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GUIDANCE NOTES FOR DIGGING ABROAD

Archaeology Abroad provides information about archaeological excavation and field school opportunities suitable for both experienced and inexperienced participants. Projects are listed alphabetically by country in the **Excavations and Field Schools** section and give 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. In order to make the most of your trip abroad, we recommend familiarising yourself with basic archaeological techniques before you depart. Information about UK digs and local archaeological and historical societies can be obtained from the **Council for British Archaeology**, or in the *Current Archaeology Handbook*.

Archaeology Abroad has not inspected the projects included here but aims to publish information only from reputable professional archaeologists and institutions. You join any excavation or field school at your own risk and *Archaeology Abroad* cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury sustained by anyone joining a project listed in this publication. Projects may be cancelled or details change 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, anthropology, classics or related subjects, you may be required to undertake fieldwork as part of your course. In this event, you should check with your tutor or college that the excavation you intend to join can be credited. 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. The rewards can be great! 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, lab work, etc. On the majority of projects the minimum age for participants will be 18, but there are a number of excavations which 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 one 2 or 3 week session, or 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 university, research foundation or other funding source, or 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 and, as a subscriber to *Archaeology Abroad*, you are eligible to apply for a **Fieldwork Award** to help cover your costs.

To take part in an archaeological dig you will need to be fit and healthy, enjoy working as part of a team (both on and off site), and 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! Set out below 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 thus cost of getting to the country in which project 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 in which project will be run?
- the size and type of site - massive, 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 the very large projects with 20+ staff and specialists and 70+ diggers)
- how long the project has been running and the aims for the forthcoming season

- the cost of participation and what is included - eg board, lodging, daily transportation, tuition/lectures, excursions on days off, credits or certificate of participation
- what is provided and what you will need to bring (especially if camping)
- nature/variation of the work you will be expected to undertake/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 a hilly or mountain track, short walk)
- accommodation and catering arrangements - in shared rooms, level of facilities available, self-catering, meals provided, arrangements at weekend or on days off.
- how far from the nearest bank, shops, pharmacy, telephone *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 carry 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, languages and previous archaeological experience. You should also state if you have any particular dietary or other health requirements as well as any other special requirements and check whether you 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 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. Directors usually indicate whether or not a visa is required, especially if there is a long lead time, as is the case for certain countries. Depending on your own nationality and where you are going, it is good idea to check visa regulations with the relevant embassy well in advance. Sometimes a visa can be bought at the airport on your arrival in which case you should ensure you have the correct amount of money available in the local currency.

Travel arrangements

Many projects will give advice about travel to their country and location and tell you 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 travel 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 to contact STA Travel - visit their website at www.statravel.co.uk

Insurance

All participants should take out their own travel and medical insurance *in addition* to any offered by excavation organisers. Your policy should cover you for medical and emergency expenses (medication, ambulance, hospital, repatriation etc) as well as for theft, loss of luggage, personal belongings and money, flight delay or cancellation, change of return flight and excavation cancellation. Competitive rates can be found on the Internet, through Student Unions and from STA Travel (see above).

Most travel insurance policies will require UK citizens to have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which has now replaced the old E111 form. The card entitles you 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 the new card by phone (0845 606 2030), by post (EHIC Applications, PO Box 1115, Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1SW), or online at: www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/HealthAdviceForTravellers/fs/en

Information about the new card is also available in a very useful booklet entitled "*Health Advice for Travellers*" available at Post Offices or online, which is packed with lots of 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. You can obtain advice on medical matters from your student or local health centres or from your General Practitioner. It is also advisable to have a dental check-up before you leave, particularly if you are going to an isolated site. You can also check out detailed information at www.cdc.gov/travel/

Excavation sites can pose a number of risks - deep trenches, unstable baulks and deposits, shoring and scaffolding can all be hazardous. The project is responsible for keeping the worksite safe and should supply suitable safety equipment (eg: hardhats), well-maintained tools that are safe to use, and a fully-equipped first aid kit.

Money

We would recommend 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 traveller's 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, outings, telephone, laundry costs, emergencies etc

Clothing and equipment

Find out what equipment you are expected to bring and ask 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 have to supply. Plan ahead and consider taking the following: a 4-inch forged trowel (WHS or Marshalltown trowels are the best - available to order online at www.getatrowel.co.uk), 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 with you 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.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Be sure you are entirely happy with all the arrangements and contact the organisers for clarification on any outstanding questions you may have before you depart. Check you have all your documents, eg: passport, visa, airline or other travel tickets, insurance documents, 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 note that as with other sharp implements, you should 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 enrich your experience.

Have a great time and let us know how it went!

