

WHV – Enhance Jordanian Archaeological Sites through Youth Engagement and Volunteerism

Um Er-Rasas (Kastrom Mefa'a); The Baptism Site “Bethany Beyond the Jordan” (Al-Maghtas), Jordan

Cultural properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage since 2004 & 2015, respectively 10/06/2021 – 20/06/2021



Um Er-Rasas contains remains from the Roman, Byzantine and Early Muslim periods and a fortified Roman military camp. The site also has 16 churches, some with well-preserved mosaic floors. The Baptism Site “Bethany Beyond the Jordan” is believed to be the location where Jesus of Nazareth was baptized by John the Baptist. It features Roman and Byzantine remains.

Project objectives:

The project aims to raise awareness of cultural exchange and the historical and religious values of the sites; to provide volunteers with opportunities to improve skills on heritage preservation and promotion.

Project activities:

The volunteers will partake in the development of maintenance plans under the guidance of the site management authorities and the Department of Antiquities, at both sites. They will also participate in technical trainings on archaeological preservation and mosaic maintenance at Um er-Rasas. The volunteers will carry out cleaning and planting/ gardening activities at both sites, with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Greater Amman Municipality, and will be involved in a series of awareness raising activities, such as meetings with government officials and local communities, and media campaigns via TV and social media channels.

Partners:

Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Department of Antiquities, Ministry of Agriculture, Greater Amman Municipality, Ministry of Environment, Youth Centers (through Ministry of Youth), Ministry of Energy, Madaba Institute for Mosaic Art and Restoration (MIMAR), local NGOs

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