

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 and are in an excellent state of conservation and good examples of the architectural style adopted by the first missionaries who converted the indigenous populations to Christianity.

Project objectives:

The project aims to raise awareness and generate exchanges on the importance of protecting and preserving the World Heritage site among surrounding villages. The project aims to actively involve volunteers in the restoration works on the components of the site which had been affected by the earthquake of 2017.

Project activities:

Following the steps of last year's project, the volunteers will participate in awareness raising activities about World Heritage sites and generate discussions with local students about the significance and diversity of their heritage. Following a training on traditional masonry, as well as construction and painting techniques, the volunteers will assist in cleaning and restoring the most damaged monasteries and churches under the supervision of the site management authorities.

Partners:

National Institute of Anthropology and History, Secretariat of Tourism of Morelos, the Municipalities of Zacualpan de Amilpas / Yecapixtla / Totolapan / Atlatlahucan / Tlayacapan, Secretariat of Culture of Morelos, Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana, Mexican Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO, Clerical authorities

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