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AUSTRALIA

KUNBARLANJA (OENPELLI), WESTERN ARNHAM LAND

Director	Dr Sally K May (Flinders University of South Australia)
Period	Rock Art 20,000 BP - present
Field School dates	Field School A: 25 June – 6 July 2007 Field School B: 9 July – 21 July 2007
Participants required	15 field school places are available for each of two courses Participants must enrol in the field school as a Short Course
Applications	As soon as possible and by 1 April 2007 at the latest
Minimum stay	Two weeks
Language	English is the first language of the field school
Cost	The course is offered by Flinders University on a fee-paying basis, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition fee for each Field School: AUD\$ 2995 • Fieldwork fee: AUD\$990 (covers all accommodation, food, travel between Darwin and the field school site, and incidentals for the two week period). See website for full details: http://ehlt.flinders.edu.au/archaeology/fieldsch/rock_art/costs.php
Travel & accommodation	Provided - see below
Insurance	Participants must obtain and show evidence of own medical/travel insurance.
Visa/ Work permit	For most countries a tourist visa is required.

This Rock Art Field School takes place in Kunbarlanja (Oenpelli) in western Arnhem Land, Australia. Permits are required to enter Arnhem Land, as it is Aboriginal land. Kunbarlanja is a remote community situated in the west of Arnhem Land and is home to around 700 Aboriginal people. The field school provides a unique opportunity for students to undertake community archaeology in Australia. Students will have the chance to learn practical archaeological skills while at the same time developing other practical and personal skills necessary to conduct archaeological research with Indigenous communities. In particular, students will focus on the recording of rock art within its wider cultural context. There will be no excavation during this field school. The field school will incorporate seminars, informal interaction with Kunbarlanja community members, and will be directed towards in-depth practical recording skills necessary for rock art research within an archaeological framework.

Transport from Darwin to Kunbarlanja is by 4WD vehicle and takes around 3.5 hours. The township has basic facilities including a medical clinic, a small supermarket, and an art centre. During the field school participants will stay together in an air-conditioned house. Rooms sleep 2 or 3 people and there are full kitchen facilities. Participants will be provided with a full list of equipment to bring.

Useful reading

Field School Community Reports for 2004 and 2006
(download: http://ehlt.flinders.edu.au/archaeology/fieldsch/rock_art/readings.php)

Berndt, Ronald and Catherine Berndt (1970) *Man, Land and Myth in North Australia*. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press.

Brandl, Eric (1973) *Australian Aboriginal Paintings in Western and Central Arnhem Land: temporal sequences and elements of style in Cadell River and Deaf Adder Creek art*. Canberra: Australian Institute Of Aboriginal Studies.

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BULGARIA

EUROPEAN ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL 2007

Program Leader	Dr Kiril Petrov, University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF), USA
Field School locations	Ohoden – Trimamium – Kovachevsko Kale – Prelav – Trapezitsa
Periods	Prehistory, Provincial Rome, Late Antiquity, Early and Late Middle Ages
Field School dates	1 – 23 July 2007
Team	2 staff (Program Leader and Excavations Director) + 15 participants
Applications by	15 February 2007
Minimum stay	23 days (full duration)
Experience	Beginner/Undergraduate/ /Advanced, depending on interest
Language	English
Cost	<p>Field School program on the ground: \$3,140*</p> <p>UWRF Tuition fee for 3 credits: \$580</p> <p>UWRF International Office Study Abroad fee: \$275</p> <p>Costs include return airfares from New York to Sofia (costs reduced if participants arrange own flights from another location); accommodation; all meals; all travel costs whilst on the field school; a daily excavations participation fee; lectures and site talks; museum and site entry fees; a Reader in English for the excavation sites; tools and equipment; fees for renting lecture rooms for expert lectures.</p> <p>*Costs are based on 15 participants at September 2006 exchange rates. Minor adjustments are possible - check with organiser.</p>
Accommodation	The Field School provides accommodation in five cities in three-star hotels, new or recently renovated, quiet, private, air-conditioned, with two to a bedroom, all amenities.
Health/Insurance	Student health insurance can be offered through the University of Wisconsin, at a cost of \$31 for the duration of stay.
Visa/ Work permit	Not required

Modern Bulgaria is one of the few remaining original and pristine cultures of the European South East. It is a land chock-full of historical artefacts spanning millennia of material culture and 1300 years of recorded state history. The country is a rapidly modernizing democracy with a vibrant society. It offers a stable and safe environment for cultural activities and is a major destination for all sorts of visitors, from Black Sea vacationers to ecotourism to mountain hikers to archaeology and history students.

