



Ecomuseu Cap de Cavalleria

Santa Teresa · Menorca

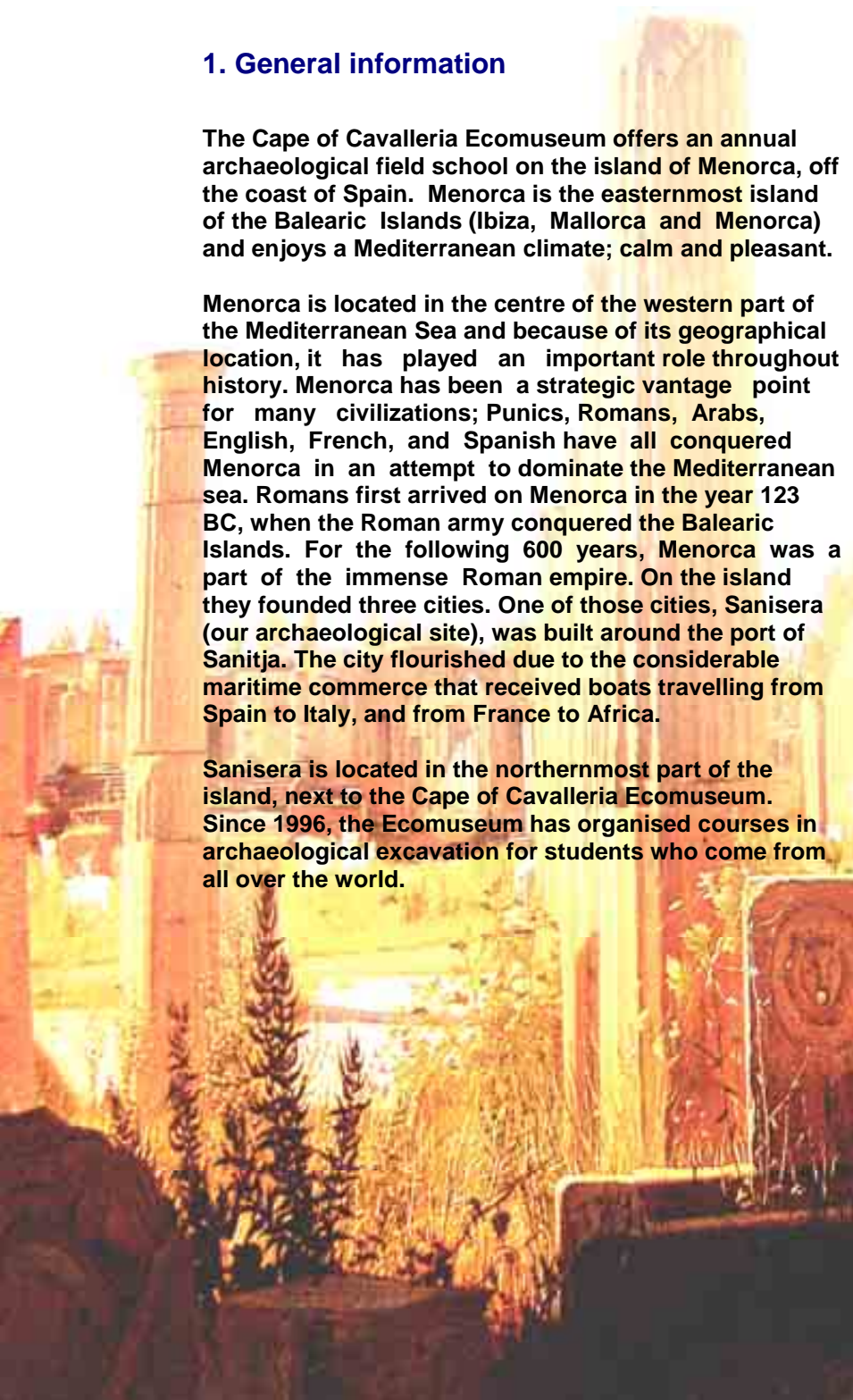
Sanisera Archaeology Field School – 2011 – The Roman City and Necropolis Dig MENORCA, BALEARIC ISLANDS (SPAIN)

1. General information

The Cape of Cavalleria Ecomuseum offers an annual archaeological field school on the island of Menorca, off the coast of Spain. Menorca is the easternmost island of the Balearic Islands (Ibiza, Mallorca and Menorca) and enjoys a Mediterranean climate; calm and pleasant.

