

WHV - RATIARIA SEMPER FLOREAT (Latin: Ratiaria will flourish forever)

Frontiers of the Roman Empire - The Danube Limes in Bulgaria, Bulgaria

Site inscribed on a tentative list since 2016

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The Roman city Ratiaria is part of the The Danube Limes in Bulgaria. The Roman frontier system in Bulgaria consisted of a chain of fortifications along the south bank of the river Danube. Along the course of the river line lay four legionary fortresses (RATIARIA, OESCUS, NOVAE, DUROSTORUM) and many forts and watch-towers, until today, 46 of which have been precisely identified on the ground.

Project objectives:

The project is meant to endorse the protection of the cultural site by cleaning, documenting and promoting the preserved archaeological and architectural structures. It aims at involving local communities into preservation actions in order to get a better understanding of cultural heritage as a part of their national history and to foster regional development. It should allow future site protecting actions by involving international attention through the assistance of young volunteers. It will also encourage local authorities to elaborate and develop appropriate projects preserving and opening the cultural monument to the world.

Project activities:

The volunteers will participate in preservation and maintenance activities at the site such as cleaning architectural and archaeological remains, undertaking field conservation – stabilisation – and protection of the ancient buildings and structures, and particularly the fortification walls. They will also elaborate an archaeological and geodetic documentation about the site. The awareness-raising campaign will comprise seminars and daily talks. In order to sensitise the local community to the richness of the site and the importance of its preservation, a public awareness campaign will be held at the public collection in Dimovo. An exhibition will also be organized to present the results of the action camp to the public.



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