

## **WHV – Prambanan Temple Compounds**

## **Prambanan Temple Compounds, Indonesia** Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1991)

PROJECT DATES 24 July - 04 August 2023

**THE SITE** - Built in the 10th century, it is the largest temple compound dedicated to Shiva in Indonesia. Rising above the centre of the last of a series of concentric squares are three temples decorated with reliefs illustrating the epic of the Ramayana, dedicated to the three great Hindu divinities (Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma) and three temples dedicated to the animals who serve them. With over 500 temples, Indonesia's largest Buddhist complex of Sewu, Prambanan Temple Compounds represents not only an architectural and cultural treasure, but also a standing proof of past religious peaceful cohabitation.

**OBJECTIVES** - The project, identified as a global best practice in the World Heritage Volunteers campaign, has a strong focus on restoration, an important step to rebuild the temple and reveal its history, and is progressively integrating more outreach activities to involve young students from the schools and communities in the area.

**ACTIVITIES** - The volunteers will participate actively in the restoration activities at the temple, learning to use different techniques and tools and working in teams to locate, clean and assemble the stones of the buildings heavily damaged by the 2006 earthquake. The will also conduct educational activities on the theme of heritage, targeting the students at the schools nearby the site.

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