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"WHV - VOLUNTEERING IN HERCULANEUM (CPI15)"

31.08.2019 – 14.09.2019

Dear Volunteer,

we are really happy that you have chosen to take part in our workcamp and we wish you to have an unforgettable experience in Herculaneum!

Please read carefully this program and the general information that will help you prepare for your camp.

The Archaeological Park of Herculaneum

At the foot of Mount Vesuvius, the city was completely covered by volcano's lava, ashes, debris and gases. The city's houses, baths, taverns, temples and figures are undamaged; therefore, visitors will get a real sense of the splendour of this Roman city. The different floors of most of the buildings are still intact and it is possible to see the magnificent frescoes and mosaics covering the walls of public buildings and mansions. The pyroclastic flows of high temperature at once carbonized and exceptionally preserved organic matter, giving back to us a unique complex of common everyday objects such as textiles, foodstuffs, wooden furniture, architectural elements, and the hull of a sizable boat. Thus, Herculaneum really gives you an idea of how ancient Romans lived, that is only with difficulty achieved in other centres of the ancient world.

On the far side of the city are the most luxurious villas overlooking the sea, notably the Villa dei Papyri, which might have been the luxurious retreat of Julius Caesar's father-in-law.

At Herculaneum, the volcanic deposits preserved also hundreds of wax tablets, some of which conserve legal documents, and more than 1.800 papyri scrolls, containing Greek philosophical texts, were found at the Villa of the Papyri. This wealth of epigraphic evidence across the Vesuvian area testifies to the literacy of the Roman Empire and the important of texts in political and private life.

Because few human remains were found during early excavations, it was assumed that most of the inhabitants succeeded in escaping. In the 1980s, however, excavations at the ancient shoreline discovered about 300 skeletons, suggesting that numerous additional inhabitants had also perished while attempting to escape. The study of these significant samples of victims provides insight into their health, lifestyles and death.

The Project

Following on from the reform of the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Tourism, in 2016 Herculaneum has been officially detached from Pompeii and the Archaeological Park of Herculaneum was declared a site of national importance and given both scientific and financial autonomy. Since April 2017 the Park has had a Director and, in the course of the year 2018, a new staff have been hired.

In the view of the new management the mission of the park is conservation and communication of the cultural values of Herculaneum to the existing public and to future generations. As "cultural values" we mean both the tangible assets that constitute the archaeological heritage of the site and its intangible assets. Its intangible assets result from archaeological and historical knowledge of the ancient Roman city and from the identity that Herculaneum has acquired, following its discovery, in the social, natural and cultural context of modern and contemporary times.

Therefore, the Park is strongly motivated to join the WHC 2019 and involve young people from all over the world in the knowledge of the archaeological site and of the surrounding territory, first and foremost the Mount Vesuvius and its natural environment, managed by the Vesuvius National Park, undertaking concrete actions and playing an active role in the protection, preservation and promotion of Herculaneum cultural heritage. This volunteering project is the first to be held by the Archaeological Park of Herculaneum with the partnership of Ercolano and Portici Municipalities, the Vesuvius National Park, Youth Action for Peace Italia and the Pro Loco Herculaneum Association.

Activity 1 - Hospitality and conservation

Welcoming visitors and giving information on the site

Visitor interviews

Supporting keepers on the site in their daily activities

Maintenance and cleaning activities on the site (e.g. removing grass alongside road and pavements)

Activity 2 - Creative learning experience of frescos of the Villa dei Papiri

Visit to the Villa dei Papiri excavations and study of the frescos

Demonstrations of the ancient techniques of fresco painting

Practice of the essential steps to making a fresco, from the traditional preparatory drawings, mortar mixing and application, and the use of natural pigments to painting on terracotta tiles.

Activity 3 - Welcoming visitors at the exhibition entrance

Visitor orientation

Helping disabled persons

Making interviews to get a sense of visitors' reactions to the exhibition

The activities program

31 August – Saturday

arrivals of volunteers

meeting point at 06 pm

h 20.00 Welcome dinner at Pappamonte Restaurant – Via IV Novembre 2/4
- Ercolano

1 September – Sunday *

Name Games and group building activities

Free time for group based trips and leisure activities

2 September – Monday **

9.30 -11.00 Introduction meeting with Stefania Siano (archaeologist) and Elisabetta Canna (conservator) of the Archaeological Park of Herculaneum

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-13.30 Visit to the archaeological site.

