is the product of a fertile exchange between the Arabo-Muslim past and Western modernism. The inscribed city encompasses the new town conceived and built under the French Protectorate from 1912 to the 1930s, including royal and administrative areas, residential and commercial developments and the Jardins d'Essais botanical and pleasure gardens. It also encompasses older parts of the city dating back to the 12th century. The new town is one of the largest and most ambitious modern urban projects built in Africa in the 20th century and probably the most complete. The older parts include Hassan Mosque (begun in 1184) and the Almohad ramparts and gates, the only surviving parts of the project for a great capital city of the Almohad caliphate as well as remains from the Moorish, or Andalusian, principality of the 17th century.

Project objectives:

The main objective of the project is to encourage local people to protect their cultural heritage and contribute to the preservation of the site through gardening and restoration activities.

Project activities:

The volunteers will take part in gardening activities, in the proximity of the historical harbour, and restoration activities, at the fortifications of Rabat, in particular at the gates *Bab el-Alou* and *Bab el-Hadd*. They will also be involved in awareness raising activities such as workshops and debates, which will target the visitors, the local communities and children to discuss about cultural heritage.

Partners:

Minister of Youth and Sport, Minister of Culture, Urban Commune, Association of Sports Yards and Handicap Challenge.

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