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Archaeology Abroad provides information about archaeological excavation and field school opportunities outside the UK for both experienced and inexperienced participants. Projects are listed alphabetically by country, except for the Caribbean countries, which appear under a banner heading of ‘Caribbean’. Please note that projects in Guam and Hawaii appear under the USA. Each entry gives a summary of the information provided to us by directors and organisers. Many excavations are willing to accept people with little or no previous fieldwork experience, but even so, to make the most of your trip abroad we strongly recommend familiarising yourself with basic archaeological techniques before committing to joining a project in another country, frequently at substantial cost. Further information about excavations, training digs, local archaeological and historical societies (some of which run their own excavations at weekends etc) in the UK, can be obtained from the Council for British Archaeology or from Current Archaeology.

Archaeology Abroad is not able to inspect or vet the projects it lists, but aims to publish information only from reputable professional archaeologists and institutions. Participants join any excavation or field school at their own risk and Archaeology Abroad cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury sustained by anyone joining a project it lists. Projects may be cancelled or details changed without notice – so do verify all arrangements with excavation directors or organisers in advance and do not go without being formally accepted.

CHOOSING A PROJECT

The attractions of joining an excavation or field school abroad are numerous and varied. Perhaps you're a newcomer to field archaeology looking for travel, adventure, the chance to meet new people and experience new situations and cultures. If you are a student of archaeology, ancient history, anthropology, classics or related subjects, you may be required to undertake fieldwork as part of your university course. In this event, you should check with your tutor or college that the excavation you intend to join will meet the course requirements. Whether this is your first taste of archaeological fieldwork or you are a seasoned digger with considerable site experience and skills to offer, it is important to ask yourself what you are seeking to gain from the experience. Find out as much information as possible about the project or projects which interest you before making an application, choose carefully, be realistic and well-prepared. Set out below is some advice and tips which should help you to make the right choice.

Whilst some projects are run specifically as field schools and offer a fully-structured programme of fieldwork training and tuition, at most sites you will be expected to ‘learn on the job’ from experienced team members and staff, supplemented by varying degrees of on- and off-site learning such as lectures, finds processing, laboratory work, etc. The majority of projects have a minimum age for participants of 18 years, but a few projects can accept younger applicants. There will normally be a minimum length of stay, which can be as little as one week, or you may need to commit to a two- or three-week field school session, or to the entire season.

Participation fees also vary but can be quite high depending what is being offered and whether a project is self-funding, part- or wholly-supported by a university, research foundation or other funding source, or is state-run and financed. Be sure to choose something you can afford, and don't forget that you will also need to meet the costs of your train or air fares, which are not normally included in the participation fees. Undergraduates may be able to apply to their college for financial assistance with their dig expenses. Archaeology Abroad subscribers are eligible to apply for a Fieldwork Award to help meet their dig expenses. Projects must be listed in either the annual edition of Archaeology Abroad or in an Email Update. Funds available for 2009 have now all been allocated.

To take part in an archaeological dig you should be fit and healthy, enjoy working as part of a team (both on and off site), and be prepared to muck-in and to put up with a few discomforts! Not all archaeology is digging, but at most excavations you will be expected to undertake varying degrees of physical labour for which you must be prepared. This may take the form of picking, shovelling and clearing spoil and heavy building rubble, (beware of blisters and aching muscles, especially in the first week!), alternatively you may be kneeling, crouching or laying in a trench undertaking careful and painstaking work for hours on end! Here are some important factors to consider when deciding which project to apply for:
does the archaeological/historical period(s) of the site really interest you?
distance and cost of getting to the country in which project is taking place
distance and ease of access to the site location
the climate – hot and dry, tropical, temperate, cool, mixed
location – urban or rural, at high altitude, riverside or coastal, in open country, a cave
language – do you have basic knowledge of language of the country where the project is?
the size and type of site – large, multi-period ancient settlement, Roman villa, cave site etc
the size of the dig team (these vary from small units of 2–3 staff and 10–12 diggers, to very large projects with 20+ staff and specialists and 70+ diggers)
how long the project has been running; aims for the forthcoming season
the cost of participation and what is included – eg board, lodging, daily transportation, tuition/lectures, excursions on days off, academic credits or certificate of participation
nature/variation of the work you will be expected to undertake and degree of training given, if any
length of the working day/week; what arrangements in place for days off eg trips, visits etc
daily travel to and from site (car or bus ride, long trek up hilly terrain or mountain track, short walk)
accommodation and catering arrangements – in shared rooms, camping, facilities available, self-catering or meals provided, arrangements at weekends or on days off
what is provided and what you will need to bring (especially if camping)
how far from the nearest bank, shops, telephone, pharmacy, doctor or dentist, etc.

APPLYING TO JOIN AN EXCAVATION OR FIELD SCHOOL

Many projects now have their own websites and, if so, you may also be able to apply online. Remember to print out a copy of your application and copies of responses from the organiser(s), including your notice of acceptance which you should take with you. If applying by post, it is helpful to include a self-addressed envelope and pre-paid postal coupon (not stamps). Give your application the same care that you would give a job application; summarise clearly your education, skills, language abilities and previous archaeological experience, if any. State if you have any particular dietary or other health requirements or any other special requirements and check whether these can be accommodated.

In general, the earlier you apply for a place, the better your chances of being accepted and the more time you will have to make all the necessary arrangements for joining the project. If the final application deadline for a project which interests you is close or has passed, contact the director or organisers to check if all spaces have been filled. You may be lucky if the project is not full or, if not, it might be possible to go onto a waiting list in case someone drops out. Equally, should you be accepted on an excavation and then find you are not able to go, it is essential that you inform the director immediately, so that a replacement can be found. Once accepted on an excavation you can begin to make your own arrangements.

GETTING ORGANISED

Passport and Visa
Check your passport is valid for when you intend to be away or apply straightaway if you do not already have one. Some countries require passports to be valid for a period of time following intended departure home. Directors/organisers usually indicate whether or not a visa is required, especially if there is a long lead time, which is the case for certain countries. Depending on your nationality and where you are going, it is advisable to check visa regulations with the relevant embassy well in advance. Sometimes a visa can be bought at the airport on your arrival at your destination, in which case ensure you have the correct money available in the local currency. Those intending to travel to the USA should note that from January this year it became necessary to register online under the new Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) rules at least 72 hours prior to travel. Check online, with your travel agent or contact your nearest US Embassy.

Travel arrangements
Many projects will give advice about travel to their country and as well as to the site location. Once accepted on a project, you will be informed what arrangements are in place for meeting and transfer from point of entry to the dig site or base, or whether you will be responsible for making your own way. Ensure you know exactly where you are going, arm yourself with a map, guidebook, phrase book and contact information in case you are delayed or experience any problems in reaching the pick-up point at a pre-arranged time or arriving on an agreed date.
Search out the best deals and decide whether you want to do some travelling before joining the excavation or continue travelling once your time there is complete. If so, make sure you have student international travel card, youth hostel membership, and driving licence in case you intend to hire a vehicle. For some of the best travel advice and deals, we recommend UK subscribers contact STA Travel – visit their website at www.statravel.co.uk

Insurance
Archaeology Abroad recommends the specialist **Insurance for Archaeologists** policies available through Towergate Risk Solutions Fareham (TRS Fareham), which are also endorsed by the Council for British Archaeology and the Institute of Field Archaeologists. The staff in their dedicated Archaeology & Heritage Section have unrivalled knowledge and experience of the particular needs of those taking part in archaeological fieldwork and offer an excellent cover and claims service. Cover is available for single trip or on an annual basis, and includes medical, repatriation, cancellation and curtailment cover, public liability, legal expenses, baggage and money etc. Where necessary, policies can be tailor-made to your specific needs or circumstances. For further information, contact Tariq Mian or Michelle Cannon on 01329–826260, email fareham@towergate.co.uk or go to www.towergate.co.uk/archaeology

UK citizens should also have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) which entitles the holder to receive healthcare during a stay in an EEA country or Switzerland. The EEA consists of the European Union countries plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. You can apply for an EHIC card by phone (0845 606 2030), by post (application forms available from Post Offices or write to EHIC Applications, PO Box 1115, Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1SW), or online at: www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/HealthAdviceForTravellers/fs/en Information about the EHIC card is also available in a very useful booklet entitled "Health Advice for Travellers" available at Post Offices or online, which is packed with helpful information about travelling abroad. If you do get a hard copy of this booklet, keep it safe, preferably with your passport and EHIC, and carry it with you when travelling in the EU.

Health and safety
Please advise the project organisers if you are taking medication or you have any particular health problems, allergies, asthma, etc. If you are asthmatic, be sure to take your inhaler and at least one spare canister. Anti-tetanus vaccination is strongly advised for those undertaking archaeological fieldwork and is obligatory on many sites. Check which vaccinations are needed for the country you are visiting well ahead of time as some courses, such as anti-malarial tablets, need to be started several weeks before departure. It is also advisable to have a dental check-up before you leave, particularly if you are going to an isolated site. Advice on medical matters can normally be obtained from your student or local health centres or from your General Practitioner. Detailed advice for travellers can also be found at: http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Travel-immunisation/Pages/Introduction.aspx

Excavation sites can pose a number of hazards - deep trenches, unstable balks and deposits, shoring and scaffolding and the spoil heap! The project is responsible for keeping the worksite safe and should provide safety instructions and supply suitable safety equipment (eg: hardhats), well-maintained tools that are safe to use, and a fully-equipped first aid kit. However, dig participants should heed the possible dangers, take note of safety advice, be sensible and take care when working on site and using potentially dangerous equipment.

