

"World Heritage Volunteers - "Patrimonito Voluntary Action 2011"



WHV – Tlayacapan, MEXICO

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

Cultural site inscribed in 1994

These 14 monasteries stand on the slopes of Popocatepetl, to the south-east of Mexico City. One of them is the ex-convent of Yecapixtla built in the 16th century. 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. They also represent an example of a new architectural concept with open spaces of renewed importance.



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Project objectives: The project aims at raising awareness about WH issues among the local population and especially young people.

Project activities: Aside restoration activities, the volunteers will organise cleaning campaigns involving children as well as environmental workshops in order to identify with a fieldwork approach the relations between the nature and the site. They will also interact with the local community through cultural workshops, and will take advantage of the well preserved museum to sensitize the Mexican population to the richness of its heritage.

Partners: The practical arrangements of the project (accommodation, field trips) will rely on several partnerships and notably with the Parish of San Juan Bautista de Tlayacapan Morelos, the Museum of Tlayacapan, the INAH Morelos, Morelos Institute of Culture and the Municipality of Tlayacapan.

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