

## WHV – Once Upon a time in Anatolia

### Early period of Anatolian Turkish Heritage: Niksar, The capital of Danishmend Dynasty, Turkey

Site on the Tentative List  
since 2018

06/08/2021 - 20/08/2021



Anatolia underwent profound changes during 11th and 12th centuries. In this period, Turkish-Islamic civilisation reached from Middle East into Anatolia, starting a process that would end with proliferation of this civilisation even in Balkans. This was the era when the pioneering and leading works of “cultural layer”, eventually known as Anatolian Turkish-Islamic Civilisation, were produced in various towns and cities of Anatolia. Niksar is among these towns, having a privileged status thanks to intensity and significance of cultural assets within.

#### Project objectives:

The project aims at introducing the volunteers to the history of Anatolia and the importance of the property, while at the same time raising awareness amongst the local community on the promotion and protection of this region.

#### Project activities:

The volunteers will engage in documentation works as well as in the upkeep of the site. As hands-on activities, the volunteers will assist with the renovation and rehabilitation of the agriculture areas by cleaning the area, regulating dangerous pathways, detecting endemic plants, etc. The volunteers will also take part in a digital and photography workshop in order to engage in media activities, mobile photography and social media to help in the promotion of the site through photos, videos and interviews, as an awareness-raising activity.

#### Partners:

Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism; Municipality of Niksar and Niksar Solidarity Association

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