Clothing and equipment
Find out what equipment you are expected to bring and ask out about the appropriate clothing for the country (both on- and off-site), the climate and the terrain. If you are camping you will need to know what equipment is provided and what you will be expected to bring with you. Plan ahead and consider taking the following: a 4-inch forged trowel (WHS or Marshalltown trowels are the best) available to order online from the Past Horizons’ Toolstore at www.pasthorizons.com/shop/, gloves (a worn-in leather pair highly recommended), kneeling pad, lightweight luggage, maps/guidebooks/phrase book, personal first aid kit, a small backpack to take to the site each day, water bottle, sturdy footwear, a waterproof jacket, a sweater, sun hat, sunglasses, torch, batteries, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, note book, camera, and a good book! In Muslim countries women should wear loose long-sleeved shirts or blouses, long trousers or skirts and a headscarf when visiting a mosque.

Money
It is recommended that you take a certain amount of local currency (enough to cover your entry visa if needed, local travel on arrival, food, incidentals and any balance of participation fees due). Take the rest in travellers’ cheques, plus a bank or credit card. In both cases, check what is acceptable in your destination country and the charges likely to be made for exchanging foreign currency. Ensure you have international emergency phone numbers for your bank/credit or debit card company in case of loss or theft. Remember that even if you have paid your field school or excavation project fees from home, you will need personal ‘pocket money’ once on the dig, to cover personal shopping, social life, excursions, telephone, laundry costs, emergencies etc
BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Be sure you are entirely happy with all the arrangements. If not, contact the organisers for clarification on any outstanding questions before you depart. Check you have all your documents, eg: passport, visa, airline or other travel tickets, insurance documents, EHIC, site information (including address and contact details), maps, immunisation certificates, together with your acceptance letter or email. Make two sets of photocopies of the main page of your passport, airline tickets, insurance policy and instructions, EHIC, list of travellers' cheques numbers and telephone contact numbers. Put one set in your luggage, separate from the originals. Give the other copies to someone at home (ideally a family member) so that you can contact them for help if you lose any or all of these. If you do lose your original documents, or they are stolen, you will be able to replace them far more quickly if you have made photocopies. Check you have entered your next-of-kin details into your passport. It is also important to give family members or close friends details on how you can be contacted (phone, fax, email, mobile).

Please remember to pack your trowel and other similar equipment in your checked-in baggage and not in your hand luggage, otherwise you are likely to encounter problems at the airport!

SAFETY ABROAD

If you or your family are at all concerned about the political situation and safety in the country or region in which you propose to work, particularly in view of present circumstances, contact the appropriate department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at www.fco.gov.uk British nationals who get into difficulty abroad can seek help from the nearest British diplomatic mission 24 hours a day. Where there is no British representative in a country, British nationals may instead contact the nearest EU Mission in that country. If anything goes badly wrong, contact your relatives and friends at home so they can take appropriate action within the UK.

Participation in an excavation can be rewarding and fun, but it can also be difficult at times. You will be part of a team in which co-operation is essential for a successful outcome. A keen interest in the excavation is important. Don’t be afraid to ask questions, request help when needed or ask for additional responsibilities. Patience and a cheerful outlook will help to enrich your experience. Have a great time and send us your feedback!

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Mick Aston

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AUSTRALIA

APPLIED HERITAGE MANAGEMENT FIELD SCHOOL
SOUTH COAST WESTERN AUSTRALIA

This field school is part of a long-term research and management programme, which includes a 14-day applied heritage management field school delivered by Traditional Owners and specialists from across Australia and overseas. The course may be accredited by your University via a course credit through consultation with your supervisor (eg: Arts Practicum) and the Field School Coordinator.

Students will arrive in Esperance for cultural awareness and field school workshop on the first day, then travel by 4WD bus along the coast to various spectacular locations with the Traditional Owner community and specialists. All camping equipment and food is provided. Experience the amazing coastline and outback mallee bush while learning skills in archaeological survey, mapping, excavation, GPS navigation and recording, stone artefact analysis, community engagement, and land care. The team will research and survey the project area in a systematic manner and document the archaeological and historical heritage as well as the associated biodiversity values. Students will obtain a real cultural experience within a unique ecological landscape and learn practical skills in archaeology and geography.

Students need to find their own way to and return from Esperance. Pick-up and transport in Esperance will be arranged to the field school orientation and then the group travels together for the duration of the field trip. All accommodation is provided and includes cabins, caravans, and camping. Students only need to bring personal items, clothing and a sleeping bag.

Useful reading

Contact  David Guilfoyle, National Trust of Western Australia, PO Box 1162, West Perth, WA 6872, Australia.
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Fax   +61 8 9324 1571       Web   www.naturalheritage.or.au/Field_School.html

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**Director**  David Guilfoyle (Applied Archaeology)

**Sponsors**  National Trust of Western Australia  
Dept of Indigenous Affairs Western Australia  
Federal Government, Australia

**Period/site**  Late Pleistocene; Holocene; Historic periods

**Team size**  4 staff; 15 community, no experience necessary

**Dates**  22 November – 5 December 2009

**Apply by**  2 November 2009

**Minimum stay**  7 days

**Minimum age**  17

**Language**  English

**Cost**  $2,500 (AUD), includes all accommodation, instruction, food and equipment.

**Board & lodging**  Provided – see below

**Health/Insurance**  Check with organiser

**Visa**  Tourist visa acceptable
**BULGARIA**

**CHERVEN FORTRESS, ROUSSE, NORTHERN BULGARIA**

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<td>Period</td>
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The GrEASE Leonardo da Vinci project, managed in the UK by Grampus Heritage & Training Ltd, provides funded placement opportunities for recent graduates from UK archaeology courses. Placements are for six weeks and offer a great opportunity for eligible students to gain experience of archaeological excavation in Europe.

The GrEASE placement in Bulgaria will focus on the ongoing excavations at the impressive medieval Cherven Fortress. The host of the placement is the Regional Museum of History in Rousse. The previous eight archaeology placements at Cherven have been a great success. Finds have included a great deal of pottery and the remains of small scale craft workshops and kiln bases outside of the fortifications. In previous years participants have excavated medieval graves close to one of the church sites in the Cherven complex, leading to the first re-burial ceremony of archaeologically excavated human remains in Bulgaria.

**For further information/application details contact**  
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CONBUSTICA ROMAN MILITARY CAMP, NORTH WEST BULGARIA

Director  Krassimira Luka  
(Bulgarian Archaeological Association)

Sponsors  Bulgarian Archaeological Association

Period  Roman (45–70 AD) and Byzantine (4th century AD)

Team  5–10 staff; up to 30 participants

Experience  None required

Dates  Session 1:  5 – 31 July 2010  
Session 2:  2 – 29 August 2010

Apply by  31 December 2009

Minimum stay  4 weeks (20 working days)

Minimum age  16 years

Language  English

Costs  €500 per session

Board & lodging  Provided and included in cost – details below

Insurance  Own health and travel insurance

Visa/ Work permit  Not required for EU, US or Canadian citizens.

By the first century AD, the Romans had expanded their imperial reach into the eastern Balkans of present-day Europe. Among the many forts and towns they established in the region was the impressive fort of Conbustica, located in the northwest region of modern-day Bulgaria. The fort, situated on a plateau overlooking two major river valleys, was strategically positioned on the main road through the Roman province of Moesia. Conbustica is recorded on the Peutingerian Table, a schematic first-century AD map of the Roman world.

Over the years, excavations at the hilltop fort have revealed a classic model of Roman defensive architecture. The walls of the rhomboid-shaped fort were massive, with stone foundations measuring over six feet high and five feet wide. The wall's earthen superstructure is preserved to a height of four feet in some places. Inside the fort, archaeologists have found a range of artifacts that reveal the daily life of the soldiers who dwelt inside, including bronze artifacts, imported pottery and two unique bronze fibulae. This season, excavation director Krassimira Luka, in conjunction with the Bulgarian Archaeological Association, will continue to excavate the camp's fortifications, but will also explore the site's pottery kilns and workshops.

Visitors and students are invited to join the team by participating in this summer in the 2010 Field School. The training will afford students the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills in systematic survey and stratigraphic excavation techniques, including mapping of excavated features. The training will also include plan and section drawing, archaeological drafting, laboratory processing and documentation of excavated material. In addition to the skills training, participants will attend formal and informal lectures throughout the dig period on a variety of topics related to the archaeological experience.

Team members will stay two to a room in a nearby Monastery “Izvorski” (private bathrooms, hot water, TV and internet access). Meals include early morning breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the hotel. The food will be traditional Bulgarian. Special dietary needs will be taken into consideration if advised in advance. The project will supply all basic equipment needed.

Contact  Krassimira Luka, Bulgarian Archaeological Association, 21 Tsarigradsko shosse Blv, 1504 Sofia, Bulgaria.

