From July 12 to August 1

- Location: Zorita de los Canes, Spain.
- Period: Late Medieval.
- Duration: 3 weeks.
- Accommodation: Hotel double room.
- Program: Excavation of Medieval castle.
  Methods and techniques of archaeological excavation, stratigraphy, plants, sections and pottery drawing, grave excavation.
  Osteology Lab workshops on: human skeleton, anthropometry, Determination of age of death. size and sex.

“Our first goal for 2018 is to arrive to the castle rock in an area of the cemetery to study its chronology. We already have a sequence of more than five tombs, one on the top of the other, and some of them with more than one burial. The discovery of two coins in the hands of two of the skeletons at different depths, provide us with clues for the understanding of the history of the cemetery and the castle. The excavation of new graves will be combined with that of the porch next to the courtyard to investigate the water collection system for the cistern. Our third goal is to continue the excavation of the small chapel discovered in 2014 next to the graves.

The Archaeology and Osteology program at Zorita Castle is focused on teaching archaeological methodology and is specially focused on the excavation of graves.

Mornings will be dedicated to excavation. Fully recovered after a bath in the river, lunch and siesta, afternoons will be dedicated to seminars and workshops. Participants will take part in all the excavation process, they will keep a field journal and clean, identify, and catalogue artefacts. We will learn to define a burial, the right way to dig a skeleton and how to remove it from the ground: how to deal with the body, what tools to use, how to remove the bones in anatomical units, what is the correct packaging, how to register everything in situ (practice with photogrammetry for recording).
Excursions
We will visit historical cities as the medieval and Renaissance city of Toledo. Madrid became the capital of Spain in the XVI century, under the reign of Felipe II, we will get lost in between its oldest streets, visit some of its most emblematic areas, enjoy with some tapas and churros and end the day in the National Archaeological Museum. Roman town of Segobriga - Roman mine of lapis specularis and Huete. Visigothic town of Recopolis and Renaissance city of Pastrana.

Dr. Dionisio Urbina
A professional archaeologist since 1990 Dr. Urbina has directed over fifty archaeological excavations, has published several articles and divulgative books. He has taught numerous courses, conducted exhibitions, lectures and seminars. Currently runs Archaeospain, directing the investigations at the sites of Zorita Castle and Roman Pulpon.

Catalina Urquijo
She has been a professional archaeologist for 26 years, has directed more than twenty archaeological excavations, from Bronze Age to Medieval times. Teacher of the Degree in Cultural Management at the University Antonio de Nebrija in 2009 and 2010. Director from 1998 of diverse International Field School of Archaeology.

US$2,450
Fees include
Full Room and Board
Fieldwork training
Seminars and workshops
Excursions and other activities
Medical Insurance
Transportation to and from airport
Application fee
Administrative costs
Fees DO NOT include airfare
Part of your fee will go toward the research project