



CASTELO ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT

2024 FIELD SCHOOL

AUG 4 - 24 // AUG 4 - 31

THE PROJECT

Castelo Velho da Serra d'Ossa is a massive upland fortified settlement located in the Alentejo in Portugal. The site, approx. 14 ha in size, dates to the Late Bronze Age [LBA] and Iron Age of southwest Iberia. The LBA of the southwest has long been characterized by the apparent emergence of a new culture associated with defensiveness and warriorship, as represented by (1) stone stelae depicting warrior iconography found in the wider region and (2) the emergence of large, fortified sites that appear during this period. Unfortunately, there is a distinct lack of site-level investigations and data, thus leading to insufficient and generalizing interpretations of this period. Our project aims to contribute toward a more comprehensive understanding of the southwest's LBA.

THE FIELD SCHOOL

Prior experience in archaeology is not required and students of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. This field school will train students in archaeological methods such as excavation techniques, recording, illustration, and the handling and processing of artifacts in our laboratory space.

Students may attend for the 3 week or 4 week session. Tuition includes room, board, and transportation within Portugal. Students are encouraged to apply early as admission is on a rolling basis.

3 Week Session:

August 4 - 24 / \$1500 USD

4 Week Session:

August 4 - 31 / \$1850 USD

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