

WHV – Bukhara Documentation and Conservation

Historic Centre of Bukhara

Cultural property inscribed on the
World Heritage List since 1993

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Bukhara, which is situated on the Silk Route, is more than 2,000 years old. It is the most complete example of a medieval city in Central Asia, with an urban fabric that has remained largely intact. Its importance lies in its overall townscape, demonstrating the high and consistent level of urban planning and architecture that began with the Sheibanid dynasty.

Project objectives:

The project aims at documenting the state of conservation of the Bukharian Jewish traditional houses located within the inscribed World Heritage property, at recording the related oral histories, and at raising awareness about their importance and that of the Historic Centre of Bukhara among the volunteers and the local community.

Project activities:

The volunteers will learn and put into practice earthen vernacular architecture conservation techniques under the supervision of the site management authorities, as well as assist with oral history recording and documentation methods, for the preservation of the Bukharian Jewish traditional houses. They will conduct a mapping of the urban space, and will prepare public presentations and events, to share the results of their work with the community and institutional partners.

Partners:

National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO, World Monuments Fund, Hokimiyat of Bukhara, UNESCO Office in Tashkent, Community (Mahalla), including the leaders of Muslim and Jewish communities of Bukhara, Bukhara State University, Bukhara Branch of Department of Cultural Heritage under the Ministry of Culture.

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