Archaeology Field Summer School Bulgaria 2007 is an intense three-week hands-on, on-site, crash course in European archaeology. The program offers a unique combination of field work, on-site instruction by expert archaeologists, and visits to major museums and open-air sites. The Archaeology Field School is accredited by the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and bears 3 credits toward a degree in the field.

Participants have the chance to get their minds, hands, and shovels into the material vestiges of five cultures that flourished on the territory of present-day Bulgaria and spanned a period of over 7000 years: one of the earliest pre-historic human settlements in Europe, a Roman provincial colony from the high days of the Empire, a late antique fortress and town of early Byzantium, a quarter of the earliest extant medieval European capital, Preslav, and the material culture of an vibrant neighbourhood of the late Medieval Bulgarian capital, Tarnovo.

Each destination offers three days field work processing and recording artefacts under the guidance of the excavations' director, three 75 min lessons/lectures on an aspect of archaeology tied up to the culture excavated by the excavations director or an independent expert, and a visit to at least one near-by archaeological location. Additional locations will be visited during the transfer days from site to site.

Lessons will:

- Introduce participants to the strategies for historical conservation of the material remains of the past, the methods of their incorporation in the living communities of the present, their role in forming and strengthening a sense of national and cultural identity and belonging, and their uses as resources in cultural tourism, to produce and revitalize economically sustainable communities.
- Acquaint participants with the fundamentals of pre-historical, Hellenistic/Roman, and medieval material cultures of south-eastern Europe/the Balkans on the very sites where these cultures were crafted.
- Offer a crash-course in the methods and practices of modern archaeology through which material cultures are brought back to life, and complement them with experts' lessons on the methods of recovering the meanings of the artefacts made by the people of the pre-historic, Roman, and medieval worlds.
- Introduce participants to the technical side of keeping archaeological record, conducting field surveys, keeping trench notebooks, organizing and inventorying finds, conservation on site, and filing field reports out of field journals.
- Acquaint participants with the principal types of artefact from which our knowledge of prehistoric, ancient and medieval art and architecture is derived.

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ISLE OF MAN

RUSHEN ABBEY, BALLASALLA

Director	Dr Peter Davey (Centre for Manx Studies, University of Liverpool)
Sponsors	Manx National Heritage and the University of Liverpool
Period	Medieval/Monastic
Dates	Excavation season: 11 June – 10 August 2007, (end date may be extended) Field Schools: Session 1: 17 - 29 June; Session 2: 1 – 13 July; Session 3: 15 – 27 July
Participants	Field School participants: up to 12 for each two-week session Volunteers: numbers will vary depending on how many apply for field schools
Experience	Field School, Level 1: no experience necessary Field School, Level 2: some previous basic training required and applicants for this course will be assessed on an individual basis. Volunteers: no experience necessary
Applications by	Field School: 31 March 2007 Volunteers: no application deadline
Minimum stay	Field School: two weeks Volunteers: welcome at any point during the season
Language	Must speak good English
Cost	Field Schools Levels 1 and 2: £105 per two-week session for tuition Volunteers: no charges made
Visa	May be required, depending on participant's country of origin
Vaccination	Up-to-date anti-tetanus

Founded in 1134, Rushen Abbey was the largest monastic establishment on the Island. Now under the protection of Manx National Heritage, the history of the site is slowly being uncovered by archaeologists from the Centre for Manx Studies, University of Liverpool. Earlier excavations on the site provided an outline for the basic layout of the abbey but did not consider the archaeology of the demolition period or accurately assess the extent of the site and nature of the buildings within.

The Centre began its research programme in 1998, undertaking an initial phase of assessment and has since returned to the site to run annual field schools, training undergraduate students and volunteers the basics of archaeological excavation. These field schools have significantly advanced understanding of the pre- and post-monastic periods on the site, alongside a growing understanding of the nature and extent of the monastic complex itself.

Excavations in 2006 focused on a series of buildings to the west of the West Range. The exact nature of these buildings is as yet unclear as work so far has focused on the evidence relating to the Dissolution of 1540 when the monastery was systematically demolished. This in itself has yielded much information regarding the nature of the demolition process alongside a wealth of metal, ceramic and bone finds.

The 2007 season will see a continuation of work in this area, below the demolition material, with the primary aim of clarifying the nature and phasing of the walls. This season will also see the development of a two-level field school. Level 1 will provide training for first year undergraduates (or the equivalent) with little or no previous excavation experience. Level 2 will teach more advanced skills in drawing, survey, finds and Harris matrix. A total of 15 credits will be available for each field school. A more detailed teaching programme will be available via the Rushen Abbey website from January 2007.

