

## WHV – La Découverte de Qara

### Historic City of Meknes, Morocco

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World  
Heritage since 1996

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Founded in the 11th century by the Almoravids as a military settlement, Meknes became a capital under Sultan Moulay Ismaïl (1672–1727) and turned into a impressive city in Spanish-Moorish style, surrounded by high walls with great doors, where the harmonious blending of the Islamic and European styles of the 17th century Maghreb are still evident today.

#### Project objectives:

The project aims to encourage local communities and youth to protect their cultural heritage and contribute to the preservation of the site through awareness-raising and maintenance activities on the Qara Prison in the historic centre of Meknes.

#### Project activities:

The volunteers will attend workshops aimed at increasing their knowledge of the site; one of these being learning Arabic to further immerse themselves into the local culture and giving the volunteers practical tools to communicate with locals. Furthermore, they will distribute information materials to the visitors and gather recommendations and suggestions from them aimed at improving the site's conditions. The volunteers will also be involved in maintenance works such as cleaning and gardening in designated areas within the Qara Prison to make the site more accessible and attractive.

#### Partners:

Cultural delegation, Urban community, Regional Counsel, Ministry of the Youth and Sports, Association des Chantiers et Cultures

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