

# WHV – Community in Action: the Walk of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro

## Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, Mexico

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2010)

## PROJECT DATES

02 May - 07 July 2023

**THE SITE** - Camino Real de Tierra Adentro was the Royal Inland Road, also known as the Silver Route. The inscribed property consists of 55 sites and five existing World Heritage sites lying along a 1400 km section of this 2600 km route, that extends north from Mexico City to Texas and New Mexico, United States of America. The route was actively used as a trade route for 300 years, from the mid-16th to the 19th centuries, mainly for transporting silver extracted from the mines of Zacatecas, Guanajuato and San Luis Potosí, and mercury imported from Europe. Although it is a route that was motivated and consolidated by the mining industry, it also fostered the creation of social, cultural and religious links in particular between Spanish and Amerindian cultures.

**OBJECTIVES** - The project aims at spreading awareness about the history of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro among the local population, organizing social cartography journeys to identify the historical components at their communities and the dangers they face.

**ACTIVITIES** - Volunteers will participate in prevention campaigns in order to promote the value of the historical buildings of the Camino and strengthen their maintenance as well as cleaning activities on the historical components, also meeting with the local authorities and community representatives and promoting the project at different schools. They will take part in divulgation activities to raise awareness among the public and authorities about the cartography of the current state of the historic components of the heritage site, their damages and needs for preservation.

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