

WHV – Ancient Monastery of Huejotzingo

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

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1994)

PROJECT DATES

27 July - 9 August 2025

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 project aims at raising awareness among all citizens about the importance to preserve the World Heritage sites, demonstrate the value of international volunteering as a development tool, inspire young people to follow the restoration career and to generate strategic partnerships with international, national and regional stakeholders.

ACTIVITIES - Volunteers will participate in awareness-raising actions and promote the World Heritage Education Program and its activities in local schools. They will also learn and practice traditional restoration techniques, which they will apply to the enhancement of the cistern as well as the partial cleaning of the perimeter wall of the former convent and the orchard inside the monastery of Huejotzingo.

PARTNERS - National Institute of Anthropology and History – Centro INAH Puebla; Municipality of Huejotzingo; Secretariat of Culture of the state of Puebla; Mexican platform of volunteering; OXICAL; Local businesses

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