13.45 lunch

15.00-15.30 Meeting with the staff of the Herculaneum Conservation Project.

15.30-17.00 Explanation of activities. Setting up of the frescos laboratory in the Messenius Eunomus shop.

3 September – Tuesday **

9.30 -11.00 Activities 1 and 3 (welcoming visitors, giving information on the site, visitor interviews, supporting keepers on the site)

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-13.30 Activities 1 and 3 (welcoming visitors, giving information on the site, visitor interviews, supporting keepers on the site)

13.45 lunch

15.00-18.00 Activity 2 (demonstrations of the ancient techniques of fresco painting, practice of the essential steps to making a fresco)

4 September – Wednesday **

9.30 -11.00 Activity 2 (demonstrations of the ancient techniques of fresco painting, practice of the essential steps to making a fresco)

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-13.30 Activity 2 (demonstrations of the ancient techniques of fresco painting, practice of the essential steps to making a fresco)

13.45 lunch

15.00-17.00 Activity 2 (demonstrations of the ancient techniques of fresco painting, practice of the essential steps to making a fresco)

5 September – Thursday **

9.30 -11.00 Activities 1 and 3 (welcoming visitors, giving information on the site, visitor interviews, supporting keepers on the site)

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-13.00 Activities 1 and 3 (welcoming visitors, giving information on the site, visitor interviews, supporting keepers on the site)

13.15 lunch

15.00-19.00 Excursion to the Mount Vesuvius National Park and climb up to the crater edge

21.15 Outdoor cinema at Villa Ruggiero – Ercolano (optional)

N.B. movie in English

6 September – Friday ***

Morning Free time - group based trips and leisure activities

16.00-18.00 Activities 1 and 3 (welcoming visitors, giving information on the site)

18.30 Dinner

19.30 -23.30 Activity 1 – CAMPANIA BY NIGHT I Venerdì di Ercolano

7 September – Saturday **

trips organized by the Archaeological Park of Herculaneum

09.30- 11.00 Ancient theatre of Herculaneum

11.30-13.00 Royal Palace of Portici

13.30 lunch

15.00 -16.30 Museo Archeologico Virtuale (MAV)

17:00 MID TERM EVALUATION

21.15 Outdoor cinema at Villa Ruggiero – Ercolano (optional)

8 September – Sunday *

Free time - group based trips and leisure activities

9 September – Monday **

9.30 -11.00 Activities 1 and 3 (welcoming visitors, giving information on the site, visitor interviews, supporting keepers on the site)

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-13.30 Activities 1 and 3 (welcoming visitors, giving information on the site, visitor interviews, supporting keepers on the site)

13.45 lunch

15.00-17.00 Tour of the conservation works in the archaeological site.

10 September– Tuesday *

9.30 -11.00 Activities 1 at Villa of the Papyri (maintenance and cleaning activities)

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-13.30 Activities 1 at Villa of the Papyri (maintenance and cleaning activities)

13.45 lunch

15.00-17.00 Activities 1 and 3 (welcoming visitors, giving information on the site, visitor interviews, supporting keepers on the site)

11 September – Wednesday *

9.30 -11.00 Activity 1 on the site (maintenance and cleaning activities)

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-13.30 Activity 1 on the site (maintenance and cleaning activities)

13.45 lunch

15.00-17.00 Activity 1 and 3 (welcoming visitors, giving information on the site, visitor interviews, supporting keepers on the site)

12 September – Thursday ****

9.30 -11.30 Creative morning – short talk and breakfast together!

11.30-12.30 Meeting with the Director of the Archaeological Park of Herculaneum, the Major of Ercolano and the Director of the Mount Vesuvius National Park

13.00 lunch

15.30-19.00 National Archaeological Museums and a walking tour in Naples

20.00 Farewell dinner in Naples

13 September – Friday ***

Morning Free time - group based trips and leisure activities

16.00-18.00 Activities 1 and 3 (welcoming visitors, giving information on the site)

18.30 Dinner

19.30 -23.30 Activity 1 – CAMPANIA BY NIGHT I Venerdì di Ercolano

14 September – Saturday

Morning Breakfast at the Eco Hostel Floreale.

Departures

* Breakfast and dinner at the Eco Hostel Floreale. Free lunch.

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