

## WHV – Solovki Botanical Garden

### Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands, Russian Federation

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World  
Heritage since 1992

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Solovetsky Archipelago comprises six islands in the western part of the White Sea, covering 300 km<sup>2</sup>. The islands have been inhabited since the 5th century B.C. and important traces of a human presence from as far back as the 5th millennium B.C. can be found there. The archipelago has been the site of fervent monastic activity since the 15th century, and there are several churches dating from the 16th to the 19th century.

#### **Project objectives:**

The project aims at assisting in the preservation of the World Heritage site by organising educational activities. The volunteers will learn about Solovetsky Islands Ensemble's history and uniqueness, helping to enrich the biodiversity of the islands' ecosystem and raise awareness on heritage issues among locals and visitors.

#### **Project activities:**

Through the project, volunteers will work at the Botanical Garden founded in 1822 by monks. They will work on plants, pluck weed and fertilize trees, herbs and flowers, which have a cultural and historical significance. Furthermore, they will also plant seedlings they are asked to bring from their home, hence contributing to a larger variety of plants on the islands. Moreover, international volunteers will participate in workshops and presentations and discuss with locals, tourists and Russian volunteers the importance of heritage preservation.

#### **Partners:**

State Solovetsky Historical, Cultural and Natural Reserve Museum

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