

## WHV – Guardians of Chichen-Itza

### Pre-Hispanic City of Chichen-Itza, Mexico

Cultural property inscribed on the World  
Heritage List in 1988

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Throughout its nearly 1,000-year history, different peoples have left their mark on the city. The fusion of Maya construction techniques with new elements from central Mexico make Chichen-Itza one of the most important examples of the Maya-Toltec civilization in the Yucatán.

#### Project objectives:

The project's main objectives are to transmit the concept and values of cultural heritage to young people, making them more aware of World Heritage preservation. Moreover, volunteers will sensitize the local population regarding the importance of the Chichen-Itza site and what individual actions they should participate in in order to ensure that the site remains intact.

#### Project activities:

Volunteers will be given the opportunity to take part in an array of heritage activities, giving them an overview of World Heritage sites throughout the world. Additionally, participants will have a better understanding of the differences between tangible, intangible, natural and cultural heritage. Various workshops and exhibitions will allow volunteers to view the sites first-hand, exemplifying various architectural and iconographic elements representative of Chichen Itza and the Maya culture. Volunteers will also work on cleaning the site, making it more accessible for visitors, as well as restoring wall paintings.

#### Partners:

National Institute of Anthropology and History

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