

World Heritage Volunteers 2015

Project Description

Title	World Heritage Volunteers The Whitewashed Heritage of Évora
Site	Historic Centre of Évora
Status	Cultural site inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1986
Project location	Évora, Portugal
Project dates	02 October 2015 to 15 October 2015
Site description	This museum-city, whose roots go back to Roman times, reached its golden age in the 15th century, when it became the residence of the Portuguese kings. Its unique quality stems from the whitewashed houses decorated with <i>azulejos</i> and wrought-iron balconies dating from the 16th to the 18th century. Its monuments had a profound influence on Portuguese architecture in Brazil.
Project objectives	The project aims to insure an active participation of Évora's youth in the preservation of the Historic Centre, to educate the youth in the matters of the difficulty and responsibility in the management and preservation of the Historic Centre, to implement a sense of community in the preservation of the architectural and urban integrity of the classified area of Évora, to preserve and develop the application of traditional techniques of the region in the maintenance of the Historical Centre and to honor the responsibility of the World Heritage acknowledgment by UNESCO.
Project activities	The volunteers will receive a formation in limestone preparation for the whitewash coating, in order to access the restoration of specific areas within the classified historical centre. The formation and application process will be held with specialists in the field of traditional techniques, which will accompany all stages of the volunteer work. Within the framework of the practical activities, there will be held specific guided tours directed at the preservation of traditional techniques as well as visits to the Historical Centre, in order to raise awareness regarding the singularity that defines this specific site.
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