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FRESCO HUNTING: PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPEDITION TO THE MEDIEVAL CHURCHES OF WESTERN BULGARIA (SOFIA AND REGION)

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<td>Period</td>
<td>Medieval (Bulgarian, Byzantine and Serbian): 10th – 14th centuries AD; Late Medieval (Ottoman): 15th – 17th centuries AD</td>
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<td>8 – 22 May 2010</td>
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<td>15 April 2010</td>
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<td>Team</td>
<td>Staff: 4; Participants: 10-12 max per session</td>
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<td>Experience</td>
<td>Sketching/drawing skills or basic knowledge of documentary photography. All participants will be asked to bring their personal photo cameras and (if available) their laptops.</td>
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<td>Specialists</td>
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<td>Minimum age</td>
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<td>Minimum stay</td>
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<td>€1,299 (approx $1,900), includes all educational and fieldwork activities, travel to and from the fieldwork venue, board and meals, excursions, sightseeing tours and entrance fees, transfer from and to Sofia airport, and administrative costs. Early registration and other discounts available – visit website for more details.</td>
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<td>Board &amp; lodging</td>
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<td>Vaccination</td>
<td>None required, but Tetanus is advisable.</td>
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<td>Health insurance</td>
<td>Recommended for all non-EU citizens. <strong>NB:</strong> fieldwork takes place frequently in damp conditions!</td>
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<td>Visa</td>
<td>None for EU, US, Canadian or Australian citizens. Others should refer to website.</td>
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This project aims to document medieval frescoes preserved in abandoned churches and chapels in remote areas of Western Bulgaria. The task of the 2010 field session is to upgrade the database created in previous seasons through documentation of the frescoes and their condition with a view to publication of a ‘Corpus of Medieval Frescoes from Western Bulgaria’ and development of further projects to support the sites in danger.

The project comprises three modules: fieldwork; educational course (lectures, workshops, training); and excursions. Participants will receive a Balkan Heritage Field School Certificate specifying fieldwork hours, educational modules and sites visited. Academic credits are available from the National Academy of Arts – Bulgaria.

Participants will be accommodated in Bankya – a SPA resort town within Sofia metropolitan area, where the main educational activities will also take place. Fieldwork will involve daily travel to churches (about 60–70 km from Sofia) with organised transport. Although the expedition agenda is quite intensive, those who want some private time may arrive early or stay after the expedition and take advantage of all the contemporary connections, services and entertainment offered in the Bulgarian capital.

Accommodation will be provided in two and three bedded rooms with WC and shower. Transport will be arranged by the organisers. Requests for vegetarian food can also be accepted.

For further information, including travel and meeting arrangements, contact organiser or visit the BH website.

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VARNA – AN EARLY CHRISTIAN MONASTERY-STRONGHOLD
A BYZANTINE COLD CASE FILE

The ruins on Djanavar hill near Varna belong to an Early Christian church of Syrian type. Its plan is one of a kind in the Balkan Peninsula. Four additional halls, decorated with marble revetments and mosaics are attached to the single-nave and the narthex. In the crypt archaeologist found three reliquaries (a marble, silver and a golden one - the last decorated with precious stones). The building was constructed most probably during the reign of Byzantine Emperor Justinian I (527-565) and destroyed latest in 615 during the raid of Avars and Slavs. Scholars’ interpretation connects this church with the small but socially and economically important Monophysite community of Syrian refugees living in sixth century Byzantine Odessos.

The present excavation project started in 2007, reopening this Byzantine cold case file 80 years after the first investigations by Karel and Hermengild Schkorpur with the main goal to reconfirm or to reject their interpretation on this exceptional Byzantine monument. Graves and walls excavated in 2009 proved the thesis that the church was not a single structure, but part of a complex. But who was buried here: monks, aristocrats, Monophysites or common Christians? Come and see in 2010! The project will continue in 2010 trying to answer following question: what was the role of this structure for the early Christian community at Odessos? Two field school sessions are available in 2010, each comprising three modules: fieldwork; educational course (lectures, workshops and field trainings in Early Byzantine Archaeology), and excursions to Black sea beaches and resorts, Madara (UNESCO heritage site), Stone forest rocks and the Roman mosaics museum in Marcianopolis. All participants will receive a Balkan Heritage Field School Certificate specifying fieldwork hours, educational modules and sites visited. The Certificate, evaluation letter and participant’s field report are considered as credit worthy by most universities and colleges worldwide.

Accommodation is included in the cost and provided in comfortable hotel rooms (with two or three beds) with bathroom, TV and air conditioning. (Single rooms available upon request for an additional fee of €330). All meals will be served in the hotel tavern. Local food is a mix of meaty Balkan cuisine and light Mediterranean dishes. Vegetarians can be accepted. Participants are not expected to bring any additional equipment.

Varna has an international airport and harbour and can be reached by bus and train from major Bulgarian towns and border points. Transfer from the airport to the hotel can be arranged on request.

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Explore one of the most remote islands on Earth to uncover the evolution of agriculture and the consequences of environmental degradation. Easter Island (Rapa Nui) – or Isla de Pascua in Spanish – is a “special territory” of Chile, located 3,702 km (2,300 miles) west of Santiago. The island is triangular in shape and is composed of three volcanoes: Mount Terevaka, Rano Kau, and Poike. Together they form a landmass of about 105 sq km (65 square miles). The research area for this study consists of the upland region, Vaitea, and the surrounding terrain located on the island’s central volcano. The region is now sparsely covered with vegetation.

Prehistoric field systems are located on the slopes of the volcano and positioned around basalt outcrops and within protective swales and valleys. The agricultural fields, which are covered by a light to moderately dense grass, are readily identifiable by the surface concentrations of rock and small boulders. Domestic sites, represented by small stone arrangements, are located between the gardens. Many points of interest are within a short walk of the project site, including Caves, petroglyphs, reconstructed and unreconstructed ceremonial centers, swimming and fishing areas, and a small town with restaurants and shops. Rapa Nui’s archaeological record is impressive on both large and small scales, and much of its human history is steeped in tragedy. The coastal temples (ahu) and the statue (moai) quarries are large, impressive and unforgettable. The archaeology of the domestic sphere of life is also rich in detail. With a little experience, what first appear to you as random clusters of unworked stone will soon become recognizable as important features from the past.

You’ll work in a uniquely beautiful landscape amid the warm sea breezes on the island’s western and northern coasts, searching for prehistoric dwellings, earth ovens, gardens, livestock enclosures, and agricultural fields. Under the gaze of the giant stone moai, you’ll conduct surface surveys of house sites and dig test-pits in gardens to document the evolution of farming. The artifacts you find will throw light on the lives of Rapa Nui’s original inhabitants, their culture, and its ultimate fate. In your recreational time, wander in awe over what’s been called "one giant archaeological site," with nearby petroglyphs, caves, and ceremonial centers to capture your imagination. Or, take a horseback ride along the island’s rocky headlands or a swim at a secluded beach.

You'll stay in cozy double rooms in a residencia, or small family hotel, in "downtown" Hanga Roa, the only town on Easter Island (Rapa Nui). The house has a fine common room, dining room, garden, and conventional bathroom facilities, but electricity, propane, and water are expensive--so expect to conserve. You’ll enjoy creative island cuisine, including fresh fruits and seafood, prepared by the house cook, but bring your favorite small trail or field foods—and some to share!—as such foods can be great for the field and hard to obtain on site.
EARLY CHRISTIAN BASILICA, AKROTIRI PENINSULA

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This six week placement presents an exciting opportunity for up to eight archaeology graduates from the UK to gain experience of archaeological excavation in Cyprus. The site is of an Early Christian Basilica. The participants will be hosted by the Akrotiri Environmental Centre and will join the excavation led by the Cypriot Department of Antiquities on the Akrotiri Peninsula. The period of the placement is arranged to benefit from the most suitable weather conditions for excavation in Cyprus, avoiding the summer heat. Students will stay in self-catering shared accommodation in Akrotiri village. Akrotiri is a short drive from Limassol. Flights and accommodation will be covered by the project funding. A self-catering allowance will also be provided.

In 2000 members of the Western Sovereign Base Area (WSBA) Archaeological group discovered some individual loose tesserae, supposedly from a mosaic floor, when walking in the Akrotiri peninsula. This find prompted further searching in the area and a small section of mosaic floor with a thin earth covering was uncovered. This mosaic was re-covered by the WSBA group and the potential site reported to the Department of Antiquities. Excavation of the site, Katalymmata ton Plakoton, did not begin until 2007 due to time and budget restraints. In October 2007 the excavation of the site began under the direction of Dr Eleni Procopiou from the Department of Antiquities. As well as employing a number of labourers, Dr Procopiou was assisted by a skilled technician from the Limassol museum, two PhD students from the University of Athens, a Department of Antiquities conservation team and ourselves (five archaeology graduate students).

Prior to beginning the excavation it was believed that the area was the site of an Early Christian Basilica. This belief was upheld throughout the excavation with finds and mosaics supporting a date of around the 7th Century AD. No evidence of burning was found which suggests that the structure was destroyed prior to the Arab raids of the 7th Century AD. The mosaics uncovered have been described as the best to date in Cyprus. A total of sixteen different designs with origins across the whole of Cyprus were uncovered.

