

## NEWS

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#### **HCN Goes AiP and Announces Their 2010 Schedule of Volunteer Vacations**

**Boulder, Colorado and Hong Kong, September 1, 2009** - Heritage Conservation Network, a non-profit dedicated to saving the world's architectural heritage, has changed its name to **Adventures in Preservation**, effective September 1, 2009. AiP will continue offering the same high-quality, hands-on volunteer vacations they have offered since 2002, giving participants the opportunity to help preserve historic buildings around the world. The new name is intended to highlight the participant experience and reflect the critical role that workshop participants play in each project's success.

**Adventure in Preservation's** 2010 series of hands-on building conservation workshops begins in February in the World Heritage Site of Lamu, Kenya, with participants learning skills needed to repair and restore a traditional coral rag building.

In Armenia in June, volunteers will work alongside students and local masons to restore an earthquake-damaged masonry building. The goal is to demonstrate the value of saving historic buildings, keeping them in use, as an alternative to demolition. Also in June, AiP volunteers return to Cairo, Illinois to continue the repair and restoration of historic "shotgun"-style houses for use as affordable housing.

August will see a return to Slovenia to restore a historic masonry cottage badly damaged by inappropriate repairs. Participants will learn how to re-lay and repoint a stone wall and repair a traditional stone oven. From here, AiP travels to Gjirokastra, Albania to continue supporting efforts to save Ottoman-era tower houses, many in danger of collapsing.

AiP's first workshop for families will involve a week-long immersion in the Old West mining town of Nevada City, Montana. Activities will involve chinking an old log house, working with a blacksmith, panning for gold, and cooking meals the way it was done over 100 years ago.

**Adventures in Preservation** is a non-profit organization that supports community-based heritage preservation projects. Their one- and two-week hands-on volunteer vacations give participants the opportunity to learn preservation skills while actually restoring buildings and experiencing the local culture. Learn more about how AiP harnesses the power of volunteers and the strengths of local communities to make a difference at [www.adventuresinpreservation.org](http://www.adventuresinpreservation.org).

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