

## WHV – Rock carvings in Tanum

### Rock Carvings in Tanum, Sweden

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1994)

### PROJECT DATES

08 June - 22 June 2025

**THE SITE** - The rock carvings in Tanum, in the north of Bohuslän, are a unique artistic achievement not only for their rich and varied motifs (depictions of humans and animals, weapons, boats and other subjects) but also for their cultural and chronological unity. They constitute an outstanding example of Bronze Age art of the highest quality. The range of motifs on the Tanum rock carvings provides exceptional evidence of many aspects of life in the European Bronze Age. The continuity of settlement and the ongoing practice of agriculture, as illustrated by the Tanum region's rock carvings, archaeological vestiges, and modern landscape features, combine to demonstrate a remarkable permanence during eight thousand years of human history.

**OBJECTIVES** - The project is rooted in the organizational goals of Vitlycke Museum to reach young adults, cooperate on a global level and convey knowledge and understanding to the local community as well as the general public about the World Heritage site. Through the work with the young generations, the Museum aims at inspiring the volunteers, as well as the visitors, to respect and care for World Heritage sites around the world.

**ACTIVITIES** - The volunteers will prepare and take part in discussions and lectures, including information on a chosen World Heritage site from the volunteers' own individual countries. By having them present a chosen site for one another we hope to stimulate a deeper understanding of the global community which all World Heritage sites are a part of. They will also prepare the World Heritage area for the peak season, taking part in numerous different tasks that will help them develop cooperation, critical thinking, hospitality, and an insight in heritage conservation works: they will participate in heritage maintenance, green area maintenance, general hospitality and engaging in heritage-related discussions with the visitors. They will also be a part of the museums summer solstice celebration, which involves tasks such as gathering materials for the maypole and dress the maypole together with the local community.

**PARTNERS** - Cultural Administration Region Västra Götaland, Tanum municipality; World Heritage Walks and Underslös Museum. For the 2025 camp we are also hoping to partner up with Rjukan-Notodden Industrial World Heritage Site

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