

WHV – Discover Bahrain Heritage

Qal'at al-Bahrain – Ancient Harbour and Capital of Dilmun / Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy, Bahrain

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2005 and 2012 respectively

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Qal'at al-Bahrain is an artificial mound created by many successive layers of human occupation that testifies to continuous human presence from about 2300 BC to the sixteenth century AD. The Pearling constitutes an outstanding example of traditional use of the sea's resources and human interaction with the environment, which shaped both the economy and the cultural identity of the island.

Project objectives:

The project aims to promote global awareness among volunteers through a collaborative effort, bringing together volunteers from around the globe, to improve participants' knowledge regarding Bahrain's cultural context. Local participants will be encouraged to further develop their knowledge on the importance of protecting historical heritage by means of activities occurring at some of Bahrain's most significant sites.

Project activities:

Volunteers will have the chance to participate in two separate types of activities that aim to broaden their knowledge. The awareness raising activities will be more conceptual in nature; seminars on two World Heritage sites will give participants' a better historical understanding of the landmarks, while other activities will inspire volunteers to inform the general public through the distribution of pamphlets, emphasizing the importance of the two sites. The hands-on activities will motivate volunteers to get more physical and learn about various processes, such as the restoration of archaeological artefacts and the various methods of research professionals conduct on the sites.

Partners:

Bahrain Authority for Culture & Antiquities, Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage.

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