

WHV – Maintenance of a Cultural Landscape

Upper Middle Rhine Valley, Germany

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World
Heritage since 2002

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The Upper Middle Rhine Valley is an outstanding organic cultural landscape, the present-day character of which is determined both by its geomorphologic and geological setting and by the human interventions, such as settlements, transport infrastructure, and land use, that it has undergone over two thousand years.

Project objectives:

The project will focus on the diversity of the cultural landscape Upper Middle Rhine Valley and illustrate – both during the hands-on part and the educational part – different aspects of the maintenance of the World Heritage site.

Project activities:

During the project, the volunteers will familiarize themselves with the diversity of the site of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley by learning about the challenges faced through presentations, lectures, guided tours and an excursion, which will all provide the necessary knowledge for its maintenance, and enable exchanges between the volunteers, the local community, and the regional stakeholders.

Under the guidance of experienced masons and in cooperation with a local initiative, the volunteers will gain traditional practical skills and continue the restoration of the historical dry stone wall system and biotopes, as well as the maintenance of the dry stone walls and hiking trail between the former vineyards, which was started in during the 2017 WHV project. The volunteers will also build new stairs to improve the accessibility of the Marksburg Castle, which is the only hilltop fortress in the Rhine Valley that has never been destroyed.

Partners:

German Fortresses' Association; Citizens' Initiative "Green Thumb"

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