**The network of UNESCO World Heritage properties in Switzerland.**

“World Heritage Experience Switzerland” (WHES) is the umbrella organisation for the tourist network of UNESCO World Heritage properties in Switzerland. WHES works in partnership with tourist organisations to promote and coordinate high-quality, unique experiences. This helps to ensure sustainable development of the universal values and create added (round) value for the sites.

The unique experience builds on the core values of the various UNESCO natural and cultural heritage properties. WHES works with the Swiss Commission for UNESCO on promoting values and knowledge.

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**Our precious Heritage**

What nature has created over thousands or millions of years, and what humanity has built up over the centuries, should be safeguarded.

The protection and preservation of these treasures should be in the care of all of us: This was, and remains, the central, revolutionary idea of World Heritage.

The rescue of the Abu Simbel temples in Egypt was the first step towards the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, adopted by UNESCO in 1972. More than 1,000 properties are currently listed as World Heritage, including eleven in Switzerland.

Every one of us is called upon to take care of our precious heritage and hand it over safely to future generations.

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