ANGRA DO HEROÍSMO

WORLD HERITAGE SENSIBILIZATION PROJECT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The municipality is working on several educational projects that aim to attract the attention of the younger generations to Angra do Heroísmo’s historical heritage, alerting for the importance of its preservation.

THE REASONS FOR THE CATEGORISATION ARE:

1. To be an outstanding example of a type of architectural design;
2. To be directly associated with the history of the maritime explorations of the 15th and 16th centuries, which established communications between the great civilizations of Africa, Asia, America and Europe. Angra do Heroísmo holds an eminent position: this port on the island of Terceira, in the Azores, served as a link for almost three centuries between Europe and the “new World.”

The city of Angra do Heroísmo, played a very important historical role, having been the first European city in the Atlantic to develop with the goal of expanding new horizons during the Age of Discoveries. Thanks to its privileged location, Angra was at the crossing point of several international trade routes for silver, gold and spices. The title “Very Noble, Loyal and Always Present” assigned to city of Angra do Heroísmo emphasizes the importance of this metropolis that had throughout the History of Portugal and hence of the Azores archipelago. The relevance of Angra bay, especially in the 15th and 16th centuries, and the importance of the city in political economic and religious chess of the Azores are portrayed in the urban fabric of this city. The historical centre is a lace picture of streets, alleys, churches, palaces, manor houses, monuments, squares and gardens, which selfless generations know how to preserve and maintain up to today, even against the forces of the earthquake. UNESCO recognized this by integrating the Historic Centre of Angra do Heroísmo in its World Heritage List.

COMIC BOOKS

Angra do Heroísmo is the perfect place for a family vacations! With this concept in mind, the municipality has issued three comic books editions with contents specially designed for children and youth, making it possible, in an enjoyable and fun way, to learn the history that shaped this city of the world.

In a playful and pedagogical manner, the most striking aspects of the history of Angra, namely the Battle of Salga, the importance of Ribeira dos Moinhos (Water Mills’ Brook) and Angra do Heroísmo - Very Noble, Loyal and Steadfast Town, are transmitted with the goal of delivering historical knowledge to the children.

PEDDY PAPER KNOWING ABOUT ANGRA

This project has the participation of various groups of children from the city’s schools and seeks to present Angra do Heroísmo’s role in the Maritime Discoveries’ era, on which its classification as World Heritage City, on the 7th December of 1985, was based.

In a didactic path, traced along the classified area, the city is transformed into a game board which includes nine representative stop landmarks of Angra do Heroísmo’s history from the fifteenth to the seventeenth centuries, upon which information cards are prepared, associated with small discovery games and exploitation. The itineraries include streets and spaces that are not part of the usual city routes, which makes the city’s early organizing more evident for the participants, as they go through the designated paths that once connected the main functional points of Angra do Heroísmo.

This learning tool is available online and can be accessed and used by the school community and other stakeholders in museu.angra.azores.gov.pt/Saber-de-Angra.

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