

WHV – Built Heritage Conservation Voluntary Work Camp in Ping Yao

Ancient City of Ping Yao, China

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1997)

PROJECT DATES

03 August – 15 August 2025

THE SITE - The Ancient City of Ping Yao is a well-preserved ancient county-level city in China. Located in Ping Yao County, central Shanxi Province, the property includes three parts: the entire area within the walls of Ping Yao, Shuanglin Temple 6 kilometers southwest of the county seat, and Zhenguo Temple 12 kilometers northeast of the county seat. The Ancient City of Ping Yao well retains the historic form of the county-level cities of the Han people in Central China from the 14th to 20th century.

OBJECTIVES - The objective of this project is to carry out emergency repairs on a Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) residence located in Dongquan Village, Pingyao. Simultaneously, it aims to enhance volunteers' understanding of heritage conservation through practical, hands-on involvement. Additional goals include documenting the heritage site, offering participants a chance to explore the Ancient City of Pingyao, and providing insights into local intangible cultural heritage, ultimately fostering a collaborative spirit among the local community and stakeholders to protect the heritage of the World Heritage site.

ACTIVITIES - The project incorporates both awareness-raising and hands-on activities. Awareness-raising activities, such as study tours and heritage protection workshops, aim to emphasize the significance of Pingyao and Dongquan, promote heritage protection, and educate participants on intangible cultural heritage. Hands-on activities mainly involve the emergency repair of a Ming Dynasty residence, with the purpose of directly involving volunteers in the conservation process. Documenting the heritage site and cultural relics is another key activity, contributing to the preservation of historical information.

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