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EGYPT

TELL TIMAI, TIMAI EL AMDID

The ruins of the Greco-Roman Egyptian city of Thmuis are found at Tell-El Timai in the Delta region of Egypt near the modern city of El-Mansoura. Thmuis is first mentioned in Classical texts by Herodotus (Histories of Herodotus 2.166) based on his visit in the middle of the 5th century BC. By Ptolemaic times the city was flourishing, having assumed administration of the Mendesian nome from its sister city at nearby Tell el Rub'a. The city earned its greatest fame as the source of Mendesian perfume which was prized throughout the Mediterranean. The city later played an important role in the rise of early Christianity, serving as an episcopal see during the late Roman Period (3rd–4th centuries AD).

In 2010 we plan to excavate Ptolemaic temple, a cemetery and a colonnaded street at this Greco-Roman, Egyptian site. This program will occupy four consecutive six-day weeks. Participants will be put in charge of various tasks: excavation supervision, recording, registry, pottery sorting, and seriation. From time to time they will also be called upon to assist the technical core staff in such tasks as surveying, human and faunal remains recovery, pottery cleaning and restoration, and photography detail.

The investigation will include street-by-street mapping of downtown Thmuis and excavation of elite and administrative precincts of the older Hellenistic district and harbor area. This project will offer students comprehensive training in survey, mapping, excavation, and laboratory analysis of artifacts. In addition, we will take several field trips to Monumental Pharaonic sites such as Giza and Tanis, the National Museum, as well as Classical sites such as Alexandria.

Participants must arrive in Cairo by 13 June. Transportation will be provided from Cairo Airport to the site and from site. The team will be accommodated in a house in the village of Timai El Amdid, with 3-4 sharing a room. Showers will be available. Food will be provided by a team cook.

Useful reading

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KIERIKKIKANGAS STONE AGE EXCAVATIONS AND FIELD SCHOOL

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The EASE Leonardo da Vinci Project managed in the UK by Grampus Heritage & Training Limited provides funded six-week archaeology placements, for archaeology undergraduates studying in the UK, to join a range of excavations throughout Europe. Placements will take place in the summer of 2010 to coincide with student holidays.

Participants are encouraged to use the EASE placements as a source of accreditation for compulsory fieldwork modules in their UK course of study. Opportunities are fully funded and the cost of flights, food (three meals per day) and accommodation will be covered by the project. All host partners in the project will be happy to complete field assessment sheets and to provide evidence and feedback to assist in this process.

The Kierikkikangas Stone Age Excavations are hosted by the Kierikki Stone Age Centre which has been running an international archaeological field school for several years – visit www.oulu.fi/intl/nocu/fieldschool/index.html for more information.

The coastline of the Baltic extended to Kierikki around 7000 – 5000 years ago. Since then, land rise has moved the mouth of the River Iijoki 30 km westwards. Five thousand years ago, the population was concentrated close to the coast in several large villages, the remains of which have been preserved nearly untouched in the area stretching from the village of Yli-Ii eastwards to the Pahkakoski rapids. This complex constitutes one of the most important archaeological sites in Finland. In 1993, archaeologists from the University of Oulu discovered the rich Kuuselankangas site, and a few years later the prehistoric wood deposits of Purkajasuo bog. Since then, the region has been the focus of continuing archaeological research under the combined auspices of the University of Oulu and the National Board of Antiquities.

The UK participants will be working alongside Finnish archaeologists and students from Oulu University. The main aim of the placement will be to complete the excavation of a Stone Age house depression and, time allowing, to complete some test pits in the area. The village is located less than half a kilometre from the Stone Age Centre and during the summer it will be open to visitors. Participants will be required to interact with tourists and site visitors as the wooden pathway to the Stone Age village goes through the site. Tour guides usually show visitors stone polishing or archery and there will be opportunities for participants to take part in some experimental archaeology, depending on skills, experience and interests. Participants will also be taken on field trips in the surrounding area to visit different kinds of sites and monuments and visit Oulu University's archaeology department and laboratory.

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GERMANY

MAGDEBURG MEDIEVAL CITY

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For the past eight years Grampus Leonardo da Vinci groups have joined the excavations in the centre of the city of Magdeburg. Working alongside archaeologists from the Landesamt für Archäologie Sachsen Anhalt, participants were able to develop key skills related to archaeological excavation in the urban environment. The 2010 EASE placement in Germany will once again offer participants the chance to work alongside the archaeology unit from the region of Sachsen Anhalt for a six week period.

The excavations will again focus on the city centre market place close to the cathedral. Accommodation will be arranged at the University for participants. All participants will be expected to work alongside archaeologists from the Sachsen Anhalt Unit. This may involve changing excavation locations at short notice if the unit is required to carry out rescue archaeology. The main aim of the excavation is to explore the extent of the palace of Otto 1st. The archaeology involves the careful excavation of many occupation layers. For further information, visit the Landesamt für Archäologie Sachsen Anhalt museum website at: www.archlsa.de/ or visit the homepage of the excavations at: www.archlsa.de/funde-der-monde/06.04/index.htm

Reports from previous participants are available on the Grampus website and provide an excellent insight into this placement opportunity in Germany. Grampus staff will gladly deal with further enquiries via email (see below).

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16th century engraving of Magdeburg showing the cathedral clearly visible in the centre.
GREECE

ARGILOS, NORTHERN GREECE

Argilos is situated on the north Aegean coast, four kilometers west of the Strymona delta. It is one of the earliest Greek colonies in this area, founded in 655–54 BC. Excavations conducted by the University of Montreal and the Greek Ephoreia of Kavala have uncovered extensive architectural remains, covering all periods of occupation. The city prospered for some 300 years and was destroyed by Philipp II in 357 BC.

Students participate in all aspects of the archaeological process, including museum study, assisted by trained professionals. Three credits (Undergraduate) and three credits (graduate level) can be obtained. University fees for these credits are $600 CAD.

Accommodation is in furnished apartments (2 or 3 bedrooms, with kitchen and bathroom) in the nearby village of Asprovalta. Students receive the Argilos student guide which contains all relevant information on the practical aspects of the dig: how to get there, what to bring, working hours, etc. A bibliography can be found on the project website at: www.argilos.org

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**ATHENIAN AGORA VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

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<td><strong>Team</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Experience</strong></td>
<td>Some archaeological experience required; undergraduates are welcome, but preference will be given to graduates preparing for professional careers in classical archaeology and those willing to work the entire season.</td>
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| **Dates** | 1 June – 1 August 2010  
Exact dates to be announced. |
| **Apply by** | 15 December 2009  
Go to website for application form. Applicants will be notified after 15 February 2010. |
| **Minimum stay** | 6 weeks, preference given to applicants for full 8-week season |
| **Minimum age** | 18 |
| **Language** | English |
| **Cost/Room & board** | Volunteer. Room and a modest allowance for board are provided for the time volunteers are working at the excavations. Travel arrangements to and from Greece are the responsibility of each volunteer. |
| **Vaccination/insurance** | Check with organisers |
| **Visa** | Check with organisers |

The American School of Classical Studies at Athens announces a program for volunteer excavators wishing to participate in the archaeological excavations of the Athenian Agora during the summer of 2010. Approximately 35 volunteers are chosen on the basis of academic qualifications and previous archaeological field experience. Undergraduate applications are welcome, priority is given to graduate students preparing for professional careers in classical archaeology and those willing to work the entire season.

The volunteer staff will participate in all aspects of the archaeological fieldwork under the supervision of a staff of field archaeologists and technical experts, all of whom have extensive field experience and advanced academic training in classical archaeology. Volunteers will be trained in the basic techniques of excavation: working with pick, trowel, shovel, and wheelbarrow; cleaning and investigating stratigraphy; delicate cleaning of artifacts in the ground; sifting of excavated earth and techniques of flotation; washing and basic conservation of pottery and other objects; clerical work involved in the keeping of excavation records. All tasks will be assigned in rotation, and volunteers are expected to participate in them all.

The excavations of 2010 are planned for eight weeks beginning early June and continuing until early August. Fieldwork is in progress five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 7am to 3pm, with a 30-minute break at midmorning. Volunteers are expected to be on the site during these hours and to work at the excavations for a minimum of six weeks. As noted above, preference is given to those applicants who can work the full eight weeks.

Members of the volunteer staff will be provided with living accommodation in Athens at no cost during the time they are working for the excavations. Small groups of volunteers will share rented apartments in the Kolonaki district of Athens, a short distance from the American School, and approximately a 30-minute walk from the excavations. No provisions can be made for spouses or roommates unless they are also accepted as volunteers in their own right.

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**Web** [http://www.ascsa.edu.gr](http://www.ascsa.edu.gr)

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**American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Programs and Fellowships for 2010–2011**

ASCSA offers a wide range of Study in Greece Programs and Fellowships. For full details, eligibility, application procedures and deadlines, visit the ASCSA website (see above).
ICELAND

MT HEKLA AND WESTFJORDS SETTLEMENT PERIOD EXCAVATION

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The Kot Excavations have been running in Iceland since 2006. The excavation is located in south-east Iceland, near the great volcano of Mt Hekla and is approximately a one hour drive to Reykjavik, the capital city of Iceland. The excavation focuses on the recovery of a house which seems to have been abandoned before 1300 and archaeological data suggests that it might have been built as early as the Settlement Period (874 AD). The team have already excavated half the house and in 2010 the rest of the house will be unearthed. The six week placement will be spent divided between the Kot and an underwater excavation located in the Westfjords (details are to be confirmed). No experience of diving is required. The group will be transported to/from the excavation site each day by minibus or car. Participants will be accredited with a certificate demonstrating evidence of their time on excavation.

