WHV – Prambanan Temple Compounds
Prambanan Temple Compounds, Indonesia

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1991

Built in the tenth century, Prambanan Temple Compounds is the largest temple compound dedicated to Shiva in Indonesia. Rising above the centre of the last of a series of concentric squares are three temples decorated with reliefs illustrating the epic of the Ramayana, dedicated to the three great Hindu divinities (Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma) and three temples dedicated to the animals who serve them. With over 500 temples, Indonesia’s largest Buddhist complex of Sewu, Prambanan Temple Compounds represents not only an architectural and cultural treasure, but also a living proof of past religious peaceful cohabitation.

Project objectives:

The project, one of the longest running camps in the World Heritage Volunteers initiative, strongly focuses on restoration, an important step in rebuilding the temple and showcasing its history. Furthermore, it progressively integrates more outreach activities to involve young students from the schools and communities in the area.

Project activities:

The volunteers will participate actively in the restoration activities at the temple, learning to use different techniques and tools. Working in teams, they will locate, clean and assemble the stones of the buildings heavily damaged by the 2006 earthquake. The will also conduct educational activities on heritage, targeting local students.

Partners:

Ministry of Education and Culture of Indonesia, UNESCO Office Jakarta, Central Java Archeological Site Management, Elementary and Junior High Schools of SD Kokosan 2, SD Bugisan Lor, SD Sanggrahan, MTs Prambanan, MI Maarif.

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