

WHV – Intermunicipal World Heritage on the Slopes of the Popocatepetl

Earliest 16th-Century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatepetl, Mexico



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These 14 monasteries stand on the slopes of Popocatepetl, to the south-east of Mexico City. They are in an excellent state of conservation and are good examples of the architectural style adopted by the first missionaries – Franciscans, Dominicans and Augustinians – who converted the indigenous populations to Christianity in the early 16th century. They also represent an example of a new architectural concept in which open spaces are of renewed importance. The influence of this style is felt throughout the Mexican territory and even beyond its borders.

Project objectives:

The main objective of the project is to develop strategies for working with schools and educational organisations in order to raise awareness about the site and its value among young students. In return, they will become the site's guardians or ambassadors, through trainings focusing on the conservation of the archaeological heritage.

Project activities:

The volunteers will take part in activities such as cleaning the site and the atrium with the support of local people. To provide a better management and promote World Heritage sites, they will have the opportunity to make a presentation about their country's heritages for local students and make a survey for the site management authorities by interviewing tourists and members of the community who visit the site.



Partners:

National Institute of Anthropology and History-Morelos, Secretariat of Tourism, Secretariat of Culture, Institute of Youth, Institute of Radio, TV and Cinematography – Morelos, Municipality of Totolapan, Municipality of Yecapixtla, Municipality of Zacualpan de Amilpas, Municipality of Ocuilco, Municipality of Tepoztlán, Municipality of Tlalnepantla, Municipality of Cuautla

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