The placement is funded by the EU Leonardo da Vinci scheme and covers return flights from an allocated airport in the UK, travel insurance, accommodation costs and a subsistence allowance. As Iceland is an expensive country it is highly recommended that participants take their own pocket money for things they decide to do during free evenings and weekends.

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The GrEASE Leonardo da Vinci project provides funded placement opportunities for recent graduates from UK archaeology courses. Placements are for nine weeks and will run during the summer months. These placements offer a great opportunity for final-year archaeology students to gain valuable experience of archaeological excavation in Europe, following completion of a relevant degree in the UK.

The project is run by Skriðuklaustursrannsóknir (SKR) for the Institute of Gunnar Gunnarsson (Gunnarsstofnun), the East Iceland Heritage Museum and the National Museum of Iceland under the direction of archaeologist Dr Steinunn Kristjánsdóttir, Assistant Professor at the National Museum of Iceland and University of Iceland in Reykjavik. The archaeological project was begun in January 2002. Its aim is to investigate the Augustinian monastery that was operated on the farmstead Skriða in the Fljótsdalur Valley, East Iceland, during the period from 1493 to the Reformation in 1550. Despite its short tenure, the monastery acquired a large amount of land, and its library was comparable to that of other Icelandic cloisters. It is known that both a hospice and a children’s school was operated there. The ruins of the monastery stretch over an area of approximately 1200 m², and include a church, cemetery, monastic houses and a garden. The skeletal material from the cemetery indicates that the Augustinians at the Skriðuklaustur monastery ran a hospice for sick and elderly people. Botanical evidence and surgical equipment indicate medical as well as surgical knowledge. During 2010 excavations will continue on two rooms of the monastic building, inside the church’s nave and cemetery.

The working week is Monday to Thursday from 8am to 5 pm and Fridays from 8am to midday. Participants will be expected to spend one weekend during the season at the site helping with guiding visitors. Participants should bring suitable clothing for cold days as well as for warm days as the weather can change from 5° – 25° C. On days with heavy rain the team will work at the conservation lab at Skriðuklaustur with excavated material, i.e. cleaning and packing artefacts, preparing samples and so on. There will be a shed on the site, where the participants can take refreshments at break times. A common lunch will be served at Skriðuklaustur every working day. All equipment needed for the excavation will be provided by the project.

The site at Skriðuklaustur is located approximately 45 km away from Egilsstadir, the largest town in East Iceland. There is an international as well as an internal airport, hospital, pubs and most common types of stores, tourist centre, swimming pool (out-door) and museums. A ferry, sailing between Norway, Faeroe Islands and Iceland, stops at Seyðisfjörður harbour, 25 km away from Egilsstaðir, once a week.

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The Achill Archaeological Field School was founded in 1991 as a Training School for students of archaeology and anthropology. The Field School is based at the Achill Archaeology Centre in Dooagh and at the Deserted Village of Slievemore, both of which are located in the west of Ireland on Achill Island in County Mayo. The Field School is involved in a study of the prehistoric and historic landscape at Slievemore, incorporating a research excavation at a number of sites within the village. Slievemore is rich in archaeological monuments that span a 5000-year period from the Neolithic to the Post Medieval.

Since 1991, the research design guiding archaeological work at Slievemore has focused upon defining the full chronology of human activity on the mountain. In 2005, the research design built upon that general goal by focusing more specifically upon the potential of the material culture associated with the 18th/19th century village to inform our understanding of daily life in rural Ireland during a period of political, economic and social turmoil. Excavations for 2009 will be concentrated in three locations, at a Roundhouse, of Late Neolithic or Early Bronze Age, on Slievemore, at the Deserted Village on Slievemore and at an 18th century house at Keem Bay. Students who attend the field school will gain academic and practical field work experience, environmental archaeology, ceramics identification, digital survey and mapping, geophysics, and GIS. Academic Credit for overseas students is provided by the National University of Ireland at Galway. In addition to their chosen course of study, students will receive a tour of the archaeology and heritage of Achill Island and have free access to the weekly lectures provided by invited speakers from various academic and private institutions in Ireland.

The facilities include high-quality self-catering hostel accommodation next door to the Achill Archaeology Centre. Rooms are shared by a maximum of four students. All equipment (trowel, kneeling pad) is provided. A full reading list is available on the website (see below). The Archaeology Centre has a purpose-built lecture hall as well as laboratory and computing facilities (internet access not included in course fees). For an additional fee, Field School students have the chance to take part in one-day and three-day archaeological tours of Mayo, Galway and Sligo. Travel information to and from Ireland and the site will be provided.

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TIBERIAS EXCAVATIONS, SEA OF GALILEE

Director  
Dr Katia Cytryn-Silverman  
(Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Period  
Late Antique – Early Islamic

Dates  
10 – 29 April 2010

Apply by  
20 March 2010

Team  
5 staff; 10–20 volunteers

Experience  
No previous experience required

Minimum stay  
One work week

Minimum age  
18

Language  
English

Costs  
$50 non-refundable registration fee, + $400–$500 (depending on length of stay), which includes full room and board from Saturday night check in to the hotel through to check out. The fee also included all field trips and lectures. Student discounts are available – contact organisers.

Board & lodging  
Provided and included in cost – see details below.

Insurance/ Medical  
Check with project organisers

Visa  
Check with project organisers

Tiberias constitutes one of the most important archaeological sites in Israel, relevant to the cultural and religious heritage of the three monotheistic faiths. The city was founded in 19 CE by King Herod Antipas as a Roman city in Jewish Palestine. The city grew and flourished under Roman and Byzantine rule, reaching its peak during the Early Islamic period, as the capital of the province Jund al-Urdunn. Tiberias was repeatedly ravaged and damaged by earthquakes during the 11th century, resulting in its final decline at the time of the Crusader conquest in the year 1099 CE.

Several excavations have been conducted in Tiberias during the past fifty years. A new project began in March 2009 dealing with a colonnaded structure in the heart of the ancient city, partially excavated in the 1950s by B Ravani and later by Y Hirschfeld. The building, which was originally dubbed as a covered market, has recently been restudied by Dr Cytryn-Silverman, who suggests that the structure is not a market, but rather a congregational mosque dating from the Early Islamic period. The main focus of the March season was to excavate squares in and adjacent to the colonnaded building, defining its phases, dating and architecture. Initial data was retrieved during the season, prompting further research questions dealing with the building, its phases and its urban context. Special finds from the first season include: a mosaic floor, an Arabic inscription, complete oil lamps and hundreds of coins. Volunteers will be provided with a series of field trips in addition to lectures by Israeli archaeologists, and receive a certificate attesting to their participation in the excavation.

The expedition will stay at the Aviv Hotel, 10 mins on foot from the site, along the promenade of the Sea of Galilee and 5 minutes from the city centre of Tiberias. All rooms have private bathroom, TV, air-conditioning and a balcony. Single or double rooms available. Camping options also possible.

Useful reading

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ITALY

DISCOVERING ITALY’S ANCIENT ROMAN COAST, POGGIO DEL MOLINO, TUSCANY

This excavation project takes place on one of the most important active archaeological sites in all of Italy. This ancient maritime settlement is located in the heart of the former territory of one of the most important Etruscan cities, Populonia, overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea. Situated in a strategic part of the bay, next to a navigable inland lake and to the great Campiglia mines, Populonia was for centuries (from 900 BCE to 100 CE) one of the most important centres of iron smelting and trade in the Mediterranean. The transfer of the city to Roman rule (250/200 BCE) did not halt its metalworking activities: iron exports supported the Roman expansion in Africa, and the Augustan ruling class (50 BCE – 50 CE) had important economic interests in the area's industrial production and commerce. This project aims to fill key gaps in our knowledge of the industrial history and coastal economy of Populonia and its region, from the early Roman period (250/200 BCE) to the early Middle Ages (600 CE). The project results will offer a more profound understanding of the industrial aspects of Roman rule and territorial exploitation, given the site's strategic position near natural resources. You'll have a chance to help the research employing skills from all relevant archaeological and historical disciplines to reconstruct the area’s complex past as fully as possible. With treasure hunters, looters, and even development pressures threatening the integrity of the site, your help is needed to secure the past before they are lost forever.

The site is located in luxuriant green landscape overlooking the sea where the Mediterranean vegetation is particularly varied. Populonia’s own Parco Archeologico di Baratti, there is a famous Etruscan necropolis of monumental tomb mounds, with acropolis temples and a sacred complex, probably dedicated to Venus. Characteristically medieval towns such as Donoratico, Bolgheri, Suvereto, Sassetta, and Massa Marittima dot the area, all of them famous for their traditional seasonal festivals, excellent wine, and succulent food (especially wild game such as boar). Populonia’s central position on the Tuscan coast makes it easy to reach Pisa, Firenze, Siena, Arezzo, Volterra, Pienza, San Gimignano, and Montalcino in a very short time.