Volunteers and field school members are asked to find their own accommodation. The Isle of Man Tourist Board provides details of all holiday accommodation on the Island through its website (www.gov.im/tourism). The cheapest accommodation close to the excavation is provided by King Williams College which has beds in a dorm room at £14.00 per night or twin room accommodation at £16.00 per night. This includes the use of a common room, TV room and fully equipped self-catering kitchen.

For booking details please contact Claire Corkill (rushenabbeydig@manx.net) or King Williams College directly (www.kwc.sch.im) Please note that early booking for the accommodation at King Williams College is essential. Full details regarding travel to the site will be given to participants once they have arranged their accommodation.

Useful Reading

Davey, P J (Ed) 1999, Rushen Abbey, Ballasalla, Isle of Man: First Archaeological Report, Research Report 7.

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ITALY

MONTE TESTACCIO, ROME

Directors	Dr José Remesal Rodríguez (University of Barcelona) Dr José M Blázquez (University Complutense of Madrid)
Period	Roman
Participants	8 - no previous experience required)
Dates	16 – 30 September 2007 (to be confirmed in April)
Applications by	Until spaces filled
Minimum stay	Two weeks
Language	Spanish/Italian not required
Cost	£1,455, which includes full room and board, airport pick-up, medical insurance and application fee.
Insurance	Participants should purchase their own travel insurance to cover medical, accident, baggage loss, delays and personal liability.
Vaccination	None required, but anti-tetanus advisable.

Between the first and third centuries, millions of amphorae arrived at the ports of Rome with products from the provinces. Not being able to recycle them, many were dumped at a specific location near the port. Over the years, they formed an artificial hill of testae and crockery 45 metres (135 ft) high. Originally these amphorae had been used to hold the olive oil imported from the provinces, mainly from Betica (modern Andalusia in southern Spain).

Many of the amphorae still have the maker's seal stamped on their handles, while others retain titles and notes written with a brush or quill listing the exporter's name and indicating the contents, the export controls and consular date. All these notes make Testaccio the largest archive of Roman commerce in the world. The epigraphy on the pottery provides first-hand documentation of the Roman Empire's economy, the commercial relations between the capital and provinces, as well as ancient eating habits.

Participants will take part in this research project along with the Spanish Academy of History and the Universities of Barcelona, Madrid and Rome. The program will involve artifact extraction, documentation, drawing, recording and restoration. All tools and equipment will be provided on site. In collaboration with students' universities, the program can offer academic credit.

Accommodation will be in double rooms in a three-star hotel close to the site. Meals will be eaten at a nearby restaurant. And of course the city of Rome offers plenty of options for lovers of the classical world.

Useful reading

www.archaeospain.com/testaccio
http://ceipac.gh.ub.es/MOSTRA/u_expo.htm

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KENYA

KOObI FORA, EAST LAKE TURKANA, NORTHERN KENYA

Director	Professor J W K Harris (Dept of Archaeology, Rutgers University, USA)
Sponsors	Rutgers University/National Museums of Kenya
Period	Plio-Pleistocene, Holocene and Modern
Volunteers	30 students + 5 East African fellowship students
Project dates	17 June – 28 July 2007
Apply by	1 May 2007
Minimum stay	Full length of project (6 weeks)
Cost	New Jersey/International: \$4,250 Others: \$4,750 All participants are responsible for own airfare from Europe, Asia and North America to Nairobi
Food and Accommodation	Included in fee, but bring own tent and other personal gear
Language	English
Vaccination	Hepatitis B, Yellow Fever, Malaria
Insurance	Flying Doctors, Rutgers Health Insurance
Visa	Tourist visa

The Koobi Fora Field School started in June 1997 and is an educational summer programme conducted by Rutgers University Anthropology Department (through Rutgers Study Abroad) in conjunction with the National Museums of Kenya.

Students receive introductory and advanced undergraduate training in palaeoanthropology in one of the most famous human origin localities. Koobi Fora (in northern Kenya) has been studied for the last 35 years. The field school is the most pre-eminent field-training program in palaeo-anthropology. Students interested in the study of human origins are recruited from North America, Europe, Asia and Africa each year.

Participants will be trained in excavation, survey techniques and bone and artefact laboratory analysis. Additionally a week-long program in wildlife ecology and primatology is conducted at Soudan on the Lakipia Plateau in Central Kenya.

More information can be obtained by visiting the field schools web site at www.koobifora.rutgers.edu A field school booklet (10 pages) will be provided by request.

