

ROFALCO - VULCI 2019

Summer field school



Period: 4 August - 18 August 2019

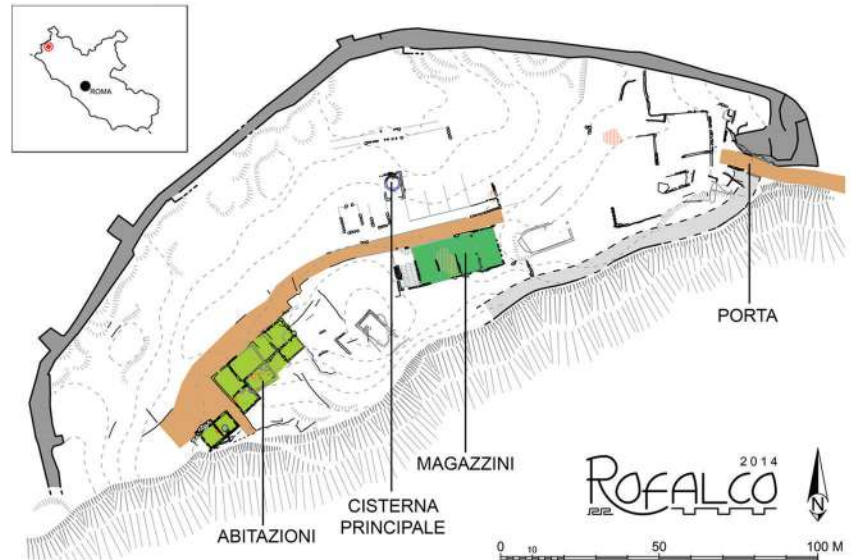
Organizers: Gruppo Archeologico Romano (GAR)

In collaboration with: Soprintendenza Archeologica, Belle Arti e Paesaggio per l'Area Metropolitana di Roma, Provincia di Viterbo e l'Etruria Meridionale, Riserva Naturale Selva del Lamone e Local Authorities, Gruppo Archeologico Subalpino (GAS)

Archaeological site: Rofalco. In the suggestive "forest of the Lamone", which lies between the medieval villages of Farnese (Lazio) and Pitigliano (Tuscany).

Chronology: Etruscan period, IV - III century B.C.

Description: Rofalco was an Etruscan fortress that controlled the northern part of the territory of Vulci and the road to Lake Bolsena. It was destroyed by the Roman army around 280 BC. Starting in 1996, excavations have brought to light the massive defensive walls, with square towers and an exceptional paved door, streets, houses, warehouses and cisterns. The abundance of pottery and tools found clearly demonstrate Rofalco's major role as centre of collection for all the manufactured products from the area, as well as its military function.



Participants: The camp hosts 20-30 university students and volunteers. No previous experience is required. A certificate of participation valid for university credits will be released.

The operations involving such activities are addressed to students professionals of the archaeological and cultural heritage fields.

Programme: This year, activities will focus outside the central part of the settlement, not far from the monumental door, where in the last years there have been interesting findings of residential buildings. The excavation areas will be enlarged, in order to better understand the topography of this part of the settlement and the function of some buildings. Students and volunteers will also participate actively in restoration laboratory, workshops and guided tours. Participants will take part in outreach and promotion projects of the site which includes conferences, guided visits, participation in territorial events in order to promote the activities and the site itself.

Cost: the cost for two week is 365 €, for one week is 250 €. On top of this, you will pay the GAR annual membership fee (24 for under 30 and 37 for everyone else), which is necessary to receive insurance cover during the dig. Accommodation, subsistence and transport during the camp are included in the fee.

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General Information

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- Organizers:** Gruppo Archeologico Romano (GAR)
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- Excavation:** Rofalco, Etruscan fortress
Farnese (VT, Italy)
- Survey area:** Vulci territory
Tuscany and Lazio (Italy)
- Chronology:** 4th-3rd century BCE, Etruscan & Roman
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Description of the Site

Rofalco is located within the dense and charming forest of the Natural Park "Selva del Lamone", near the medieval towns of Pitigliano and Farnese, in Italy, located between Tuscany and Lazio.

Rofalco was an Etruscan fortress in the northern part of Vulci's territory; it was destroyed by the Romans around 280 BCE.

Since 1996, the excavation revealed a massive defensive wall with squared towers and an impressive paved gate dominated by a massive lookout bastion.

Inside the fortress archaeologists discovered roads, open areas and several well preserved buildings: houses, barracks, warehouses,

and water cisterns.



The site was a strategic hub with a military function but also a collection center for the agricultural products of the area. The numerous pottery and tools found so far clearly show the site's importance as well as the aristocratic nature of its rulers.

Rofalco is the first example of fortified site to be systematically excavated in the area, and is a perfect opportunity to study the transition between the Etruscan and Roman worlds. Artefacts from the site make up the core of the Etruscan section of the Museum of Farnese.