You'll stay in simple-but-comfortable apartments in the quiet village of Populonia Station, about 5km/3.2 miles away from the site. The apartments feature modern furnishings, beds, flush toilets, electricity, gas heat, hot showers, kitchen facilities, and internet access. You’ll participate in both the preparation and clean-up of all meals, and will have many opportunities to enjoy local wines, desserts, and other culinary delights, as well as traditional cultural events and festivals, depending on the season.

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MACEDONIA

HERACLEA LYNCESTIS EXCAVATION PROJECT, BITOLA

Project Directors
Anica Georgievska and Engin Nasuh
(Institute–Museum–Gallery of Bitola)

Sponsors
Balkan Heritage Field School (Bulgaria)
Bitola Institute–Museum–Gallery (Macedonia)

Period
Hellenistic, Roman, Late Antique
(4th century BC – 6th century AD)

Team size
Staff: 10; Participants: 15 – 30 max per session

Experience
Previous experience not necessary

Dates
3 – 17 July 2010
18 July – 1 August 2010

Apply by
1 June 2010

Minimum stay
One session (15 days)

Minimum age
18 years

Language
English

Costs
€1,199 – including tuition, fieldwork activities, full-board accommodation, excursions/sightseeing tours/entrance fees and administrative costs. Early registration and other discounts available – visit website for more details.

Board & lodging
Provided & included in cost – see details below

Vaccination
None required, but Tetanus is advisable.

Health insurance
Recommended for all non-EU citizens.

Visa/work permit
None for EU, US, Canadian or Australian citizens. Others should refer to website.

In the 1950s, the area was declared an archaeological reserve and since then many significant monuments of antiquity (Forum, Theatre, Early Christian basilicas and residential buildings) have been uncovered and restored by the Bitola Institute-Museum-Gallery.

Season 2010 envisions excavations in two sectors: the acropolis or the area across the river (presumably Hellenistic and Early Roman) and the area around the Theatre (Roman and Late Roman). Two field school sessions are available in 2010, each comprises three modules: fieldwork, an educational course (lectures, workshops and field training) and excursions to the UNESCO heritage town and lake of Ohrid as well as to Roman city of Stobi. Field school participants will work on random excavation sector with the possibility of moving to another sector. All participants will receive a BH Field School certificate specifying fieldwork hours, educational modules and sites visited.

Participants will be housed in a comfortable hotel in the city centre in shared rooms with bathroom, TV and air conditioning. Single rooms available for an additional fee of €250. Three meals per day will be served in the hotel restaurant. Requests for vegetarian food can be accepted. Bitola is situated in the southwest of Macedonia, close to the border with Greece, with good transport links. Transfer to Bitola can be arranged - contact organiser.

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A SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION INTO THE GOBI DESERT

Director
Steven Ballantyne
(Expedition Project Management Ltd)

Dates
24 July – 8 August 2010

Apply by
Until spaces filled

Team size
10 staff; 16 participants, plus 2 cooks and 4 drivers/support crew.

Experience/Specialists required
A dentist and project photographer or artist would be welcome.

Minimum age
20 – 75, depending on fitness

Minimum stay
Full 16 day expedition

Language
English

Cost
The price per person US$3,400
Single supplement US$ 60
12% agent’s fee payable upon booking
Special rates available for 10+ participants
Hotel upgrade cost available upon request.
See website for full details of what is included in the expedition cost.

Board and lodging
Provided and included in cost – see details below.

Vaccinations
Check requirements with GP/ Health Centre

Insurance
International health/travel insurance required.

Visa/Work permit
Visa required prior to arrival into Mongolia – please check with your Local Mongolian Embassy for full details or contact EPM Ltd.

The Expedition Project Management Company Ltd is proud to present its new expedition to Mongolia, undertaking Paleontological, Herpetological and Botany research in the Gobi desert. This is a unique opportunity to work alongside eminent Mongolian scientists from the University of Ulaanbaatar and assist them with their research into this fascinating country, as well as to enjoy the opportunity to explore the vast plains of the Gobi Desert and experience at first hand real Gobi hospitality! And of course have a lot of fun in the process. With such a varied and unique programme, a general enthusiasm for travel, a desire to explore this fantastic country and a willingness to fully participate in what we will be doing is all you will need. As we will be working with eminent Mongolian scientists, we would encourage paleontologists, geologists, botanists and zoologists interested in working in the Gobi desert and the mountains to join the expedition. It is the diversity of talents of a multi-disciplined team that will contribute to the success of the expedition. A little riding experience is an advantage but not essential.

The professional team of scientists will work closely with you on all the research projects. They are: Professor Perle (Paleontologist), who has an international reputation for his life long commitment to paleontology; Professor Terbish (Herpetologist), Professor or Ecology at the University of Ulaanbaatar, whose exceptional knowledge has been gained through extensive expeditions, which have taken him the length and breadth of Mongolia; Dr Oyntsetseg (Botantist), lecturer in the department of Botany at the Mongolia National University – well used to expedition life her knowledge on local flora is second to none; and Expedition Leader Steven Ballantyne, who had led expeditions in Mongolia, and who continues to work extensively in Papua New Guinea and East Timor.

Accommodation will be arranged in a 3 star hotel provided in Ulaanbaatar, with tents provided on site. 4x4 transportation will be provided to and from Ulaanbaatar. All tools and equipment required to be supplied by the University of Ulaanbaatar. Food – very high standard – will be freshly prepared daily on site by two qualified Mongolian cooks or at local restaurants in Ulaanbaatar, all meals provided except for two lunches in UB. As with all EPM Ltd initiatives community aid projects will be undertaken during the trip. Visit the website (see below) for the full 16 day itinerary and further details, or email the Expedition Leader.

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ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL IN THE PHILIPPINES, PALAWAN ISLAND

Directors
Dr Peter Lape (University of Washington)
Dr Victor Paz (University of the Philippines)

Sponsors
Henry Luce Foundation

Period
4000 BP – 5000 BP

Dates
29 March – 2 May 2010

Apply by
16 November 2009

Team size
8 staff; 25 field school students

Experience
No previous experience required

Academic Credits
12 credits from University of Washington

Minimum age
18

Minimum stay
Full session only; opportunities to stay longer after program ends

Language
Course conducted in English

Cost
$4,600 including tuition, food, housing and domestic travel. Airfare to Manila, health insurance and passport/visa fees not included.

Board and lodging
Provided – see details below.

Vaccinations
Check requirements with GP/ Health Centre

Insurance
International health/travel insurance required.

Visa/ Work permit
Tourist visa – Program will help arrange

Learn archaeological excavation, survey, mapping, and artifact analysis on northern Palawan Island in the Philippines. The course is open to undergraduate and graduate students from any university, who will earn 12 University of Washington credits. Course is co-taught by Dr Peter Lape, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington and Dr Victor Paz, Director, Archaeological Studies Program, University of the Philippines.

Participants will learn archaeological field skills by working in real field conditions as part of ongoing archaeological research, working with 20–25 students and staff from the USA, the Philippines and other SE Asian nations. Language of instruction will be English. Archaeological field work is physically demanding, especially in the tropical climate of Palawan. Free days can be spent exploring the local villages, mountains, coral reefs and beaches that draw thousands of tourists to beautiful Palawan Island each year.

The team will meet in Manila on 29 March 2010 for several days of pre-excavation orientation at the University of the Philippines, Diliman. We will then travel to Palawan by small plane, and from the airport to our sites in the El Nido and Sibaltan Bay area by van. The team will stay in small, simple guest houses and tents, and a cook on the staff will provide local cuisine. Students should bring their own tent, sleeping bag and personal items, but all archaeological equipment will be provided.

Useful reading
http://faculty.washington.edu/plapa/palawan

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CASTANHEIRO DO VENTO, VILA NOVA DE FOZ COA, NE PORTUGAL

Organisers
Grampus Heritage and Training Ltd UK, European Archaeology Skills Exchange (EASE) project, hosted by University of Porto/ACDR Freixo de Numão

Period
Copper Age/Bronze Age walled enclosure

Volunteers
8 places available

Dates
27 June – 31 July 2010

Apply by
1 April 2010

Duration
Full Placement Period (5 weeks)

Minimum age
18

Language
Portuguese/Spanish/English

Health
Tetanus recommended.

Costs
EASE placements are fully funded by the EU Leonardo da Vinci scheme and the cost of flights, food and accommodation.

Vítor Oliveira Jorge and João Muralha Cardoso started a research projected based on the excavations of Castanheiro do Vento in 1998. The research team has now grown to include Ana Vale, Gonçalo Leite Velho, Bárbara Carvalho and Sérgio Gomes, and excavation work at the hill-top site (720 m above sea level) continues every summer. The excavations so have revealed three concentric walls intercepted by the so called “bastions” (semi-circular structures) and several entrances. These types of sites are usually interpreted in the Iberian Peninsula as fortified settlements. However the research undertaken at Castanheiro do Vento, as well as at Castelo Velho (a similar site located 11 kilometres from Castanheiro do Vento and studied by Susana Oliveira Jorge, University of Porto), questions this interpretation. It is thought that Castanheiro do Vento was not built purely as a defensive site due to conflicts during the 3rd millennium BC, but had other associations and uses that are under discussion, and it is suggested that Castanheiro do Vento was a meeting point with several uses/significances.

