



Discover the archaeology of the best Egyptian and Classic Museums in Berlin & Dig in the Roman City of Sanisera (Menorca, Spain)

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**, located in the Mediterranean island of Menorca. During the second part, students will visit **Berlin to discover the archaeology and ancient art in The Pergamon and Neues Museums (which holds the famous Nefertiti bust), two of the most popular attractions in Europe.**

The Pergamon and Neues Museums own an impressive collection of objects coming from **Egypt, the Near East, Greece, and Rome**. Among the main pieces we will see the **bust of Nefertiti, Pergamon Altar, the Papyrus Collection, the Market Gate of Miletus or the Ishtar Gate of Babylon.**

These museums house a wide variety of pieces that will allow the students to understand the art and archaeology history in depth as we will cover important the most important civilizations in the history.

These museums are visited by approximately 2.135.000 people every year, making them the most visited art museums in Europe and two of the largest in Germany.

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. Discover the city of Berlin, the Pergamon Museum (Germany) and the Neues Museum

For the second part of the course, the Field Program has scheduled an archaeological tour around Berlin. This tour will have five days and explanations will be in English. During our course we will visit three museums:

Renowned archaeological treasures, such as the **bust of Nefertiti** will be visited in the **Neues Museum** along with the **Egyptian Museum's** entire collection of **Armana Art** and **papyrus collection**, which are combined with world-famous exhibits from the Museum of Pre-history and Early History, such as the **Le Moustier Neanderthal skull** and **Heinrich Schliemann's collection of antiquities from Troy**, to form a unique panorama of the early history of mankind.

The Pergamon Museum's monumental highlights are truly breathtaking too behold. In the Collection of **Classical Antiquities**, the 2nd century BC **Pergamon Altar**, considered a Hellenistic masterpiece, has a frieze depicting a battle between the Gods and the Giants; also the **Market Gate of Miletus** shows an important example of Roman architecture.

The Museum of the Ancient Near East, which ranks among the world's best collections of treasures from this region, is dominated by the imposing bright blue glazed-brick **Ishtar Gate of Babylon** from 6th century BC. Also notable in this collection is the façade of the throne hall of **King Nebuchadnezzar**, a reconstructed Neo-Assyrian palace from the 12th century BC, and artifacts from the earliest history of the written word.

Two of the five days of the stay in Berlin will be dedicated to discover the collections of ancient civilizations including antiques from **Babylon, Uruk, Assur, Miletus, Prienne and Egypt, Rome, Etruscan** and Europe archaeology.

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

- Visit **Berlin** to discover the archaeology and ancient art in **The Pergamon Museum and Neues Museum**, two of the most important collections of art of the world.
- Discover in **Berlin** the collections of ancient civilizations including antiques from **Syria, Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt, Rome, Etruscan and Europe archaeology**.

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 best collections of ancient art of the world**, 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 archaeology of the most important ancient civilizations, and contemplate the best pieces that represent them.

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 a better understanding when you visit Berlin.

You can't miss the opportunity to practice in an archaeological excavation and discover Berlin, the most popular city in the world watching all its art and culture through its museums and unique places.

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 Berlin Museums.

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 9 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 12th day of the course participants will fly to **Berlin**, where they will stay for 5 days. During this time, students will carry out an archaeological tour around Berlin in order to visit the **Pergamon and Neues museums** and its archaeological collection. The rest of the days, during the stay in Berlin, the group of students and the guide from our organization will decide to visit other museums, monuments and interesting places.

Once students finish the archaeological tour in Berlin, 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

Sessions	Dates	Cost
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Session #1	2020 July 14 – July 29	\$ 2350
Session #2	2020 August 01 – August 16	\$ 2350
Session #3	2020 August 19 – September 03	\$ 2350

7. Course fee includes

- Course tuition.
- Accommodation.
- Daily transportation to/from the archaeological fieldwork.
- Flight to Menorca – Berlin / Berlin – 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 Berlin 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 20€/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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