

WHV – Ahmedabad: Through the Lens of Heritage

Historic City of Ahmadabad, India

PROJECT DATES

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2017)

01 August - 10 August 2023

THE SITE - The walled city of Ahmadabad, founded by Sultan Ahmad Shah in the 15th century, on the eastern bank of the Sabarmati river, presents a rich architectural heritage from the sultanate period, notably the Bhadra citadel, the walls and gates of the Fort city and numerous mosques and tombs as well as important Hindu and Jain temples of later periods. The urban fabric is made up of densely-packed traditional houses (*poles*) in gated traditional streets (*puras*) with characteristic features such as bird feeders, public wells and religious institutions. The city continued to flourish as the capital of the State of Gujarat for six centuries, up to the present.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at developing a wider understanding of the notion of heritage, highlighting the diverse multicultural and multifunctional heritage of Ahmedabad and understanding its history and how these aspects of heritage shape the city today, also raising awareness about the diverse and creative forms of intangible heritage associated with the city.

ACTIVITIES - Volunteer activities will focus on engaging the community and the hidden spaces in the old city of Ahmedabad, participating in heritage walks and musical nights and getting hands-on learning about wood as a construction material and its carving and conservation processes. Participants will also learn the basics of sketching for the documentation of the old city of Ahmedabad, will be involved in 3D scanning and photogrammetry and will learn about the use of BIM in heritage work.

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