



BRITISH SCHOOL AT ATHENS

ΒΡΕΤΑΝΙΚΗ ΣΧΟΛΗ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ

The Archaeology and Topography of Greece
20th August – 9th September 2023

ITINERARY

Sunday 20th August

20.00 Meet and greet, informal dinner

Monday 21st August

09.00 Course introduction and tour of the BSA
10.15 Library and Archive tour
11.00 Coffee
11.30 Lecture: The history of archaeology and the archaeology of history in Greece
13.00 Buffet lunch (provided)
14.00 Lecture: Ways of approaching archaeological sites
15.30 Group Seminars
An introduction to ancient pottery
Archaeological Science
Museums and heritage
19.00 BBQ

Tuesday 22nd August

08.00 Depart for the Acropolis and the Areopagus (metro)
The Periclean Building Programme
The Archaic Acropolis, and 'hidden' phases of an archaeological site
Interior of the Parthenon: the Parthenon Restoration Project
12.00 Lunch (own lunch)
14.00 The Acropolis Museum
Multi-temporality on the Acropolis Slopes
Sculpture I: Archaic korai
Power, politics, and storytelling on the Parthenon marbles

Wednesday 24th August

09.00 Depart for the Athenian Agora (metro)
Town-planning and urban spaces
Politics and democracy in Classical Athens
'Big dig' archaeology, and the long history of an excavation
The ancient economy: storing and transporting goods (Agora Museum)
13.00 Lunch (own lunch)
14.00 The slopes of the Acropolis and Pnyx (n.b. no toilets at this site)
Community in Classical Athens: sanctuaries and theatres
Rites of initiation
17.00 Finish

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Thursday 24th August

- 09.00 Depart for the National Archaeological Museum (metro)
Prehistoric gallery: funerary assemblages and their curation
Pottery gallery: ceramic typologies and chronologies
- 13.15 Lunch (own lunch)
- 14.00 *Sculpture II: the male body through time*
- 17.00 Optional group outing

Friday 25th August

- 09.00 Depart for Kerameikos (metro)
Death and burial through time
Archaeological skills: identifying archaeological phases
- 11.30 Roman Agora, Little Metropolis, Temple of Olympian Zeus
The transformation of Classical Athens in the Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine periods
- 13.00 Lunch (own lunch)
- 14.00 *Spolia and cultural appropriation*
- 16.30 Seminar: Archaeology today and tomorrow
Presentation of tutors' research projects
- 17.30 Finish

Saturday 26th August*

- 08.00 Depart for Lefkandi (coach)
'Minding the gap' between prehistory and history
BSA excavations at Lefkandi
- 13.00 Picnic lunch provided
- 14.00 Eretria
Archaeological skills: 'reading' domestic remains
Archaeological Museum of Eretria
- 15.30 Depart Euboea
- 20.00 Pot-luck dinner

Sunday 27th August

FREE DAY

Monday 28th August

- 09.00 Depart for Mt Lykavettos (walking)
The ancient and modern topography of Athens
- 11.00 Byzantine Museum
Remembering and forgetting Classical Greece
Museology II: reconstruction and experience
- 13.00 Lunch at BSA (own lunch)
- 14.00 Depart for Benaki Museum (walking)
Aesthetics and the display of ancient 'art'

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Visualising the Islamic World in Greece
Museology III: education and public engagement

16.30 Finish

Tuesday 29th August*

08.00 Depart for Delphi (coach)
Myth, history, and 'myth-history' at the Sanctuary of Apollo
Interstate competition
Key theme: Pan-Hellenic sanctuaries

13.30 Picnic lunch provided

14.30 *Archaeological Museum of Delphi*

17.00 Depart Delphi (coach)

19.30 Group dinner in Livadeia
Overnight in Livadeia

Wednesday 30th August*

09.00 Depart for Chaironea (coach)
(Re-)memorialising the battle of Chaironea
Archaeological Museum of Chaironea

11.00 Orchomenos (n.b. no toilet at this site)
Funerary landscapes: Boeotia

11.45 Picnic lunch provided

13.15 Museum of Thebes
Evidence for life and death in the Bronze Age
The Acropolis of Thebes: the museology of an excavation
Thebes between myth and history

