

WHV – “Volunteering in Herculaneum, a Roman town in the shadow of Vesuvius”

Archaeological Areas of Pompei, Herculaneum and Torre Annunziata, Italy

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When Vesuvius erupted on 24 August AD 79, it engulfed the two flourishing Roman towns of Pompei and Herculaneum, as well as the many wealthy villas in the area.

These have been progressively excavated and made accessible to the public since the mid-18th century. The vast expanse of the commercial town of Pompei contrasts with the smaller but better-preserved remains of the holiday resort of Herculaneum, while the superb wall paintings of the Villa Oplontis at Torre Annunziata give a vivid impression of the opulent lifestyle enjoyed by the wealthier citizens of the Early Roman Empire.

Project objectives

The aim of the project is to increase the awareness of the local community about the property, provide the volunteers with the knowledge and tools for the preservation and valorization of the property, and foster intercultural learning between volunteers and local community to attain International promotion of the site.

Project activities

The volunteers will engage in awareness raising by managing the information desks at the site and participating in educational activities demonstrating the ancient techniques of fresco painting. As hands on activities, the volunteers will help with the cleaning of mosaics at the archaeological area, and of Villa of the Papiri, under the supervision of the site management authorities.

Partners

Vesuvius National Park (environment managing authority of National Park, Nature 2000 sites and MAB UNOESCO Reserve); Ercolano Municipality; Y.A.P. Youth Action for Peace Italia; Pro Loco Herculaneum.

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