

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 Bulgarians, that existed between the seventh and fifteenth centuries AD and was the first capital of the Golden Horde in the thirteenth 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 attributes of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property and to raise awareness of the local community about the World Heritage status, the value of the site and its sustainable management.

Project activities:

The volunteers will support documentation and 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. In addition, the volunteers will assist in maintenance activities and archaeological excavations conducted in the Bolgar Historical and Archaeological Complex, as well as help to prepare short interpretation videos about key historic monuments of the site.

Partners:

Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Tatarstan, Goodsurfing Information Centre for Volunteering, Russian Geographical Society, Russian Institute of Heritage, Institute of Archaeology of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

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