

# WHV – Explore and preserve the early palaces of China's last dynasty

## Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties in Beijing and Shenyang, China

### PROJECT DATES

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1987)

18 May - 10 June 2023

**THE SITE** - The Imperial Palace of the Qing Dynasty in Shenyang consists of 114 buildings constructed between 1625–26 and 1783. It contains an important library and testifies to the foundation of the last dynasty that ruled China, before it expanded its power to the centre of the country and moved the capital to Beijing. This palace then became auxiliary to the Imperial Palace in Beijing. This remarkable architectural edifice offers important historical testimony to the history of the Qing Dynasty and to the cultural traditions of the Manchu and other tribes in the north of China, and exhibits an important interchange of influences of traditional architecture and Chinese palace architecture particularly in the 17th and 18th centuries. The Imperial Palaces bear exceptional testimony to Chinese civilisation at the time of the Ming and Qing dynasties, being true reserves of landscapes, architecture, furnishings and objects of art, as well as carrying exceptional evidence of the living traditions and the customs of Shamanism practised by the Manchu people for centuries.

**OBJECTIVES** - The project will leverage the long and recognised experience of the Northeast Yucai Beihong School of Fine Arts as a World Heritage Education Base by utilising the camp as an important part of the training course for its students, putting in practice different exercises from the UNESCO teaching materials World Heritage in Young Hands to guide their the investigation, study and protection of the Shenyang Palace Museum.

**ACTIVITIES** - Youth, community residents, site managers and tourists will be all involved in research activities and practice, field visits and lectures, academic lectures and seminars, crisis simulation and solutions in order to apply World Heritage knowledge taking into account the interests of all parties through cooperative organisation and critical thinking. Volunteer will engage in the activities of Shenyang Palace Museum, from on-site explanation, convenient consultation, supervision and management, to mobile publicity and public service publicity and a mobile museum, and will help setting up World Heritage classes for community residents.

**PARTNERS** - The Imperial City subdistrict Office, Eton kidd Shenyang Branch

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