Menorca is located in the centre of the western part of the Mediterranean Sea and because of its geographical location, it has played an important role throughout history. Menorca has been a strategic vantage point for many civilizations; Punics, Romans, Arabs, English, French, and Spanish have all conquered Menorca in an attempt to dominate the Mediterranean sea. Romans first arrived on Menorca in the year 123 BC, when the Roman army conquered the Balearic Islands. For the following 600 years, Menorca was a part of the immense Roman empire. On the island they founded three cities. One of those cities, Sanisera (our archaeological site), was built around the port of Sanitja. The city flourished due to the considerable maritime commerce that received boats travelling from Spain to Italy, and from France to Africa.

Sanisera is located in the northernmost part of the island, next to the Cape of Cavalleria Ecomuseum. Since 1996, the Ecomuseum has organised courses in archaeological excavation for students who come from all over the world.





2. Course Description

The Cape of Cavalleria Ecomuseum in Menorca, Spain, has scheduled for 2011, the excavation of Sanisera: The Roman City and Necropolis. The occupation of the city began in 123 BC and lasted until 650 AD. Participants will excavate both areas of the site, dedicating one half of the session to each area. The excavation is directed by Fernando Contreras, director of the Ecomuseum of the Cape of Cavalleria in collaboration with other archaeologists and specialists in physical anthropology and conservation. The course runs 7 hours per day, with time dedicated to both excavation and laboratory work. The course is divided into two halves: the Roman City Dig and the Necropolis Dig.

The excavation of the Necropolis focuses on funerary structures, specifically inhumations. Participants will learn and apply excavation techniques used in physical anthropology when excavating tombs. In the laboratory participants will be instructed by an anthropologist and other specialists in the classification, study, and conservation of human remains and other related materials found. The excavation of the Roman City focuses on the urban structures of Sanisera. During this part of the excavation, participants will receive an intensive introduction to basic aspects of field excavation techniques following the Harris Matrix. In the lab, participants will process, classify and study excavated materials, focusing on Roman pottery.

Participants will also be given lectures on methodology, Roman archaeology, physical anthropology and classification of archaeological materials. Participants will visit other archaeological sites on the island through organized excursions. Courses are given in both English and Spanish. For every seven course days there are two days off.

3. Certificates

At the end of the course, 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 up on request.

4. Directed at

The course is open to any individual who would like to learn about Archaeology. Previous knowledge or experience in archaeology is not required.





5. Session Dates and Costs

10 Sessions (20 days each):

Session #1: March 29 th – April 17 th	\$ 2700
Session #2: April 20 th – May 9 th	\$ 1500
Session #3: May 12 th – May 31 st	\$ 2500
Session #4: June 3 rd – June 22 nd	\$ 2500
Session #5: June 25 th – July 14 th	\$ 2500
Session #6: July 17 th – August 5 th	\$ 2500
Session #7: August 8 th – August 27 th	\$ 2500
Session #8: August 30 th – September 18 th	\$ 1800
Session #9: September 20 th – October 9 th	\$ 1800
Session #10: October 12 th – October 31 st	\$ 1800

Course fee includes:

- Course tuition.
- Accommodation in the Student Residency in Ciutadella. Two to six per room. Walking distance to the historic center, port and beaches.
- Daily transportation to/from the excavation site.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner in Ciutadella.
- Morning snack at the Ecomuseum.
- Accident insurance at the site.
- Excursions.
- Certificate of participation.

Airfare not included.

6. Spaces available

The course is limited to 16 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 (see the Ecomuseum's webpage, Archaeology Field School).

7. Information and reservations

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