

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

IX^a Edition. Summer 2013

Castillejo del Bonete

Megalithic Settlement

Terrinches. Ciudad Real. España.



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ArqueoExperiences IX Archaeological Field School

In ArqueoExperiences we have been offering the opportunity to learn all about archaeological digs since 1998. In our sessions we share a site with archaeology students and train them as professionals. But don't worry, if you are not planning on becoming an archaeologist you can still join the field school. We think excavations are great opportunities to get in touch with the past, to work in a team and exchange great experiences.



The schedule for 2013 is to excavate the Bronze Age settlement of Castillejo del Bonete. This site is structured around a natural chasm, where some burials and graves have started to be exhumed. There are several rich graves with goods like pots, bronze arrowheads and stone beads. The chasm is fortified and surrounding it is a series of small circular spaces, probably meaningful symbols.

Furthermore, there are other buildings, located along a very interesting cyclopean corridor that starts at the center of the site and runs for more than 20 metres. Castillejo del Bonete offers a special opportunity to understand the symbolic universe of prehistoric societies.



The site has great reviews: *"Nowadays in the Iberian Peninsula there is no other case comparable to this settlement, for its unique architecture associated to a funerary context."*

CSIC Researcher

The excavation is directed by Luis Benítez de Lugo Enrich and Noberto Palomares Zumajo.



(Check with your university the possibility of validation practices for your career credits).



The accommodation is in the hostel "Campos de Montiel", Terrinches, which has two rooms, with 20 beds each. The rooms are equipped with bedding and laundry

There is a swimming pool close to the hostel.

Terrinches is a small town located in the Campo de Montiel (Ciudad Real). You can make numerous trips to surrounding places like Ruidera, the Renaissance city of Villanueva de los Infantes, the medieval castle of Calatrava la Nueva, the archaeological sites of Cerro de la Encantada (Bronze Age), Cerro de las Cabezas (Iberian) and Oreto (roman), and Valdepeñas famous wineries.



Sessions:

Two weeks: 17-29 June, 5-17 and 19-31 August.

Four weeks: 3-29, June 5-31 August.

Each sessions have a maximum of 20 participants.
No Spanish required.

Registration:

Two weeks: 890 €

Four weeks 1,725 €

The price includes: Accommodation and food in the hostel "Campos de Montiel"; transfer from Madrid-Barajas Airport; seminars and workshops; swimming pool; certificate of 90/180h. of practice. No fieldwork experience required.

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2013 Aims

- Excavation in the cave and in the town.
- Excavation of prehistoric burials.
- Restoration and consolidation of structures.

Prospection.

Field walking. Sampling. Aerial photography.

Excavation:

- The correct way to use tools.
- Learning the use of technical tools.
- Techniques and methods of excavation.
- Collection of samples for laboratory.
- Stratigraphy, contexts and Phases.
- The Law of superposition and the Harrix Matrix.

Documentation and Registration:

- Excavation diary.
- Context sheets.
- Plans. Section drawings. Drawing artifacts
- Recording and processing of artifacts.
- Artifacts reconstruction.

Restoration:

- First aid for finds.
- Cleaning, washing and lime and salt extraction.
- Preventive conservation of ruins.

Seminars:

- Bronze Age Cultures from La Mancha. Ph.D. Luis Benítez de Lugo Enrich.
- Megalithism in Sapin. Ph.D. Dionisio Urbina Martínez

Hours:

- 7:00 Breakfast 7:15 Move to the site
- 7:30 Fieldwork 10:30-11:00 break and snack
- 13:30 swimming pool. 14:30 Lunch
- 18:00 to 20:00 Lab 21:30 Dinner.