These issues are discussed at the end of the working day and the views and contributions to the debate from all those taking part in the excavation are welcomed. Once a week, the staff explains the methodology, including topography, recording, drawing, etc. At the weekends it is possible to visit the Museum of Casa Grande and the archaeological sites of Castelo Velho de Freixo de Numão (Copper Age) and Prazo (Neolithic, Roman, Medieval). All the participants will also have the option to go on a visit to see the world famous Paleolithic open air engravings of the Côa river valley (UNESCO World Heritage Site) (entrance fee not included).

Equipment will be provided, but volunteers should make sure they are well equipped with clothes and footwear suitable for all kinds of weather, a camping bottle, sun protection cream and a sleeping bag. A certificate of participation will be provided. Transport from the train station of Freixo de Numão to the village will be arranged.

Useful reading about the project can be found at: www.architectures.home.sapo.pt/Publishedpapers.htm

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ŠAHY BRONZE AGE SETTLEMENT

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Participants are encouraged to use the EASE placements as a source of accreditation for compulsory fieldwork modules in their UK course of study. Opportunities are fully funded and the cost of flights, food (three meals per day) and accommodation will be covered by the project. All host partners in the project will be happy to complete field assessment sheets and to provide evidence and feedback to assist in this process.

The Slovak/Hungarian border town of Šahy has been the location for Grampus archaeology placements since 2001. The initial focus of these excavations was the medieval monastery, where participants have gained invaluable experience of excavating a site with complex stratigraphy and where several medieval burials have been discovered, recorded and excavated. In 2006, a new factory construction led to the discovery of a new Bronze Age site on the outskirts of Šahy. The focus of the excavations therefore moved from the monastery to the investigation of this incredibly important site. Grampus is delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for UK archaeology students to join the Bronze-Age excavations at Šahy again in 2010.

The archaeological site the group will work on this year is a site of the so called "Hatvan culture". The people of the Hatvan culture lived in the period between 1850 – 1600 BC, which belongs to the older Bronze Age in the Carpathian Basin. It was named after the archaeological site next to the Hungarian town of Hatvan, and it covers the north-eastern part of the Hungarian Plain, the area between the Körös and Ipel Rivers. The fortified settlements can be characterised by cremation burial. The dead were not put in urns, but they were dispersed. Sites are usually rich in ceramics, as well as objects made of bones and stone. Bronze artefacts are rare.

The site at Šahy presents the remains of a settlement. The research is carried out in order to rescue the finds, as a substantial part of the site was destroyed by construction work. Two years ago, an employee of the National Institute of Archaeology found a fireplace, a pot and a stone covered fireplace here. The task for this year will be the examination of a bigger area and of the soil removed from this area, which is expected to be rich in finds, and then to continue the research layer by layer.

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STROPKOV BRONZE AGE SETTLEMENT

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The GrEASE placement in Stropkov in 2004 and 2005 focused on the excavation of a ‘virgin’ site. The aim of the excavation was to establish whether the ‘Bluefield’ castle, known from literary sources, was located on this site. The location of the research, a hill some 5 km from the main town of Stropkov, shows clearly visible fortified banks and ditches. The results of these excavations indicate that the site was not the location of the ‘bluefield castle’ but was that of a smaller fortification from the Brethren Period.

Since 2006, the excavations have focused on a new location in the Stropkov region to investigate a site showing evidence of occupation during the Bronze Age. The excavation site is located in a cultivated field on the outskirts of Stropkov where fieldwalking by local archaeologists revealed a cluster of Bronze Age finds in the field. The excavation in 2010 will continue on the site of Vlaca, in order to gain a deeper understanding of its history. During the eight-week placement, participants will excavate to explore the hypothesis that the site was the location of a Bronze-Age settlement. Sampling strategies may be adopted and geophysical techniques may also be employed on the site. The excavations will be conducted under the guidance of a local archaeologist.

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ROMAN CITY AND NECROPOLIS DIG: SANISERA, MENORCA

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For 2010, we will be excavating both the Roman City and Necropolis at Sanisera. The occupation of the city began in 123 BC and lasted until 650 AD. Participants will excavate both areas of the site, dedicating one half of the session to each area. The excavation is directed by Fernando Contreras, director of the Ecomuseum of the Cape of Cavalleria, in collaboration with other archaeologists and specialists. The course runs 7 hours per day, with time dedicated to both excavation and laboratory work.

The excavation of the Necropolis focuses on funerary structures, specifically inhumations. Participants will learn and apply excavation techniques used in physical anthropology when excavating tombs. In the laboratory participants will be instructed by an anthropologist and other specialists in the classification, study, and conservation of human remains and other related materials found. The excavation of the Roman City focuses on the urban structures of Sanisera. During this part of the excavation, participants will receive an intensive introduction to basic aspects of field excavation techniques following the Harris Matrix. In the lab, participants will process, classify and study excavated materials, focusing on Roman pottery. Lectures will be given on methodology, Roman archaeology, physical anthropology and classification of archaeological materials. Participants will visit other archaeological sites on the island through organized excursions. Courses are given in both English and Spanish. For every seven course days there are two days off.

Participants will stay in the Ecomuseum's Student Residency in Ciutadella, within walking distance of the historic center, port and beaches. Ciutadella is an enchanting Mediterranean town, lively with cafes and outdoor terraces hidden among narrow cobblestone streets. Transportation to and from the excavation site and organized excursions are included. Cost includes full room and board, accidental medical insurance, application fee and administrative cost. Airfare not included.

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ROMAN NECROPOLIS EXCAVATIONS: SANISERA, MENORCA

Director  | Fernando Contreras and specialists
Sponsors    | Ecomuseum of the Cape of Cavalleria
            | The Sa Nitja Association
Period/site | Early Roman excavation
Team size  | 5 staff; 18 volunteers
Dates      | 12 May – 31 October 2010
            | Sessions dates:
            | 20 April – 9 May; 12 – 31 May; 03 – 22 June;
            | 25 June – 14 July; 17 July – 05 August; 08 –27
            | August; 30 August – 18 September; 20
            | September – 09 October; 12– 31 October.
Apply by   | Contact for availability
Minimum stay | 20 days
Minimum age | 18 (contact organisers with questions about age)
Language   | Courses given in English and Spanish
Cost       | $1,850 – $2,700 per session. To reserve a
            | place, an application fee of $300 is payable,
            | which will be discounted from the total cost.
Board & lodging | Provided – see below
Health and Insurance | No vaccinations are required. Participants will
            | have accidental medical insurance during
            | course hours, but should arrange own
            | travel/medical insurance in addition.
Visa       | Not required

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The Ecomuseum of the Cape of Cavalleria in Menorca, Spain, has scheduled for 2010, the excavation of a cluster of Roman tombs belonging to a cemetery located on the outskirts of the Roman city of Sanisera occupied between 123 BC – AD 550. The excavation is directed by Fernando Contreras, Director of the Ecomuseum of the Cape of Cavalleria with the collaboration of specialists in physical anthropology and restoration. The course runs for seven hours a day which is divided between excavation of the tombs and laboratory work; studying and conservation of the human remains and other materials recovered relating to the Necropolis. Students will also participate in lectures, classes, exercises and excursions relevant to the course. For every eight course days there are two days off.

Participants will learn and apply excavation techniques used in physical anthropology when excavating tombs. In the laboratory, participants will follow guidelines set by an anthropologist and other specialists for the classification, study, and conservation of human remains and other related material found. Participants will also be given lectures on methodology, Roman archaeology, physical anthropology, and the conservation of archaeological materials. Participants will visit other archaeological sites on the island through organized excursions. Courses are given in both English and Spanish.

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**ROMAN PORT OF SANITJA UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY, MENORCA**

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| Sponsors                | Ecomuseum of the Cape of Cavalleria
                           The Sa Nitja Association |
| Period                  | Early Roman to present                           |
| Team                    | 4 staff; 14 volunteers                            |
| Dates                   | 1 - 14 November 2010                              |
| Apply by                | Contact for availability                         |
| Minimum stay            | Two-weeks                                        |
| Minimum age             | 18 (contact organisers with questions about age) |
| Language                | Courses given in English and Spanish             |
| Cost                    | $2,400 per session. To reserve a place, an application fee of $300 is payable, which will be discounted from the total cost. |
| Board & lodging         | Provided – see below                             |
| Health and Insurance    | No vaccinations are required. Participants will have accidental medical insurance during course hours, but should arrange own travel/medical insurance in addition. |
| Visa                    | Not required                                      |

The course is designed to provide practical experience in underwater archaeological field work, from site discovery to lab analysis. Participants will gain experience in various activities such as surveying, site reconnaissance, recording, drawing, mapping, position fixing, photography, and laboratory processing. Students will also attend lectures on Roman archaeology.

The course runs six hours a day, six days a week. The day will be divided between diving in the port of Sanijta, lab work, exercises, lectures, videos and excursions. The course schedule is designed to be flexible because this operation is dependent on conditions at sea. In addition to daily research activities, participants will learn about the history and culture of Menorca through organised excursions. The course is taught in English and Spanish. Participants will be able to choose between Group 1: No open water diving certificate, or Group 2: Experienced diver with an open water diving certificate from an internationally recognised organisation.

