



# VALERIA ROMAN FORUM



August 1-20

- Location: Valeria, Cuenca, España
- Period: Roman
- Duration: Three weeks
- Accommodation: double-triple room
- Program:
  - Excavation of a Roman city
  - Classifying and processing artifacts
  - Seminars on roman Spain
  - Workshops on roman ceramics
  - Excursions to historical sites

"Undoubtedly the site will forever be imprinted in my mind. The people, the work, the memories, and the finds are truly unforgettable. Russell Williams

Valeria was an important Roman city founded on the land conquered to the celtiberians, between 93 and 82 BC by Valerius Flaccus. Its impressive ruins are located on an spectacular site near the modern town of Valeria (Cuenca, Castilla-La Mancha). It is located on a tongue of land between limestone gorges at an altitude of 1000 metres above sea level.

The major urban development dates to the 1st century AD, when the construction of the forum was undertaken. It is one of the most complete Roman forum in the centre of Spain.

The Basilica is located to the north side of the forum while on the west side are the Exedra (Hall of the imperial cult) and the Cryptoporticus; a vaulted underground gallery functioning as a street or storerooms that served as the foundation to the floor of the Exedra. To the south lies a monumental staircase that gives access to the forum, a series of shops and the most iconic building of Valeria; the Nymphaeum, over 100 metres long. The ensemble is bounded by streets. The extent and status of the remains indicate that it was a Municipium.





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## Daily Schedule

6:30 am Breakfast  
7:00am-2:00pm  
Excavation with a snack break  
2:30pm Lunch  
3-6pm siesta and free time  
6-8pm Laboratory/Lectures/  
Afternoon excursions  
8:00pm Dinner



## Excursions

Half day excursion to the Roman city of Segobriga/ and Roman mines of lapis specularis.  
One day trip to the World Heritage City of Cuenca and its archaeological museum where objects from the Valeria excavations are located.  
One day excursion to Valencia, the friendly city of the Mediterranean. We will visit the old town, taste the typical paella and spend the afternoon at the beach.  
Participation at the Roman Festival of Valeria



From 1951 to 1974, the archaeological excavations started and the people of the modern small village became actively involved, thanks to the amazing work of the teacher and antiquity lover Francisco Suay. With his initiative, a local Museum was also created in 1952, and it would be the germ of the Archaeological Museum of Cuenca. From 1974 to 1978, the excavation of Valeria was greatly promoted under the direction of Manuel Osuna, after the departure of Suay. From 1979 the new director was Ángel Fuentes. During this period, the works continued in the Forum: the Basilica, the Curia, the tabernae of the wing of the Nymphaeum were fully excavated and the cave dwelling known as "Hanging House" was exposed.



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