



BRITISH SCHOOL AT ATHENS

ΒΡΕΤΑΝΙΚΗ ΣΧΟΛΗ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ

The Archaeology and Topography of Greece
19th August – 7th September 2024

ITINERARY

Sunday 18th August

20.00 Meet and greet

Monday 19th August

09.00 Course introduction and tour of the BSA & Library
10.30 Coffee break
11.00 Introductory lectures 1
The history of archaeology and the archaeology of history in Greece
Understanding archaeological and historical evidence
13.00 Buffet lunch (provided)
14.00 Introductory lectures 2
Introduction to pre-history
Introduction to Byzantine history & archaeology
15.30 Group Seminars
An introduction to ancient pottery
Archaeological Science
Museums and heritage

19.00 Group dinner (provided)

Tuesday 20th August

09.00 Depart for the Athenian Agora
Multi-temporality and the long history of an excavation
Town-planning and urban spaces
Politics and administration in Classical Athens
Agora Museum
13.00 Lunch (own lunch)
14.00 Pnyx (n.b. no toilets at this site) and the Areopagus
Democracy in Classical Athens
Rites of initiation
17.00 Finish

Wednesday 21st August

09.00 Depart for Kerameikos
Death and burial through time
Archaeological skills: identifying archaeological phases
11.30 The transformation of Athens in the Roman, and Byzantine periods
Roman Agora & Library of Hadrian
Arch of Hadrian, Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Panathenaic Stadium
13.30 Lunch (own lunch)
14.00 *Spolia: the Little Metropolis*

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16.30 Seminar: Archaeology today and tomorrow
Presentation of tutors' research projects

17.30 Finish

Thursday 22th August

08.00 Depart for the Acropolis
The Periclean Building Programme
The Archaic Acropolis, and 'hidden' phases of an archaeological site
Interior of the Parthenon: the Parthenon Restoration Project

11.00 The slopes of the Acropolis
Community in Classical Athens: sanctuaries and theatres

12.30 Lunch (own lunch)

14.00 The Acropolis Museum
Multi-temporality on the Acropolis Slopes
Sculpture: Archaic korai
Community and symbolism: The Great Panathenaea

17.30 Finish

Friday 23th August

08.30 Depart for the National Archaeological Museum
Prehistoric gallery: funerary assemblages and their curation
Pottery gallery: ceramic typologies and chronologies
Sculpture gallery: self-representation and funerary monuments

13.00 Lunch (own lunch)

15.00 Thematic lectures
The ancient festival
Panhellenism

17.00 Finish

19.00 Optional group outing

Saturday 24th August

FREE DAY

Sunday 25th August

08.00 Depart for Marathon (coach)
Site & Museum

10.30 Depart for Brauron
Myths & history
Female competitions
Museum of Brauron

12.00 Lunch

12.30 Depart for Thorikos & Lavrion
Town-planning and urban spaces
Mines & economy

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15.30 Depart for Sounion
The role of maritime sanctuaries in the Archaic and Classical periods
Key theme: trade and connection

18.00 Depart from Sounion

Monday 26th 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

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

Tuesday 27th 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 Lunch

14.30 Archaeological Museum of Delphi

17.00 Depart Delphi

19.00 Group dinner in Livadieia

Overnight in Leivadia

Wednesday 28th August

08.30 Depart for Orchomenos & Chaeronea

10.30 Depart for Moni Osiou Louka (coach)

13.00 Lunch (Provided)

13.30 Depart for Archaeological Museum of Thebes

Thursday 29st August

10.40 Depart for National Historical Museum
The Greek War of Independence
Politics and culture in Greece's capital

11.30 Museum of Islamic Art (metro)
Visualising the Islamic World in Greece

13.00 Lunch (own lunch) & return to the BSA

15.00 Thematic lectures: The role of Antiquity in the creation of the Greek state
Philhellenism

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Reinvention of traditions & historical continuity

17.00 Finish

Friday 30th August

FREE DAY

Saturday 31st August

Depart from BSA for Peloponnese

08.00 Depart for Eleusis (coach)
'Decoding' the Eleusinian Mysteries with literature, history, and archaeology
Reception and rebuilding of Classical cult in the Roman period

11.30 Corinth
Roman and Christian Corinthia
Domestic economies

14.00 Picnic lunch provided

16.30 Epidauros Theatre
Performing in ancient and modern Epidauros
Asklepion
Museum

17.30 Depart Epidauros

Overnight in Nafplion

Sunday 1st September

09.00 Depart for Tiryns (coach)
Late Bronze Age fortification archaeology I
Archaeological skills: visualising an ancient site and its landscape

11.00 Mycenae
Late Bronze Age fortification archaeology II
Prehistoric archaeology between Schliemann and Homer
Funerary landscapes: the Argolid

13.00 Picnic lunch provided

13.45 Mycenae Museum

15.00 Nemea
Key theme: Pan-Hellenic sanctuaries
The Nemean Games and Nemea stadium

17.00 Depart Nemea

19.30 Group dinner in Nafplion

Overnight in Nafplion

Monday 2nd September

08.30 Depart for Argive Heraion (coach) (n.b. no toilets at this site)

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Sanctuaries, landscapes, and territory in the Argolid

Archaeological skills: visualising an ancient site and its landscape

TBC Archaeological Museum/site of Tegea

12.00 Picnic lunch provided

13.00 Sparta

The Spartan Acropolis

The Spartan austerity

Archaeological Museum of Sparta

Overnight in Mystras

Tuesday 3rd September

08.30 Mystras

The long history of Laconia, between Mystras and Sparta

An introduction to Byzantine art and architecture

An introduction to Byzantine art and architecture

Depart for Pylos

Overnight in Pylos

Wednesday 4th September

09.00 Depart for Methone (n.b. no toilets at this site, but plenty of cafes in town)

Building fortifications in the Venetian period

10.15 Depart for Palace of Nestor (coach)

Late Bronze Age fortification archaeology III

Funerary landscapes: Messenia

Conservation and public display of an archaeological site

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Pylos Castle

Museum of underwater archaeology

The battle of Sphacteria

The battle of Navarino

17.00 Finish

Overnight in Pylos

Thursday 5th 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

The interior of the Temple of Apollo Epikourios

17.00 Depart Bassai

Overnight in Olympia

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Friday 6th September

09.00 Depart for Olympia (walking)
Myth, history, and 'myth-history' at the Sanctuary of Zeus
Interstate competition
Pan-Hellenic sanctuaries
12.30 *Archaeological Museum of Olympia*
13.30 Lunch
14.30 Free time
19.30 Farewell dinner
Overnight in Olympia

Saturday 7th September

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

All breakfasts are included within the course programme.