



## ***Dig in the Roman City of Sanisera*** (Menorca – Balearic Islands – Spain)

### **1. General Information**

In 2008 ***Sanisera Archaeology Institute for International Field Schools*** started its courses at the Roman city of Sanisera. During all these years many students have come from all over the world to study abroad to Menorca (Balearic Islands, Spain) in order to dig up the Roman remains located at this classical site on the Northern coast of the island.

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 objects 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 surrounding an excavation of the Roman civilization from the II century B.C. to the VI A.D.

### **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 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.

### 3. Directed at

The training provided in this course and the experience you can acquire can strengthen you if you are thinking about archaeology in a professional level.

If you are contemplating for the first time to be a volunteer in an archaeology field school, this course could be right for you. This program accommodates participants with or without previous experience.

**You can learn from the beginning** excavation techniques and methodology. During the excavation you will find archaeological remains from the classical period including Roman pottery, amphorae, glass, etc. that you will learn how to identify in the laboratory.

The comprehensive experience that you will gain in this course will help you to decide if you want to pursue archaeology in university or as a profession.

Previous knowledge or experience in archaeology or computer systems is not required.

### 3. Field School life & language

The fieldwork focuses on Classical archaeology, and specifically on Roman archaeology.

On a normal working day at the Field School, students wake up in the morning and have breakfast at the students' residence before the staff members pick them up with the vans. Then we take a ride to the North of the island to get to the beautiful port of Sanitja, where the Roman city of Sanisera is located. Once there, students devote 4 hours to fieldwork, where they learn proper excavation techniques to improve their skills, while they dig in different buildings in an area of the city very close to the sea.

During fieldwork students recover the materials located in the rooms and other contexts, including tons of Roman ceramics such as amphorae and fine wares, glass wares, faunal remains and metal pieces such as adornments, tools and coins.

After fieldwork we go to the Field School center, where students have a sandwich break to get some energy back! Our center holds the laboratories, where students work with the Roman pottery found on site. The main aim is to wash, label, classify and prepare the materials' inventories. Also students are given lectures on Roman pottery typologies (both for amphorae and fine wares), History of the site, archaeological practice and methodology and Classical History in the Western Mediterranean.

Digging at the Roman city of Sanisera is a first-hand experience to get an insight on the Classical world in a Mediterranean island.

It runs 7 hours a day, and is divided between excavation, lab work, exercises, and lectures. For every seven course days, there are two days off. The course is taught in English and Spanish.

#### 4. 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.

#### 5. Sessions & Cost

Sessions	Dates	Cost
Session #1	2021   May 19 – June 03	\$ 1800
Session #2	2021   June 06 – June 21	\$ 1800
Session #3	2021   June 26 – July 11	\$ 1800
Session #4	2021   July 14 – July 29	\$ 1800
Session #5	2021   August 01 – August 16	\$ 1800
Session #6	2021   August 19 – September 03	\$ 1800
Session #7	2021   September 06 – September 21	\$ 1800

#### 6. Course fee & Rules includes during the time of the COVID 19 pandemic

- Course tuition.
- Daily transportation to/from the archaeological fieldwork.
- A washing machine is available in the residence to clean personal clothes free of charge.
- Accident insurance at the site.
- Certificate of participation.
- Visits to museums and archaeological heritage of the island. It is also possible to visit places of charm and beaches. **All visits will be made with the utmost caution avoiding any type of large group of people.**
- Accommodation in the Student Residency in Ciutadella. **The rooms are spacious and easily ventilated. Room occupancy is limited to two to three people in single beds.**
- **Scrupulous daily cleaning of the entire residence by professionals with hygienic products against Covid.**
- **The staff will supervise the cleaning with hygienic hand gel at different times of the day, especially when the group arrives at the residence.**
- **Following the protection measures, the staff will ensure that the use of the mask covering the nose and mouth is mandatory throughout the day, whether during field work, laboratory activities or visits. In the common spaces of the residence it will also be mandatory. If any participant does not follow these rules, they will be expelled from the course.**

- The staff will ensure that the group of participants has the minimum contact and relationship with other Spanish citizens or tourists, and the distance of 1.5 m will be taken into account between people.
- Each TEST COVID participant must present the negative certificate to the staff upon arrival in Menorca with less than 72 hours.
- Each participant upon arrival at the facilities of *Sanisera Archeology Institute* in Menorca, will sign a responsible statement in accordance with the preventive measures of COVID and that in case of discomfort or symptoms that both he and the staff consider may be harmful to the rest of the participants, they must go to a medical assistance center to diagnose your condition.

Airfare not included from the student home to/from Menorca (Spain).

During the 2021 school season, in times of pandemic, catering will be offered for the main meal of the day after the daily activities of the field school that will be served even during rest days and between sessions. The catering is cooked according to allergies, vegetarian diet and religions. The cost of this service will be 120 dollars that will be delivered on the first day of the course and will be optional for the convenience of the participant. Payment is not mandatory if the participant is not interested.

However, the safest, most hygienic and economical places that serve food and supermarkets will be recommended.

**\*If you sign up for two sessions in a row** (32 days) that take place in Menorca, the days between sessions (3 or 4 days) you will have the accommodation for free.

## 7. Spaces available

The course is limited to 10 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.

## 8. Information and reservations

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