



Ecomuseu Cap de Cavalleria

Santa Teresa · Menorca

Sanisera Archaeology Field School – 2012 – The Archaeological Movie

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.

The island was populated at a slow pace throughout the Bronze Age. The first inhabitants of the island buried their dead in caves along with personal items, following complex funerary rituals including the deposition of grave goods.

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.

Since 1996, the Ecomuseum has organized 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 2012, the excavation of three sites. The first is The Roman Necropolis Dig, which involves the excavation of a cluster of roman tombs belonging to a cemetery located on the outskirts of the roman city of Sanisera, which was occupied from 123 BC to 550 AD. The second is the excavation of the Roman City of Sanisera, overlooking the natural port of Sanitja, which presents the same chronology as the above mentioned necropolis. The third archaeological project is The Prehistoric Cave Dig, which is focused on the excavation of funerary deposits made by the first inhabitants of Menorca. The dig takes place in a cave known as "Cueva de la Costa Norte", very close to the Cape of Cavalleria Ecomuseum. It is a collective burial site which dates between 2000 and 1350 B.C. It involves the collection of burnt bone samples, pottery vessels, bronze and bone pendants and beads, among other artifacts.

This course consists of two main parts. The first one deals with filming a video documentary so that the audience can get to know more about the archaeological findings, the history of the three sites and the archaeological work carried out both on site and in the laboratory. In the second part of the course students who participate in this course will learn about the process of creating a documentary: preparing the plot, shooting on the site, selection of scenes, editing video and sound and the different elements regarding audiovisuals.

The directors of this program are Macià Florit, an expert in the production of cultural, fiction and non-fiction videos, and Fernando Contreras, director of the Ecomuseum of the Cape of Cavalleria. Also, other archaeologists and specialists in physical anthropology and conservation will collaborate during the course.

The course runs 7 hours per day, with time dedicated to both video footage while the archaeologists are excavating, and the processing of the digital documentation in order to create the archaeological movie.

Participants will also be given lectures on methodology regarding multimedia productions. Participants will visit 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 is interested in archaeology and film producing.

5. Session Dates and Costs

2 Sessions (20 days each):

Session #1: July 17– August 5	\$ 2500
Session #2: August 8 – August 27	\$ 2500

Course fee includes:

- Course tuition.
- Video recorder camera
- Accommodation in the Student Residency. Two to six per room.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- 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 3 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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