The Program

This year we will investigate several wooded areas within the defensive wall. The activities will be concentrated in the central part of the settlement, not far from the Main Gate, where structures of different types have been found: a large cistern for water and some rooms with a residential character. The excavation areas will be enlarged, in order to better understand the topographical disposition of this part of the fortress, as well as the function of some utilitarian buildings. Each participant will gain practical skills and on-site experience while participating in real research activities. The core of the School is the site excavation and documentation; in addition, during the two weeks, students and



volunteers will take part in different laboratory activities on Etruscan pottery analysis and restoration techniques. Other labs will be devoted to GIS and 3D documentation. Further activities consist of designing and executing the audioguides, visiting tour panels, signs, routes, and models of the site. During the Summer Field School, seminars and visits to local archaeological sites and museums will be organized. Following past tradition, on Friday there will be a public conference to illustrate the results of the season; while Saturday will be devoted to provide free guided tours to tourists and visitors.

In order to promote our activities (and enjoy the local traditions!), during the four weeks we will go to several festivals and events in Lazio and Tuscany.

On Saturday or Sunday, there will be a tour to one of the major archaeological sites or museums and a half-day to relax at the lake or beach. The final night of Saturday there will be a barbecue feast.

All the activities are carried out in collaboration with the National Archaeological Bureau, the Natural Park and the local administrations.

Program activities are subject to change.

Working Hours

Tentative daily schedule: breakfast at 7:30 AM • field session 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM • lunch break 12:30 to 2:00 PM • laboratory session (when scheduled) from 6:00 PM • dinner at 8:00 PM.



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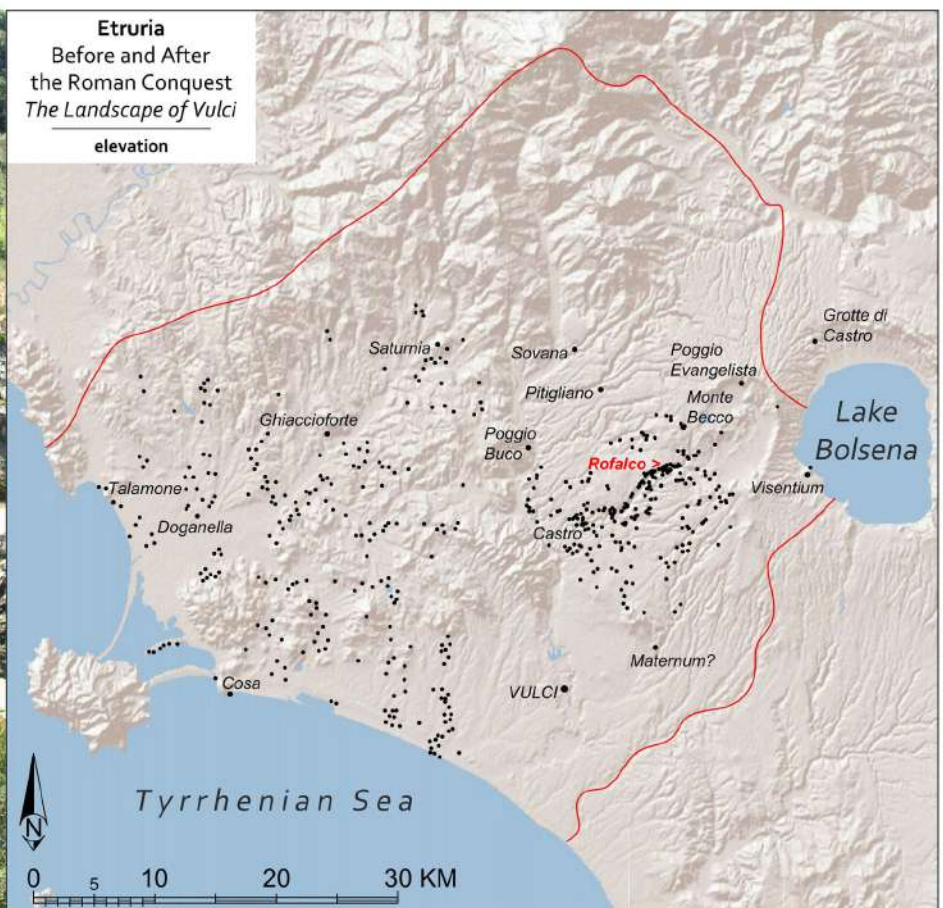
The Territory



The Summer Field School is located just at the border between Tuscany and Lazio, north of Rome, at the center of the territory of the Etruscan city of Vulci. Over a thousand archaeological sites have been identified in this landscape, through a variety of surveys and

excavations. A project directed by researchers from Roman Archaeological Association and University at Buffalo SUNY will bring this information together with environmental and topographic data and aerial imagery, to help in a new study of the territory. The project was

awarded a SPARC-NSF grant to develop a webGIS aiming to better understand the military and economic organization of the pre-Roman landscape, the Etruscan response to Roman invasion and the Roman changes after the conquest of Vulci.