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SWAHILI CULTURE: HISTORY, LANGUAGE & COASTAL PEOPLES

Directors	Dr Mzalendo Kibunjia (Director, Sites and Monuments, National Museums of Kenya) and Purity Kiura (Anthropology Department, Rutgers University and National Museums of Kenya)
Sponsors	Rutgers University/ National Museums of Kenya
Period	Colonial and Modern
Volunteers	15 students
Project dates	1– 28 August 2007
Apply by	Until places filled
Minimum stay	Full length of project (4 weeks)
Cost	\$4,000 + airfare to Mombasa
Food and Accommodation	Included in fee
Language	English; training in Swahili provided
Vaccination	Hepatitis B, Yellow Fever, Malaria
Insurance	Provided by Rutgers University
Visa	Tourist visa

The Swahili Field School, now in its second year, offers a unique opportunity for students to learn about Swahili culture, history and language as well as to study the peoples living along the coast of Kenya today. A major focus of the field school is the historical archaeology of the coast and during the field school students may participate in documenting and mapping these locations.

The National Museums of Kenya (NMK) is uniquely placed to facilitate such a field school with regional museums at Fort Jesus (Mombasa), Gedi (Malindi) and on the island of Lamu off the coast of Kenya.

Students will receive lectures on Swahili culture, history and language in the museum setting during the mornings, followed by visits to places and sites in the

afternoons, as well as interviews with local peoples in communities, villages or town settings. The visits include the old town in Mombasa (architecture), Gedi (archaeological site) and Lamu (traditional culture).

Full details and application form available on the website.

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RWANDA

PRE-COLONIAL SITES IN BUTARE, GITARAMA AND RUHENGERI

Directors	John Giblin, Jane Humphris (University College Institute of Archaeology, London)
Sponsors	Arts and Humanities Research Council
Period	PreColonial/Iron Age
Team	4 staff; 10 + volunteers
Participants required	10-20 maximum at any one time - experience preferred but not essential
Excavation dates	October 2006 – October 2007 (provisional, may last longer)
Applications	Applications will be considered up until August 2007 (two months before the research finishes)
Minimum stay	Preferably 2 weeks, but this can be negotiated
Language	Preferably English, but Kinyarwanda or French are also desirable.
Cost/travel/accommodation	Participants will need to arrange flights (approx £600 return from UK). A contribution towards accommodation, food and fuel is required (approx £50 per week - negotiable depending on individual circumstances). Some personal spending money is also advisable.
Vaccination	Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Polio, Anti-malarials, Hepatitis etc – check current health advice with GP before travelling.
Insurance	Arrange own medical/travel insurance.
Visa/ Work permit	UK and US citizens do not need a visa but check advice at embassy in own country before departure. Work permits are currently unnecessary - discuss individual circumstances with organisers before travelling.

This archaeological work in Rwanda will contribute to the fieldwork element of two PhD students, one focusing on metallurgical history and the other examining variation in the pre-colonial archaeology of Rwanda. There will be two elements to this work, survey and excavation and all volunteers will be able to take part in both. Over the first six months survey will take place in three regions Butare, Gitarama, and Ruhengeri in order to locate sites for subsequent excavation during the second six months. Whilst this survey is taking place a separate set of excavations will be conducted in Butare where some of the earliest iron working evidence in Sub Saharan Africa has been discovered.

The National Museum, with its impressive ethnographic displays, is located in Butare and we will visit it regularly. We also encourage all volunteers to visit Rwanda's genocide memorials in Kigali and the surrounding regions, these visits are a shocking but necessary part of work in a post-genocide Rwanda. Rwanda is a beautiful country with a rich history and spectacular scenery and wildlife. Whilst you are in Rwanda we will make every effort to accommodate, at your own cost, trips to see: historical sites; scenery such as the beautiful Lake Kivu; and rare wildlife, such as the last remaining populations of mountain gorillas.

Academic credits not offered, but individuals will be trained in basic archaeological techniques such as survey and excavation, and will be given time to familiarise themselves with African and specifically Rwandan archaeology.

It may be useful for volunteers to bring tents but we will try to accommodate all volunteers and staff within rented accommodation as close to site or survey locations as possible. Rented houses in Rwanda will be basic and equipment such as bedding (sleeping bags) should be brought with you. However, it will be possible to source bedding locally if extra is required. The accommodation will have a kitchen and the project will employ a cook and buy food for the group. Although accommodation may be extremely basic (eg long drop toilets are a possibility), it is not free. The project requires a donation towards costs and we are currently asking for approximately £50 per week. However, this sum does cover fuel, food, accommodation and other equipment, and is negotiable depending on individual circumstances, such as experience and length of stay.

Individuals will need to make their own way to Kigali, the capital of Rwanda (either fly direct or travel overland from Uganda), and we will collect them there and transport them to site either on public transport or using the project vehicle.

