Course 003

Dig in the Roman City of Sanisera (Spain) & Explore Archaeology in Rome and Pompeii (Italy)

1. General Information

This program, which has been scheduled by The Sanisera Archaeology Institute for International Field Schools, is divided in two main parts. In the first part of the course students will gain experience in archaeological fieldwork by excavating in the Ancient Roman city of Sanisera. This site is located in the Mediterranean island of Menorca. During the second part students will discover the most significant remains from Ancient Rome through an archaeological tour around Rome, which will be leaded by an expert on Roman art & Museums.

Part 1. The archaeological fieldwork in Sanisera (Menorca, Spain)

The research is focused on the archaeological excavation of Sanisera and it studies what happened in this Roman port connected to the maritime traffic that sailed the Mediterranean during those times. As a result, we know that this is a very interesting archaeological site, with abundant findings of multiple artifacts that will help us to reconstruct its past.

The excavation at the Roman city of Sanisera provides all the archaeological documentation necessary for the student to acquire enough training and experience in all aspects involving an excavation of the Roman civilization from the II century B.C. to the VI A.D.

In the laboratory students will learn to classify all the artifacts found on the site, including Roman pottery, numismatics and faunal remains.

Time dedicated to this part of the program: 70%.

Part 2. Exploring Art, Museums of Rome & Pompeii (Italy)

For the second part of the course, the field program offers the opportunity to students of visiting two of the most important cities in the Roman world: Rome, the capital of the Empire, and Pompeii, whose excellent preservation allows us to admire the architectural and the artistic conventions of the time. This archaeological guide will have a duration of five days and explanations will be in English.

At its peak Rome was a densely populated city surrounded by ancient fortifications, which extended up to a radius of 3 square kilometres. It had 11 public baths and over 1000 pools and fountains that fed through 19 aqueducts.
It also had two circuses and two amphitheatres, triumphal arches and 36 thousand statues. There were nearly two million palaces.

In the heart of the city there was the roman forum, where merchants gathered, as well as senators and priests who celebrated their rituals and sacrifices according to the requirements of Roman religion.

Very near the Forum there was the Coliseum, which was a magnificent theater built in just 10 years and dedicated to the entertainment of the great mass of the population. It could accommodate 50,000 spectators who could watch fights among gladiators. It is one of the most visited monuments in Europe and one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Another unique building in Rome is undoubtedly the Pantheon. Built between 118 and 125 A.D., it was a temple dedicated to all gods. It is the most remarkable monument of the whole Roman Empire which has survived in its original form. All decorative elements, mosaic tiles and interior columns remain the same, and its vaulted dome was the largest ever built until the twentieth century.

The art collection which is on display in the halls of the Capitoline Museums are the essential complement to admire the Roman classical world, including sculptures, mosaics, inscriptions and sarcophagi. Some of the most famous works that we will see are the remains of the colossal statue of Constantine the Great, the statue of a mounted rider Marcus Aurelius, the Dying Gaul and the she-wolf nursing Romulus and Remus, which is the emblem of Rome.

Visiting the Vatican museums is a unique experience. There the greatest artists will welcome you: Raphael, Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel, Giotto, Caravaggio, Leonardo… Also you will encounter masterpieces of Ancient times from Roman, Egyptian and Etruscan civilizations.

Also we'll take a day trip to Pompeii so that students can discover this fascinating site where History is alive! We will travel to the region of Campania to visit the ruins of the city which was destroyed and buried under ash and pumice in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. It is a unique opportunity to explore a Roman city’s urban planning, architecture and art, since its preservation is outstanding.

This archaeological tour will have a duration of five days and explanations will be in English.

Time dedicated to this part of the program: 30%.

2. What you will learn

2.1. In the Fieldwork:
• How to dig and which archaeological techniques are used.
• Use and handling of the tools that are used during the excavation process.
• Basic principles of stratigraphy.
• Recording the data obtained during the excavation using the Harris Method.
• Practice on the recognition of archaeological materials and Roman finds from the II century B.C. - VI A.D.
• Basic procedures for sample collection.

