Field School Program 2022

Archaeological Excavations

Balkan Heritage archaeological field schools
are part of ongoing excavation projects at various archaeological sites related to ancient cultures and civilizations in the Balkans, the Mediterranean, and the Levant. They span from the prehistoric period—paleolithic, neolithic (the first farming communities in the Levant and Europe)—to the European Copper Age, to the Aspalian civilizations from the time of Troy and the civilizations of the ancient Greeks, Macedonians, Thracians, Romans, Byzantines, Bulgarians, and Ottomans.

Conservation

All Balkan Heritage conservation workshops are affiliated with ongoing conservation and archaeological projects. They involve practical work with and documentation of authentic artifacts under the guidance and supervision of professional conservators.

The BHFS program in 2022 includes conservation courses in Roman and late Roman pottery, glass, mosaics, and historic paper, textile, and metal. Our workshops support the efforts of local museums and heritage institutes to preserve, maintain, and present their rich collections of artifacts and monuments.

Historic Preservation

Fresco Hunting photo research expedition

The “Fresco-Hunting” Photo Research Expedition to Medieval Balkan Churches provides a unique opportunity for students and volunteers to take part in an expedition to document abandoned medieval churches/chapels and their frescoes in Western Bulgaria with the goal of creating a database of graphic and photo documentation.

Computational photography courses:

Students in several Balkan Heritage courses are introduced to advanced photographic techniques for documentation such as: photogrammetry, macro photography, reflectance transformation imaging and color decorrelation stretching.

Balkan Heritage Field School (BHFS)

Is a program of the Balkan Heritage Foundation (a Bulgarian public, non-profit, non-governmental organization) for practical education in the fields of archaeology and history of Southeastern Europe and the Mediterranean documentation and conservation of historic artifacts and monuments. Since 2008, more than 1500 students from around the world have attended our field schools.

BHFS has partnered with numerous academic and research institutions, municipalities, museums, and heritage specialists from Bulgaria, Republic of N. Macedonia, Montenegro, Greece, USA, Canada, France, Germany, UK, and Japan.

Our field schools, workshops, and expeditions currently take place in Bulgaria, Republic of N. Macedonia, Greece, and Israel.

Benefit from:

- High-quality education and a smooth enrollment process
- Direct access to course instructors and project coordinators
- Hands-on experience with authentic sites and artifacts
- Balkan hospitality and cuisine

BHFS participants are not only students, but also:

- Volunteers in ongoing research or conservation projects
- Benefactors supporting cultural heritage
- Sponsors of the local economy’s growth

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