

"World Heritage Volunteers - "Patrimonito Voluntary Action 2011"



WHV – Geghard, ARMENIA

29 June– 31 August 2011

Monastery of Geghard and the Upper Azat Valley, Armenia

Cultural site inscribed in 2000

The monastery of Geghard contains a number of churches and tombs, most of them cut into the rock, which illustrate the very peak of Armenian medieval architecture. The complex of medieval buildings is set into a landscape of great natural beauty, surrounded by towering cliffs at the entrance to the Azat Valle



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Project objectives: The WHV-Geghard project aims to contribute preservation of the site and its surrounds. Taking place at 2 different places, the WHV-Geghard and the WHV-Zvartnots projects share similar objectives and activities

Project activities: The preservation of the Geghard site is expected to be achieved through cleaning (garbage picking), weeding and maintenance (signs) activities. The presence of volunteers will compensate the lack of local staff while the implementation of the project will balance the respect of traditions and the preservation of heritage.

Partners: The promotion of the project and the supervision of the activities will be coordinated with the Ministry of Culture, the Armenian Apostolic Church and the local clergy men.

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