

WHV – Generational transmission of knowledge associated with the coffee cultural landscape and recognition of its good practices

Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia, Colombia

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2011)

PROJECT DATES

4 - 13 October 2025

THE SITE - An exceptional example of a sustainable and productive cultural landscape that is unique and representative of a tradition that is a strong symbol for coffee growing areas worldwide - encompasses six farming landscapes, which include 18 urban centres on the foothills of the western and central ranges of the Cordillera de los Andes in the west of the country. It reflects a centennial tradition of coffee growing in small plots in the high forest and the way farmers have adapted cultivation to difficult mountain conditions. The urban areas, mainly situated on the relatively flat tops of hills above sloping coffee fields, are characterized by the architecture of the Antioquian colonization with Spanish influence. Building materials were, and remain in some areas, cob and pleated cane for the walls with clay tiles for the roofs.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims to safeguard the cultural heritage of selected municipalities within the Coffee Cultural Landscape by engaging youth through experiential workshops that promote awareness and facilitate the transmission of knowledge related to traditional crafts.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will visit the exhibition "*A Day in the Life of an Artisan*" at the Museo Histórico Cipriano Echeverri, offering an immersive experience through photographs, objects, music, and videos. They will also participate in guided visits to properties within the Coffee Cultural Landscape that have been converted into natural reserves or soil conservation districts, allowing them to explore and understand the natural heritage of the region. Additionally, they will develop ten experiential workshops alongside bearers of patrimonial knowledge, focusing on traditional artistic practices. Through these activities, the volunteers will recognize the techniques and knowledge involved, deepen their understanding of the intangible heritage, and raise awareness of the cultural expressions that define the Coffee Cultural Landscape.

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