

WHV – Bolgar World Heritage Volunteers

Bolgar Historical and Archaeological Complex, Russian Federation

Cultural property inscribed on the World
Heritage List since 2014

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This property lies on the shores of the Volga River, south of its confluence with the River Kama, and south of the capital of Tatarstan, Kazan. It contains evidence of the medieval city of Bolgar, an early settlement of the civilization of Volga-Bolgars, which existed between the 7th and 15th centuries AD, and was the first capital of the Golden Horde in the 13th century. Bolgar represents the historical cultural exchanges and transformations of Eurasia over several centuries that played a pivotal role in the formation of civilizations, customs and cultural traditions.

Project objectives:

The project aims to contribute to the conservation and interpretation of the archaeological findings of the property and to raise awareness of the population of the Republic of Tatarstan and the local community about the World Heritage designation, the value of the site, and its sustainable management.

Project activities:

The volunteers will support the documentation and the management of archaeological artefacts excavated in recent years. Under the supervision of the museum-reserve's staff, they will sort the artefacts from the temporary storage, take photographs and create short descriptions before adding them to the museum's permanent collection. The volunteers will work on the archaeological collection management e-system and produce separate e-cards for each artefact. In addition, the volunteers will assist in maintenance activities of historic monuments on the Bolgar Historical and Archaeological Complex.

Partners:

Regional Foundation for the Revival of the Historic and Cultural Monuments of the Republic of Tatarstan; Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Tatarstan

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