

WHV – Ancient Monastery of Calpan

Earliest 16th-Century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatepetl , Mexico

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1994)

PROJECT DATES

16 July - 30 July 2023

THE SITE - The Earliest 16th-Century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatepetl is a serial property with 15 component parts located in the states of Morelos, Puebla and Tlaxcala in Mexico, built as part of the evangelisation and colonisation of the northern territories of Mexico. They are in an excellent state of conservation and are good examples of the architectural style adopted by the first missionaries – Franciscans, Dominicans and Augustinians – who converted the indigenous populations to Christianity in the early 16th century.

OBJECTIVES - The aim in 2023 for this project is to pursue the works done the two previous sessions at the Ancient Cloister and Atrium of the Covent of Calpan linking two aspects where the site plays a crucial role: tourism and intangible heritage. Preservation techniques will be taught to volunteers as well as technological tools in order to better enhance the site. This year a more thorough cooperation with local schools will be proposed.

ACTIVITIES - Volunteers will do restoration and painting work with traditional techniques and materials. They will invite local schools to join in the works and in the activities in order to raise awareness about their heritage. Volunteers will also highlight the link between the tangible and intangible heritage and will also make a proposal for the development of tourism enhancing the world heritage site.

PARTNERS - National Institute of Anthropology and History – Centro INAH Puebla; Municipality of Calpan, Tourist Office; Guardianes de Saberes y Sabores; UNESCO National Commission; Clerical authorities and the College of Restorers of Puebla

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