

WHV – Discover Bahrain Heritage

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

Cultural properties inscribed on the World Heritage List since 2005 and 2012 respectively

02/12/2021 – 17/12/2021



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 1500 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 at promoting the historical and cultural values through the involvement of local and international volunteers, and continue to support the maintenance and excavation work, sensitize the local community towards the importance of heritage protection and promote sustainable tourism at both the properties.

Project activities:

The volunteers will participate in two open seminars, thematic discussions and exchanges, to learn more about the historical and cultural values of the properties, and the needs of their preservation and promotion. In order to raise awareness among the locals, the volunteers will partake in dissemination events in public areas and in the preparation and implementation of an exhibition with documentary images about the properties. Building on the experience from past successful projects, and under the supervision of experts, the volunteers will take part in research and restoration workshops and will be involved in various hands-on activities, such as the excavation of archaeological artefacts, restoration of buildings, and the painting of old houses.

Partners:

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

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