



Ecomuseu Cap de Cavalleria

Santa Teresa · Menorca

Sanisera Archaeology Field School – 2012 – The Cave – Mediterranean Funerary Archaeology 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 during the Bronze Age. The inhabitants of the island buried their dead in caves along with their personal items, following complex funerary rituals including the deposition of grave goods.

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.

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 funerary deposits made by the first inhabitants of Menorca. The excavation is directed by Fernando Contreras, director of the Cape of Cavalleria Ecomuseum in collaboration with other specialists in physical anthropology and conservation.

The course runs 7 hours a day which is divided between excavation of the cave and laboratory work; study and conservation of the human remains and other materials recovered from the burial site. The fieldwork focuses on the spatial distribution of the individuals and the objects related to their rituals and grave goods. Students will also participate in lectures, classes, exercises and excursions related to the course material. For every seven course days there are two days off.

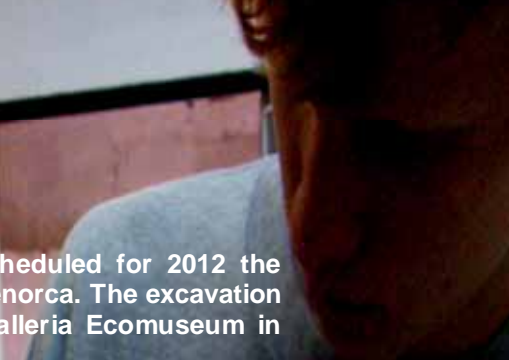
Participants will learn and apply excavation techniques used in physical anthropology when excavating the cave tombs. In the laboratory, participants will follow guidelines set by an anthropologist and other specialists for the classification, study, and conservation of human remains and other related material found. 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.

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 upon request.

4. Directed at

The course is open to any individual that would like to learn about archaeology. Although we do recommend a strong interest in physical anthropology, previous knowledge or experience is not required.





5. Session Dates and Costs

10 Sessions (20 days each):

Session #1: April 20 – May 9	\$ 1300
Session #2: May 12 – May 31	\$ 2600
Session #3: June 3 – June 22	\$ 2600
Session #4: June 25 – July 14	\$ 2600
Session #5: July 17 – August 5	\$ 2600
Session #6: August 8 - August 27	\$ 2300
Session #7: August 30 – September 18	\$ 2300
Session #8: September 20 –October 9	\$ 1800
Session #9: October 12 – October 31	\$ 1800
Session #10: November 3 – November 22	\$ 1300



Course fee includes:

- Course tuition.
- Accommodation in the Student Residency. Two to six per room.
- Daily transportation to/from the excavation site.
- 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 8 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 website page, Archaeology Field School).

7. Information and reservations

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