Participants will stay in the Ecomuseum's Student Residency in Ciutadella, within walking distance of the historic center, port and beaches. Ciutadella is an enchanting Mediterranean town, with lively cafes and outdoor terraces hidden among narrow cobbled stone streets. Transport to and from the site and planned excursions are included, as are the cost of full room and board, accidental medical insurance, application fee and administrative cost.

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The Ecomuseum of the Cap de Cavalleria will be exploring the Roman port of Sanitja and the coast of the Cape of Cavalleria identifying structures of the Roman city of Sanisera as well as shipwrecks. The port of Sanitja was not only occupied by the Romans. There are also ruins of a Muslim mosque and English defense tower which lead us to believe that we will find other vessels from these periods.
ROMANS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: THE CITY OF SANISERA, MENORCA

Sanisera is situated in the spectacular natural reserve of the Cap de Cavalleria. The Romans first arrived on Menorca in the year 123 BC when the Roman army conquered the Balearic Islands. For 600 years more, Menorca would form a part of the immense Roman Empire. Three Roman cities were founded on the island. Of those cities, Sanisera was built around the port of Sanitja in the northern-most part of the island. The city flourished due to the heavy maritime commercial industry that received boats going from Spain to Italy and from France to Africa. The impressiveness of Sanisera can be appreciated by the quantity and quality of the amphorae and other Roman artifacts found in recent excavations.

For 2010, we will be excavating the Roman City of Sanisera that overlooks the natural port of Sanitja. Students will learn and gain experience in excavation using the Harris Matrix. Various instruments and tools will be used to record stratigraphy and document the plans and photographs of the excavation. In the museum laboratory, students will process excavated material and will be trained in the basic techniques of artifact recording, focusing on Roman pottery, such as amphorae. In addition to the daily excavation and laboratory work, students will also participate in conferences on methodology and Roman archaeology, and will visit other museums and archaeological sites on the island.

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**ORIGINS OF ANGKOR PROJECT, NAKHON RATCHASIMA PROVINCE**

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| **Dates**         | December 2009  
|                   | January and February 2010  
|                   | Check session dates with Earthwatch |
| **Apply by**      | Contact Earthwatch to check spaces |
| **Minimum stay**  | One session |
| **Minimum age**   | 18 |
| **Cost**          | £950 – £1695, depending on session |
| **Board & lodging** | Included in cost – see below for description |
| **Visa**          | Contact appropriate embassy about visa requirements |
| **Vaccination**   | Contact your doctor/health centre for advice |
| **Insurance**     | Earthwatch can help arrange flights/insurance |

The rural village of Ban Non Wat in Northeast Thailand is one of the most important sites for understanding indigenous societies ancestral to the Empire of Angkor, and each season’s work provides exciting insights to the past. Very few sites have been examined as extensively, nor yielded as many finds from the relevant archaeological ages. This season, you’ll work with Dr Nigel Chang and his colleagues excavating new areas to try to understand the full range of activities that people here engaged in over the last 4,000 years. You’ll uncover burial sites, but will also investigate an important water feature discovered last season, perhaps the earliest of its type in Thailand. You’ll help reveal how Neolithic, Bronze, and Iron Age peoples here were affected by their environment, by changing climates, by the development of agriculture, by technological advances, and by contact with those from other lands.

By uncovering Southeast Asia’s past, you’ll learn how agriculture, technology, and changing climates affect civilizations. Under the shade of a tarp, you’ll dig for human burials, food remains, pottery, metals, and other artifacts. You’ll also screen and float sediments to isolate microscopic materials, and will process your finds in the field lab. You’ll work closely with local people and have a chance to truly experience Thai village life. At the end of the work day you’ll be driven back to town to shop at the local market, check your e-mail, take a swim, and enjoy a delicious Thai dinner.

You’ll stay at the comfortable Phimai Inn, with a large swimming pool, hot showers, conventional Western plumbing, and air-conditioned rooms. Breakfasts and delicious Thai dinners will be served under the pavilion next to the swimming pool, and the hotel will provide lunches each day to take to the dig site. The hotel is close to Phimai center and there is easy access to the market (including a small supermarket), where you can buy Western favorites.

Social life in rural Thailand is largely centered on the markets. Throughout the region you’ll see richly decorated Buddhist temples, with monks making their rounds for alms early in the morning. During January and February many of the temples have festivals open to the public.

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MAMMOTH GRAVEYARD, HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

| Director              | Dr Larry Agenbroad  
|                      | (Emeritus Professor of Geology, Northern Arizona University) |
| Sponsors             | Earthwatch Institute |
| Period               | Ice Age – 24,000 BC |
| Experience           | No previous experience necessary |
| Dates                | 27 June – 11 July 2010 (15 days)  
|                      | 11 – 25 July 2010 (15 days) |
| Apply by             | Contact Earthwatch to check space availability |
| Minimum stay         | One session |
| Minimum age          | 18 |
| Language             | English |
| Cost                 | £1650 per session |
| Board & lodging      | Included in cost – see below for details |
| Vaccination          | Contact your doctor/ health centre |
| Visa                 | Contact appropriate embassy |

On a winter afternoon 26,000 years ago, in an effort to find greener fodder, a teenage male Columbian mammoth stumbled over the edge of a sinkhole and perished in the muddy bottom. Over the years, this tragedy was repeated until eventually the deadly pond filled in, preserving at least 100 mammoth victims. Their deaths were unmarked until 1974, when geologist Dr Larry Agenbroad was called to investigate a tusk hit by a bulldozer. More than three decades later, you can help Dr Agenbroad continue to investigate the New World's largest natural deposit of Columbian mammoth remains. So far, 24 seasons of Earthwatch crews have excavated more than 55 mammoths, as well as camels, llamas, and the first wolf and giant short-faced bear fossils found in the north-central plains.

You can help piece together life in the Ice Age at a truly mammoth site. An experienced and enthusiastic team leader, Dr Larry Agenbroad will give you a complete perspective on prehistoric environments and Pleistocene extinctions. Working with his field staff, you'll learn how to excavate, record, and preserve bone fragments from terraces and how to map your finds on a computer. You'll also share your knowledge with the many visitors to the site, now a $2.1 million museum and a National Natural Landmark thanks to Dr Agenbroad's efforts. Expect a warm welcome from Hot Springs locals, who are proud of their mammoths. You will also have a chance to visit natural areas nearby, and perhaps see free-ranging bison, deer, antelope, wild turkeys, and if you are really lucky, bighorn sheep or mountain goats.

After digging through 26,000-year-old sediments, you'll welcome showers at a comfortable motel located close to the site. You will share a same-gender room provided with two double beds, television, and a full bath, with laundry facilities a short walk away. Modern bathroom facilities and snack food vending machines are available at the dig site as well. Your team will enjoy hearty meals prepared by a local cook and served family-style, including a meat dish, vegetables, and salads, along with freshly prepared breads and desserts. Team members and staff will rotate kitchen clean-up duties.

The Mammoth Site is within the city limits of Hot Springs, a small agricultural and retirement community named for its thermal springs. It is an attractive area physiographically and environmentally. The historic architecture gives a unique character to the town and the people are open and friendly, tending to “adopt” the crews.

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The Modoc National Forest is located on the western fringe of the Great Basin in the high desert plateau of NE California. The area has been occupied for 10,000 years by Native American peoples; the historic tribes of the area are the Modoc, the Pit River (or Achumawi), and the Northern Paiute. These tribes were “hunters and gatherers”.

About 90% of the archaeological sites present are prehistoric and are dominated by obsidian tools and debitage. Several major obsidian sources are present in the area with trade networks carrying this obsidian outward for hundreds of miles. Historic sites include three major emigrant trails from the Gold Rush Era, old homesteads, and logging-related sites from the late 19th to mid-20th centuries. The Modoc War of 1872–1873 was the only Indian war in which a full general of the US Army was killed and the most expensive war fought on a per hostile basis in the period of the western Indian wars. The trainee will be immersed in the archaeology and history of the Old West. Modoc County’s slogan is "Where the West Still Lives!" In past years, Trainees, staying through until 1 November, have participated in the local theater group, Modoc Performing Arts Theater, Fall production. This activity really immerses the trainee in local culture!

Free housing is provided (barracks/shared room style) with full kitchen, bath, and laundry facilities; a weekly per diem of $135 is provided (paid via a US Government credit card given to the trainee – about $550 deposited monthly into the account).

The trainee should bring good hiking boots, a hat, and appropriate field clothing for work in semi-rugged terrain and temperatures ranging from 40° – 105°F. The barracks is in Alturas, a more or less, full-service community of 2,900 people at 4,370 ft elevation in the remote high desert NE corner of California. Higher elevations top 9,000 ft. and many portions of the forest are pine forests and juniper woodlands, in addition to sagebrush steppe.

The trainee will work directly with a seasonal archaeological crew. The crew office is in the same compound as the housing and the trainee can walk directly to the office each morning. Work days are generally four 10 hour days, Monday to Thursday.

Useful reading
Any references dealing with the archaeology of California or the Great Basin; and the Modoc War of 1872–1873.
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