

WHV – Bolgar World Heritage Volunteers

Bolgar Historical and Archaeological Complex, Russian Federation

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World
Heritage since 2014

19/07/2021- 31/07/2021



This property lies on the shores of the Volga River. It contains evidence of the medieval city of Bolgar, an early settlement of the civilization of Volga Bulgarians, which existed between the 7th and 15th centuries AD, and was the first capital of the Golden Horde in the 13th 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 at contributing to the conservation and interpretation of the archaeological attributes of the property and at raising awareness amongst the local community about the property, and its sustainable management.

Project activities:

As part of the awareness-raising campaign the volunteers will participate in the development of an interactive map of Bolgar by preparing short videos in Russian, Tatar and English languages. The volunteers will also develop an interactive programme on the importance of World Heritage conservation for 25 local children. Within the hands-on activities, the volunteers will assist in the sorting, photo-documenting, photo-editing and measurement-taking of archaeological museum items. They will also assist in academic archaeological excavations conducted within the property, perform maintenance works, and assist in planting and gardening at the traditional village garden.

Partners:

Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Geographical Society,
Institute of Archaeology of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

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