

WHV – Incallajta, the largest Inca site in the Kollasuyo

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Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1986)

PROJECT DATES

31 July - 12 August 2023

THE SITE - The archeological site of Incallajta is among the main Inca sites in the country. Once they had conquered the Collao territories, the Incas marched deep into the semi-tropical valleys of what now are the Cochabamba and Santa Cruz states. There, they established a series of cities, including the fortified city of Incallajta, which was probably built around 1463 and 1472 during the rule of Tupa Inca Yupanqui and later reconstructed by the Inca Huayana Capac. According to the historian José de Mesa, Incallajta can be identified as the Pocona fortress mentioned by the Spanish chronicler Sarmiento de Gamboa. This is the biggest Inca complex on Bolivian territory, and it includes habitational, defensive, military, religious, agricultural (tacanas and circular silos) areas and towers for astronomical use.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at revitalising the local dynamics generated by the first World Heritage Volunteers camp at the site in 2012, contributing to the sustainable conservation of the site through concrete practical activities, reestablishing strategic alliances between the local population and key institutions for its conservation and improvements, and carrying out an awareness campaign with the local population about the importance of the site.

ACTIVITIES - Under the supervision of the site administrator, the volunteers will support the maintenance and cleaning of the walk circuit inside the ruins of Incallajta. They will participate together with the local community in awareness-raising activities and hands-on activities with drawing, writing and photography workshops, making animations on the theme of the protection of the Incallajta site to promote heritage awareness in local schools in the town of Pocona and in Cochabamba.

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