2.2. In the Laboratory

• Study and typological classification of archaeological objects of Roman archaeology: ceramics, numismatics, faunal remains, metals and glass.
• Relative dating based on the classification of archaeological objects discovered in the stratigraphic sequence.

2.3. Theory

• History, archaeology, economy and culture of the Roman civilization.
• Introduction to the History of the Sanisera Site.
• Minorcan archaeology before the Roman conquest of the Balearic Islands.

2.4. Art & Museums

• Discover the best Roman architectural and engineering developments: the Coliseum, Pantheon and the Roman Forum.
• Trip to the Roman past visiting the amazing city of Pompeii.
• The most relevant artistic representations of Roman art. Sculptures, paintings and other items displayed on the Vatican and the Capitoline Museums.

3. Directed at

If you have never excavated as a volunteer in a field school and are interested in excavating in a Roman city as well as visiting the most unique classic archaeological monuments of the Roman Empire, then this course is a good choice. This program accommodates participants with or without previous experience.

This program is designed for students interested in focusing their studies in the classical world of Rome, delving into its history and archeology.

You will learn to excavate and classify archaeological material found. You will identify different types of Roman pottery, amphorae, coins and other Roman archaeological material. After learning this in Sanisera, you will have better understanding when you visit Rome and Pompeii.

In Italy you will visit Rome, the Coliseum, museums, forums, as well as visit the legendary city of Pompeii buried by Vesuvius.
By participating in this course you will have the opportunity to excavate in a unique Roman city in Menorca (Spain) and then explore the most remarkable archaeology from the Roman world.

Previous knowledge or experience in archaeology or computer systems is not required.

4. Field School life & language

This field school program, with a length of 16 days, will start in Spain. Students will meet in Menorca during the first day. Next and during the following days they will focus on the excavation in the ancient city of Sanisera, where they will work for 8 days. Students will receive an intensive introduction on basic aspects of field excavation techniques following the Harris Matrix. The fieldwork runs 7 hours per day, with time dedicated to excavation as well as laboratory work focused on Roman pottery. Courses are given in both English and Spanish.

On the 11th day of the course participants will fly to Rome, where they will stay for 6 days. During this time, students will carry out an archaeological tour around Rome in order to discover the Coliseum and its surroundings, Capitoline and Vatican Museums –including the Sistine chapel-, Pompeii city and the Christian basilicas in Trastevere.

Once students finish the archaeological tour in Rome, they will have two days off in order to enjoy their free time in Menorca, from where they will go back home.

5. Certificates

At the end of the Field Program, students will receive a certificate of participation stating the hours and activities of the course. Participants that perform exceedingly well in the course may receive a letter of recommendation from our organization upon request.

6. Sessions & Cost

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7. Course fee includes

- Course tuition.
- Accommodation.
• Daily transportation to/from the archaeological fieldwork.
• Flight to Menorca – Rome / Rome – Menorca (students can only take a cabin bag weighing up to 10 kg with maximum dimensions of 55cm x 40cm x 20cm).
• Breakfast, lunch and dinner (only while in Sanisera - Menorca).
• In case of needing to process Schengen Visa the mandatory letter of invitation will be written so you can travel and participate in our courses.
• Certificate of participation.

Airfare not included from the student home to/from Menorca (Spain). During the archaeological tour in Rome meals are not included (only 8 days of the 16 days of the course, although we will recommend some cafés and restaurants that do not exceed the average of 18€/day in meals. Entry tickets to museums and historical buildings are not included either.

8. Spaces available

The course is limited to 8 participants per session. Reservations are only effective when payment of the registration fee is received. If for any reason the course is cancelled, payment is returned according to the field school refund policy.

Information and reservations

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