What to Visit

Pitigliano, Cosa, Bolsena, Viterbo, Orvieto and Tuscania are some of the main tourist attractions nearby the School. By car or bus Rome is 1.5 hours, Perugia and Siena 2, and Florence 2.5. Train connections are available at Montalto di Castro and Orte.



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Participants

The Field School usually hosts about 30 graduate, undergraduate and volunteers from all over the world. No previous excavation experience is required. We provide a certificate of participation valid for credits.



Housing & Transportation

The participants will be hosted at the GAR Center 'Mulino Bocci', via G. Marconi 64, Ischia di Castro (Viterbo). Breakfast, most of the dinners and some of the laboratory activities, will be held at the 'Mulino'.

The accommodation consists of dormitory rooms with 6-8 beds, shared toilets and showers. Participant will have use of a small refrigerator. There are facilities for hand washing clothes at the school.

Following the volunteer spirit of the Field School, each participant in turn will help in preparing and serving the meals and keeping everything in order.

Costs

Travel to, from and within Italy (including to arrive at the School) is at the participant expense. Participants are expected to arrive at Ischia di Castro (or at the train station of Montalto di Castro). Please contact etruschi.lamone@gmail.com for precise directions.

The cost for two weeks is €365, for one week is €250. On top of this, you will pay the Gar annual membership fee (€24 for under 30 and €37 for everyone else), which is necessary to receive insurance cover during the dig. Accommodation, subsistence and transport during the camp are included in the fee. Special events (i.e. restaurant, parties, activities outside the program) and spending money are not included.

In order to participate students must accept and follow the School rule, as well as sign some waiver forms upon arrival (some of the waivers are included in the application form at the end of this booklet).



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Application Form (1/2): Participant Information

This and the following page must be compiled and sent together with your CV to etruschi.lamone@gmail.com by June 15st.

Please complete all the fields below.

Name: _____ Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): ___/___/_____/ Male - Female

Place of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

University / Affiliation: _____ Current Year of Study: _____

Major: _____

E-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

Current Address: _____

Arrival date and hour: _____ Departure date and hour: _____

Reference. *Please give the name, department, phone and e-mail address of a professor who can be contacted and asked about your performance as a student.*

Emergency Contact Info. *Please give name, address, relationship, day and work-time phone, e-mail.*

Health Issues. *Please state any drug allergies, or other health issues that we should be aware of.*

Dietary restrictions. *Please state any dietary restrictions or issue (i.e. coeliac, food allergies, vegetarian, etc).*

Please attach a simple CV. *Be sure to list any previous experience in archaeology, as well as any relevant skills, e.g. total station experience, GIS, technical drawing skills, foreign languages etc.*

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Application Form (2/2): Waivers

This and the following page must be compiled and sent together with your CV to etruschi.lamone@gmail.com by June 15st.

Please read each statement carefully. Sign and date at the bottom.

Prerequisites

I hereby recognize that to participate in this Field School I am required to provide both a certificate of good health dated not more than three months prior to the Field School and a valid tetanus injection certificate. Furthermore, I communicated all my health issues and restrictions to the Field School director.

Appropriate Conduct & Safety Issues

I hereby agree to conduct myself in a mature, responsible and appropriate manner while participating in this archaeological Field School. While in the field, I will obey the rules and procedures of the excavation, and will follow instructions given by the staff members. I will not take or remove any of the archaeological objects found on the site for myself. Outside the excavation area, and while on excursions, I will behave in a polite and respectful manner to those around me and of the environment. I will not overindulge in alcohol, and will not procure or consume illegal substances. I understand that by violating these terms, I may be expelled from the Summer Field School without refund of any of the fees I have paid.

Liability

I hereby recognize that participation in this Field School will mean undertaking certain minor risks of injury, since it involves physical work in the outdoors. I'm aware that conditions at the School and on the field are different than those in my home and residence. I recognize that the School's organizers have made every effort to provide a safe and healthy working environment. I will not hold them responsible for any accident, illness or injury that I may incur during the course of excavation and weekend excursions.

Video and Image Release Waiver

I hereby grant permission to the members of the Rofalco staff to photograph and record my video, image, likeness, or depiction. I hereby grant permission to edit, crop, or retouch such videos or photographs, and waive any right to inspect the final photographs. I hereby consent to and permit images of me to be used by the Rofalco staff worldwide for any purpose, including educational and advertisement purposes, and in any medium, including print and electronic. I further waive any claim for compensation of any kind for the use or publication of photographs of me. I hereby fully and forever discharge and release the Rofalco Staff from any claim for damages of any kind arising out of the use or publication of photographs of me, and agree not to sue or otherwise initiate legal proceedings against the Rofalco Staff for such use or publication. I consent to having photographic or film images of myself taken without compensation, and waive the right to be compensated for their use.

All grants of permission and consent, and all covenants, agreements and understandings contained herein are irrevocable. I acknowledge and represent that I am over the age of 18, have read this entire document, that I understand its terms and provisions, and that I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily on behalf of myself.

Name _____ Sign _____ Date: _____