Useful reading

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Schoenbrun D L (1998) *A Green Place, a Good Place: a Social History of the Great Lake Region, Earliest Times to the 15th century*. London: Heinemann.

Van Noten, F (1983) *Histoire Archéologique Du Rwanda*. Musée Royal De L'Afrique Centrale – Tervuren, Belgique Annales – serie in-8 – sciences humaines – N 112, 1983.

Vansina, J (2004) *Antecedents to Modern Rwanda: The Nyiginya Kingdom*. James Currey Fountain.

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SPAIN

COLONIA CLUNIA SULPICIA, BURGOS

Director	Dr Francesc Tuset, University of Barcelona and Dr Miguel Angel de la Iglesia, University of Valladolid
Period	Roman
Team	8 staff; 20 volunteers (10 per session, no previous experience required)
Dates	15 June – 14 July; 16 July – 14 August 2007
Minimum stay	One session
Applications	Until spaces filled
Language	Spanish not required
Cost	£1,280 per session, includes full room and board, transportation from Madrid airport to the site, medical and liability insurance, excursions and application fee.
Insurance	Participants should purchase their own travel insurance to cover medical, accident, baggage loss, delays and personal liability
Vaccination	None required, but anti-tetanus advisable.

Colonia Clunia Sulpicia is one of Spain's most fascinating Roman cities and was the hub of northern Hispania during the 1st and 2nd centuries AD, only to be abandoned in the 5th century. We will be excavating its impressive 9,000-seat theatre, the largest of its kind in the Iberian Peninsula, and a mansion next to the Roman Forum. The project is sponsored by the Diputación Provincial de Burgos, the Universities of Burgos, Valladolid and Barcelona, and by ArchaeoSpain.

ArchaeoSpain staff members will assist volunteers so that they can participate in all aspects of the excavation process. They will learn excavation techniques, stratigraphy, analysis, mapping, the classification and recording of archaeological finds, and the conservation of artefacts. Participants will also visit some important Celtiberian, Roman, Visigothic, Moorish and Medieval sites in the area. In collaboration with students' universities, the program can offer academic credit.

Accommodation is in rooms for 1-3 people in a shared house near the site. All meals will be provided by local caterers and cooks. Transportation to and from Madrid airport is provided.

Useful reading

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CUEVA NEGRA DEL ESTRECHO DEL RÍO QUÍPAR AND SIMA DE LAS PALOMAS DEL CABEZO GORDO

Director	Professor Michael J Walker
Period	Middle Palaeolithic with Neanderthal hominids
Volunteers	12 for each site
Excavation Dates	Cueva Negra: 3 – 24 July 2007 Sima de las Palomas: 24 July – 14 August 2007
Apply by	31 May 2007
Minimum stay	No minimum although in order to get a full cycle of instruction and lectures either of the three-week periods is recommended as a minimum.
Vaccination	Anti-tetanus

Cueva Negra del Estrecho del Río Quípar (Caravaca de la Cruz, Murcia, SE Spain) is a Neanderthal shelter on a hillside at the exit of a gorge in the Murcia province of south-east Spain. The mouth of the cave is about 12 metres wide, and goes back about 12 metres into the hillside. The sedimentary fill contains remains from the Middle Pleistocene: three bones and six teeth of pre-Neanderthals (*Homo heidelbergensis*), as well as many stone tools including an ovate Acheulian hand-axe and Levalloiso-Mousterian flake tools in levels dated at Oxford by OSL to about 400,000 BP. Faunal remains include:

elephantids (bones often burnt), steppe rhinoceros, extinct giant deer, red deer, hyena, bear, wild horse, bison, aurochs (wild cattle), wild goats, wild boar, rabbits, hares, tortoises, and over sixty bird species. Small mammals include extinct Middle Pleistocene species which are good biostratigraphical markers (eg: *Mimomys savini*, *Allophaiomys chalinei*, *Pliomys episcopalpis*, *Microtus brecciensis*, *Terricola huiescarensis*, *Prolagus calpensis*, etc).

Sima de las Palomas del Cabezo Gordo (Torre Pacheco, Murcia, SE Spain) is situated in a hill of Triassic marble that rises abruptly in the coastal plain, behind Murcia-San Javier Airport. It is a natural karstic shaft entered a hundred years ago by miners who found an 18-metre depth of fossiliferous conglomerate inside it. To date, about 150 Neanderthal (*Homo neanderthalensis*) bones and teeth of eight or nine individuals have been excavated here in upper levels dated at Oxford by ¹⁴C-AMS and OSL from about 60 – 40,000 BP, as well as Levalloiso-Mousterian Middle Palaeolithic stone tools, a fireplace, and early Upper Pleistocene fauna. There are limb bones in skeletal articulation, of Neanderthals who may have been buried alive by a roof-fall while sleeping near the fireplace.

