WHV - Fujian Tulou World Heritage Preservation and Promotion

Fujian Tulou, China

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2008

Fujian Tulou is a property of 46 buildings constructed between the fifteenth and twentieth centuries over 120 km in the south-west of Fujian province. Set amongst rice, tea and tobacco fields, the Tulou are earthen houses. Several storeys high, they are built along an inward-looking, circular or square floor plan as housing for up to 800 people each. They were built for defence purposes around a central open courtyard and housed a whole clan, functioning as village units.

Project objectives:

The project, taking place for the second time in the framework of the WHV after the successful 2018 experience, aims to protect, preserve and promote the Tulou’s background, history, culture and architecture. Working mostly on a Tulou designated to be an international youth centre, the project also has the objective of enhancing international exchanges, and promoting sustainable tourism and development.

Project activities:

The volunteers will be involved in experiential learning activities and building a Tulou wall with natural building materials. They will collect, clean and explore the history of old artefacts from an abandoned Tulou, and will contribute ideas for the design of the youth centre and for the artefacts’ upcycling. They will also take part in interactive Tulou home visits and run Changemaking discussion sessions about World Heritage with the local community.

Partners:

Zinong Social Enterprise, Government of Yongding, Fujian Daily, Amity Foundation.

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