

10th International Architecture Workshop

Designing Heritage Tourism Landscapes network

Las Médulas. Designing the Cultural Landscape

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Las Médulas

The **Cultural Landscape or Cultural Space of Las Médulas** is located in the Bierzo region, province of León, in Castilla y León. The result of Roman intervention in order to work in gold mining (through the *ruina montium* system) over two centuries and the changes experienced up to the present can be seen in this territory. It has been protected in terms of heritage since 1931 as a Historic-Artistic Site, although in the mid-1990s it was recognized as a BIC Site of Cultural Interest and at the end of this decade it was also endowed with environmental protection as a Natural Area. Its inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1997 has been a turning point in the conservation, research and enhancement of this territory that has great landscape and heritage value.

Despite its enormous interest and potential, Las Médulas does not have a fully integrated tourism support system, with important shortcomings that will be raised as objectives of the workshop.

Didactic organization

The participation of a maximum number of 40 students is proposed, coming from the different universities that are part of the network and who will join the workshop. In order to organize the work of the project topics in a balanced way, the enrolled students will be divided into 5 teams with 8 students each. The supervision of the work of each team will be overseen by teachers and tutors.

The teaching method provides:

- the organization of mixed groups by origin of teachers and students in order to encourage discussion on themes and approaches to the project from different perspectives
- The participation of representatives of the territorial management and protection bodies, Fundación Las Médulas and General Directorate of Cultural Heritage of the Junta de Castilla y León, as well as entities and interested parts in the elaboration of project strategies to allow students to connect with the varied framework of knowledge, expectations and needs of the inhabitants and local operators
- The participation of technicians, architects and archaeologists from the heritage management and protection organizations of Las Médulas and its surroundings.

Objectives

The work teams will carry out different intervention projects in the cultural landscape of Las Médulas, with the aim of consolidating the tourist systems, in accordance with the possible needs raised by the Las Médulas Foundation from an objective and real point of view.

Study trip

There will be a two-day study trip to Las Médulas and the region, visiting the work areas, as well as other visits to architecture and landscapes of interest in the Bierzo region, spending the night in the city of Ponferrada.

Useful information

All the activities will take place at ETSAVA in a suitable space for its use.

Nearby there is a bar/canteen of a Civic Center where a low-cost menu is offered.

Travel and lodging expenses, both in Valladolid and on the trip to Las Médulas, are borne by the participating teachers, tutors and students.

In Valladolid, teachers can stay at the Reyes Católicos University Residence, students can do so in one of the university's student residences. In Ponferrada, a suitable accommodation will be sought.

Deadlines

In order to proceed to the organization, we propose the following schedule:

April 19th: Accession of the participating Schools

April 20th: Call for the selection of students

May 15th: Closure of the selection

June 1st: Confirmation of participants

Contact

All communications must be made by e-mail to the address

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Program

July 21th

17:00 Reception of participants.

17:30 Inaugural conference

18:30 Presentation of the objectives of the workshop. Organization of working teams and tutors.

July 22th

Study Trip to Las Médulas and surroundings with a visit to the project sites and other visits of interest

July 23th

Study Trip to Las Médulas and surroundings with other visits of interest

July 24th

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.: Workshop activity. Team working and corrections by the tutors

July 25th

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.: Workshop activity. Team working and corrections by the tutors

July 26th

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.: Workshop activity. Team working and corrections by the tutors

July 27th

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.: Workshop activity. Team working and corrections by the tutors

July 28th

Final presentation of the projects. Workshop closure.

During the workshop, the presence of the General Director of Cultural Heritage of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Junta de Castilla y León is expected.