Inexperienced archaeology undergraduates are welcome; volunteers can come for either three-week period or for both excavations. Volunteers will learn field techniques, discover the history of research at the sites, receive a basic introduction to human evolution and clean and sort finds. Accommodation is in dormitories with beds. Washrooms have hot and cold showers. Meals, equipment and a basic laundry service are provided. Volunteers should bring sheets, pillow cover, towel, sun cream, sunhat, sun-glasses, working gloves, swimming trunks, light clothes for work, walking boots, flat-soled plimsolls or similar for working inside Cueva Negra.

Participants must fund their own travel to and from Murcia Airport (Ryanair offers cheap flights). Arrivals at Murcia-San Javier Airport will be met on 3 or 24 July, and returned on 24 July and 14 August by us, and taken free of charge to our base camps at Caravaca (3–24 July) and Dolores de Pacheco (24 July –14 August). All volunteers are required to pay 40 Euros per day for full board and lodging, and provide a non-returnable deposit of 200 Euros per seven-day week (or part thereof) of their intended stay, with the balance payable on arrival. Certificates of attendance are issued to everybody. Also, fieldwork forms will be signed for institutions that issue them to undergraduates. Credit for US college courses is not available, however. Further details, including bibliography, are available at our website or by contacting Professor Michael Walker by email (see contact information below).

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PINTIA, VALLADOLID

Director	Dr Carlos Sanz Minguez, University of Valladolid
Period	Iron Age, Roman, Medieval
Staff	6
Volunteers	20 - no previous experience needed.
Dates	1 – 29 June and 3 – 1 July 2007
Apply by	Until spaces filled
Minimum stay	One session
Language	Spanish not required
Cost	£1,180 per session, includes full room and board, seminars and workshops, transportation from Madrid airport to the site, medical and liability insurance, excursions and application fee.
Insurance	Participants should purchase their own travel insurance to cover medical, accident, baggage loss, delays and personal liability.
Vaccination	None required, but anti-tetanus advisable.

The excavation of the Iron Age and Roman settlement of Pintia focuses on the Vaccean necropolis. The Vaccean culture was an Iron Age people with Celtic links that settled in north-central Spain around the 5th century BC. The cemetery, located about 300 m (984 ft) from the main settlement, was used between the 4th century BC and the 1st century.

Up to 2004, archaeologists had uncovered about 70 cremation tombs. In 2005, the crew opened a new area and found the first eight of a series of 35 new burials in excellent condition – most of them belonging to warriors and featuring a bounty of war-related artefacts.

Research in this area of the site is helping investigators understand better the social organisation of these pre-Roman peoples.

University crews will clear the site in May of any vegetation and topsoil that may have accumulated over the winter. When the first international team arrives in June, the necropolis will be ready for excavation.

Excavation staff members will assist volunteers to participate in all aspects of the excavation process. Participants will learn about excavation techniques, stratigraphy, mapping, and the conservation and recording of archaeological artefacts.

There will also be weekly excursions to nearby Roman and Medieval sites, plus several talks and workshops on the archaeology and history of Pintia. In collaboration with students' universities, the program can offer academic credit.

Accommodation is in a shared house for 10-20 people at the site's research facilities. A local cook prepares meals for the group. Transportation to and from Madrid airport is provided.

Useful reading

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POLLENTIA, MALLORCA

Director	Dr Margarita Orfila, University of Granada
Period	Roman, Medieval
Team	7 staff; 10 volunteers - no experience necessary
Dates	10 July – 4 August 2007
Apply by	Until all spaces filled
Minimum age	16 years
Minimum stay	One session
Language	Spanish not required
Cost	£2,385, includes full room and board, transport from Palma airport, medical and liability insurance, excursions and application fee.
Insurance	Participants should purchase their own travel insurance to cover medical, accident, baggage loss, delays and personal liability.
Vaccination	None

ArchaeoSpain offers today the only existing program specifically designed to expose High School students to the challenges and rewards of Classical Archaeology. The participants at the archaeological excavation of Pollentia on the island of Mallorca will work as field crew on the ancient settlement of the city alongside archaeologists from local government agencies and local university students. Our work will be the continuing excavation of the city's Forum.

ArchaeoSpain staff members will assist volunteers so they can participate in all aspects of the project, from excavation to artefact restoration, including mapping, drawing and photography.

Students will also visit some important pre-historic and Medieval sites in the area – not to mention the beaches.

