



BRITISH SCHOOL AT ATHENS

ΒΡΕΤΑΝΙΚΗ ΣΧΟΛΗ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ

The Archaeology and Topography of Greece 17th August – 5th September 2026

Sunday 16th August

20.00 Meet and greet

Monday 17th August

09.00 Course introduction and tour of the BSA & Library

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Introductory lectures

The history of archaeology and the archaeology of history in Greece

Understanding archaeological and historical evidence

13.00 Lunch (provided)

14.00 Group Seminars

Introduction to pre-history

Introduction to pottery

Introduction to Epigraphy

17.00 Depart for Mt Lykavettos (walking)

The ancient and modern topography of Athens

19.00 Group dinner (provided)

Tuesday 18th August

09.00 Depart for the Athenian Agora

Politics and administration in Ancient Athens

Agora Museum

13.00 Lunch (own lunch)

14.00 Kerameikos

Death and burial through time

Pnyx

Democracy in Classical Athens

17.00 Finish

Wednesday 19th August

09.00 Depart for the Acropolis

The Archaeology of the Acropolis Hill

Interior of the Parthenon: the Parthenon Restoration Project

11.30 The slopes of the Acropolis

Community in Ancient Athens: sanctuaries and theatres

12.30 Lunch (own lunch)

14.00 The Acropolis Museum

Multi-temporality on the Acropolis Slopes

Museums and Archaeopolitics

Sculpture: Archaic korai

The Great Panathenaea

17.30 Finish

Thursday 20th August

Athens in the Roman period and the Late Antiquity

the Little Metropolis

10.00 *Library of Hadrian*

11.00 *Roman Agora*

Arch of Hadrian

12.00 *Temple of Olympian Zeus*

13.00 *the Panathenaic Stadium*



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13.30 Lunch (own lunch)
15.00 Byzantine Museum
Athens in the Byzantine period
Museology: reconstruction and experience
17.30 Finish

Friday 21st 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 Workshop
Communicating archaeology: knowledge exchange, impact and public engagement
19.00 Optional group outing

Saturday 22nd August FREE DAY

Sunday 23rd August

08.00 Depart for Marathon
Site & Museum
10.30 Depart for Brauron
Myths & history
Museum of Brauron
12.00 Lunch (provided)
12.30 Depart for Thorikos & Lavrion
Town-planning and urban spaces
Mines & economy
15.30 Depart for Sounion
The role of maritime sanctuaries in the Archaic and Classical periods
Trade and connection
18.00 Depart from Sounion

Monday 24th August

10.00 Introduction to archaeological science and the work of the Fitch Laboratory
10.45 Group seminars
Archaeological science I: ceramic petrology
Introduction to pottery II: osteoarchaeology
12.00 Lunch (provided)
14.00 Visit Museum of Cycladic Art
16.00 Visit the BSA Archive / Optional Epigraphy session – making squeezes

Tuesday 25th August

08.00 Depart for Delphi (coach)
Myth, history and the Sanctuary of Apollo
Pan-Hellenic sanctuaries
13.30 Lunch (not provided)
14.00 Archaeological Museum of Delphi
17.00 Depart Delphi
Overnight in Leivadia

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Wednesday 26th August

08.30	Depart for Chaeronea <i>Ancient Macedonia & Greece after the Battle of Chaeronea</i>
10.30	Osios Loukas Monastery <i>From Late Antiquity to Byzantine</i>
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Archaeological Museum of Thebes <i>Pre-history and museum curation</i>

Thursday 27th August

10.40	Depart for National Historical Museum <i>The Greek War of Independence</i> <i>Politics and culture in Greece's capital</i>
11.30	Museum of Islamic Art <i>Visualising the Islamic World in Greece</i>
13.00	Lunch (not provided) & return to the BSA
15.00	Thematic lectures: <i>Ancient monuments and the creation of the Greek state</i> <i>Reinvention of traditions & historical continuity</i>

Friday 28th August

FREE DAY

Saturday 29th August

	Depart from BSA for Peloponnese
08.00	Depart for Eleusis (coach) <i>'Decoding' the Eleusinian Mysteries</i>
11.30	Ancient Corinth <i>Roman and Christian Corinthia</i> <i>Domestic economies</i>
14.00	Lunch (not provided)
15.30	Nemea <i>Pan-Hellenic sanctuaries</i> <i>The Nemean Games and Nemea stadium</i>

Overnight in Nafplion

Sunday 30th August

08.00	Depart for Epidauros <i>Performing in ancient and modern Epidauros</i> <i>Asklepion & Museum</i>
11.00	Mycenae <i>Treasury of Atreus</i> <i>The archaeology of Mycenae</i> <i>Mycenae Museum</i>
13.00	Quick lunch (provided, on the road)
14.00	Depart for Argive Heraion (n.b. no toilets at this site) <i>Sanctuaries, landscapes, and territory in the Argolid</i>
19.00	Group dinner

Overnight in Nafplion

Monday 31st August

08.30	Depart for Tiryns (coach) <i>Late Bronze Age archaeology</i>
11.00	Visit Tegea <i>Sanctuary of Alea Athena at Tegea</i>

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	<i>Museum of Tegea</i>
	Lunch on the road (not provided)
13.30	Sparta
14.00	<i>Archaeological Museum of Sparta: the Spartan austerity</i>
15.30	<i>The Spartan Acropolis</i>
<i>Overnight in Mystras</i>	
Tuesday 1st September	
09.00	Mystras
	<i>The long history of Laconia, between Mystras and Sparta</i>
	<i>An introduction to Byzantine art and architecture</i>
	Lunch & depart for Pylos
<i>Overnight in Pylos</i>	
Wednesday 2nd September	
09.00	Depart for Methone (n.b. no toilets at this site, but plenty of cafes in town)
	<i>Building fortifications in the Venetian period</i>
11.00	Palace of Nestor
	<i>Funerary landscapes: Messenia</i>
	<i>Conservation and public display of an archaeological site</i>
13.00	Lunch
14.30	Pylos Castle
	<i>Museum of underwater archaeology</i>
	<i>The battle of Sphacteria</i>
	<i>The battle of Navarino</i>
17.00	Finish
<i>Overnight in Pylos</i>	
Thursday 3rd September	
08.00	Depart for Messene
	<i>Town-planning and urban spaces</i>
	<i>The ancient Gymnasium: education in the ancient world</i>
13.00	Lunch (provided)
15.30	Bassai
	<i>The Temple of Apollo Epikourios</i>
17.00	Depart Bassai
<i>Overnight in Olympia</i>	
Friday 4th September	
09.00	Depart for ancient Olympia
	<i>Archaeological Museum of Olympia</i>
	<i>Pan-Hellenic sanctuaries</i>
	<i>The Olympic Games</i>
13.00	Lunch
14.00	The museum for the history of ancient Olympic Games (Optional)
From 15.00	Free time
19.00	Farewell dinner
<i>Overnight in Olympia</i>	
Saturday 5th September	
08.30	Depart Olympia for Athens Airport, to arrive by c.14.00

*All breakfasts are included within the course programme

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