15.30 Depart Thebes

Thursday 31st August

09.30 Depart for National Historical Museum (metro)
The Greek War of Independence
Politics and culture in Greece's capital

12.30 Lunch at BSA (own lunch)

14.00 BSA Collections
Assembling an assemblage: understanding pot sherds
Archive collections, including George Finlay papers
An introduction to Archaeology and the Digital Humanities

16.30 Finish

Friday 1st September*

08.30 Depart for Marathon (coach)
(Re-)memorialising the battle of Marathon
Archaeological Museum of Marathon

11.00 Rhamnous

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	<i>Deme sanctuaries in rural Attica</i> <i>Town-planning and urban spaces</i>
12.00	Picnic lunch provided
14.30	Sounion <i>The role of maritime sanctuaries in the Archaic and Classical periods</i> <i>Archaeological skills: 'reading' domestic remains</i> <i>Key theme: trade and connection</i>
16.00	Depart Sounion

Saturday 2nd September*

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Sunday 3rd September

	Depart from BSA for Peloponnese
08.00	Depart for Eleusis (coach) <i>'Decoding' the Eleusinian Mysteries with literature, history, and archaeology</i> <i>Reception and rebuilding of Classical cult in the Roman period</i>
11.30	Corinth <i>Romanisation and Christianisation in Corinthia</i> <i>Domestic economies</i>
14.00	Picnic lunch provided
16.30	Epidauros Theatre <i>Performing in ancient and modern Epidauros</i>
17.30	Depart Epidauros <i>Overnight in Nafplion</i>

Monday 4th September*

09.00	Depart for Tiryns (coach) <i>Late Bronze Age fortification archaeology I</i> <i>Archaeological skills: visualising an ancient site and its landscape</i>
11.00	Mycenae <i>Late Bronze Age fortification archaeology II</i> <i>Prehistoric archaeology between Schliemann and Homer</i> <i>Funerary landscapes: the Argolid</i>
13.00	Picnic lunch provided
13.45	Mycenae Museum
15.00	Nemea <i>Key theme: Pan-Hellenic sanctuaries</i> <i>The Nemean Games and Nemea stadium</i>
17.00	Depart Nemea
19.30	Group dinner in Nafplion <i>Overnight in Nafplion</i>

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Tuesday 5th September*

- 08.30 Depart for Argive Heraion (coach) (n.b. no toilets at this site)
Sanctuaries, landscapes, and territory in the Argolid
Archaeological skills: visualising an ancient site and its landscape
- 12.00 Picnic lunch provided
- 13.00 Mystras
The long history of Laconia, between Mystras and Sparta
An introduction to Byzantine art and architecture
- 17.00 Depart Mystras
Overnight in Pylos

Wednesday 6th September*

- 09.00 Depart for Palace of Nestor (coach)
Late Bronze Age fortification archaeology III
Funerary landscapes: Messenia
Conservation and public display of an archaeological site
- 11.30 Methone (n.b. no toilets at this site, but there are plenty of cafes in town)
Building fortifications in the Venetian period
Key theme: trade and connection
- 13.00 Picnic lunch provided
- 14.30 Pylos Castle
Archaeological skills: review activity and student-led tour
Museum of underwater archaeology
The battle of Sphacteria
- 17.00 Finish
Overnight in Pylos

Thursday 7th September*

- 08.00 Depart for Messene (coach)
Town-planning and urban spaces
Finding isonomia and the rules of fair-play in the material record
Anastylosis: to what extent should we 'restore' archaeological sites?
- 13.00 Lunch
- 15.30 Bassai
(Re)-building Archaic and Classical temples
The interior of the Temple of Apollo Epikourios
- 17.00 Depart Bassai
Overnight in Olympia

Friday 8th September*

- 09.00 Depart for Olympia (walking)
Myth, history, and 'myth-history' at the Sanctuary of Zeus



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Interstate competition

Key theme: Pan-Hellenic sanctuaries

Archaeological Museum of Olympia

12.30

13.30

14.30

19.30

Picnic lunch provided

Free time

Farewell dinner

Overnight in Olympia

Saturday 9th September

09.00

Depart Olympia for Athens Airport, to arrive by c.14.00

* Indicates a day when a picnic lunch is supplied.

All breakfasts are included within the course programme.