The program is designed for High School students currently in grades 11 and 12. It is directed by Dr Jaime Gonzalez-Ocaña, a specialist in Classics and a veteran leader of High School groups abroad.

Accommodation is 2-3 people per room in a hotel in the town of Alcudia, a five-minute walk from the site. Meals will be provided at the hotel restaurant. Transportation to and from Palma airport is provided.

Useful reading

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TIERMES, SORIA

Director	Santiago Martinez Caballero, Segovia Museum
Period	Celtiberian, Roman, Medieval
Team	12 staff; 26 volunteers - no experience necessary
Dates	4 – 31 July and 2 – 31 August 2007
Apply by	Until spaces filled
Minimum stay	One session
Language	Knowledge of Spanish not required
Cost	£1,110 per session, includes full room and board, transportation from Madrid airport to the site, medical and liability insurance, visits and excursions and application fee.
Insurance	Participants should purchase their own travel insurance to cover medical, accident, baggage loss, delays and personal liability.
Vaccination	None required, but anti-tetanus advisable.

Tiermes, in central Spain, is a Celtiberian and Roman city.. The Romans added important public works to the already significant Celtiberian city, which is excavated into the bedrock. This year's crew will continue concentrating on the Roman Forum and a newly found extension to the aqueduct. Serious excavation work started in 1975, and the project is now sponsored by the Asociacion de Amigos del Museo de Tiermes and the Junta de Castilla y Leon.

Excavation staff members will assist volunteers so they can participate in all aspects of the excavation process. Participants will learn and have the opportunity to practise excavation techniques and stratigraphy, analysis, mapping, restoration, and the drawing, classification and recording of artefacts. Students will also be able

to attend several talks on Roman archaeology and history I the region, and they will have the opportunity to visit important Celtiberian, Roman, Visigothic, Moorish and Medieval sites in the area. In collaboration with students' universities, the programme can offer academic credit.

Accommodation is in barracks for 10-12 people at the project research facilities near the site, with meals provided by local cooks. Transportation to and from Madrid airport is provided.

Useful reading

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THAILAND

NAKHON RATCHASIMA PROVINCE: ORIGINS OF ANGKOR

Directors	Dr Charles Higham; Dr Nigel Chang (James Cook University, Australia); Dr Rachanie Thorsarat (Fine Arts Department, Thailand)
Excavation Dates	8 January – 4 March 2007
Minimum stay	One 7 day or 14 day session
Minimum age	16
Application deadline	26 February 2007
Numbers/experience	No previous experience required
Costs	£595 (€ 895) for 7 days £1,150 (€ 1725) for 14 days
Board and lodging	Provided – see below
Visa	Contact Earthwatch for information
Vaccination	Contact GP/health centre for advice
Insurance	Arrange own travel/medical insurance

Ancient settlements dot rural Thailand, many of them large and complex enough to indicate sophisticated social organization, technology, and trade as early as 2000 BC.

Historians have typically attributed the rise of the magnificent Angkor civilization to external, especially Indian, influences, but Drs Charles Higham, Nigel Chang (James Cook University, Australia) and Rachanie Thorsarat (Fine Arts Department, Thailand) believe that scholars have underrated the sophistication of Southeast Asia's indigenous culture. Certainly, India witnessed the early development of rich civilizations and significantly influenced the history of neighbouring Cambodia and Thailand, but were Indian traders the principal architects of civilization across Southeast Asia? Higham, Chang, and Thorsarat are searching for clues to native culture across Southeast Asia that predate the widespread Indian influence.

On the Expedition

In the mornings your team will drive to the dig site, where you'll be given an assignment in excavating the remains of Ban Non Wat, a large mound ringed by banks and moats. You will excavate, screen, and float sediment to isolate microscopic materials, and search for human burials, food remains, pottery, metals, and other artifacts. You will then process your abundant finds at the field lab, helping to define the site's relationship to other nearby prehistoric sites. Your team will dig under the shade of a tarp, in a world of your own, helped by local villagers. The villagers are very welcoming, and are great fun to work with. After a day's work, you'll drive back in time to enjoy the local market, check your email, have a cold beer, take a swim, and enjoy a delicious Thai dinner.

Board and lodging

You will stay in the comfortable Phimai Inn, with a large swimming pool, hot showers, conventional Western plumbing, and air-conditioned rooms. Western or Thai breakfasts and delicious Thai dinners will be served under the pavilion next to the swimming pool, and the hotel provides lunch to take to the dig site daily. The hotel is close to the Phimai centre, and there is easy access to the market, where you can buy butter, jam, yogurt, and other delights, and to Angkor itself for sightseeing.

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