ITALICA, HADRIAN'S HOMETOWN

May 27 - June 16

- Location: Seville, Spain
- Period: Roman
- Duration : 3 weeks
- Accommodation: Hotel triple room
- Program: Excavation of Roman city • Methods and techniques of archaeological excavation • stratigraphy, • Roman architecture and construction methods • mosaics • sculptures.

"I learned all the skills I need to make me competent in the field: what to look for, how to excavate, drawing, photography and restoration. And the staff is amazing. There were never any divisions between instructors and students. We were like a big family."

—Katie Daniel, Ohio State University

Italica was a great Roman city in the Hispanic province of Baetica. It was founded in 206 BC by the great Roman general Publius Cornelius Scipio (Africanus) to settle his victorious veterans after the Second Punic Wars. The city was built upon a native Iberian town from the Turdetani, dating back to the 4th c. BC.

The vetus urbs (old city) developed into a prosperous city and was built on a Hippodamian street plan, with public buildings and a forum at the centre, linked to a busy river port. At some point members of the Roman tribes Gens Ulpia and Aelia had moved to Italica, the respective families of the Roman emperors Trajan and Hadrian, who were later born here.

The House of Cañada Honda: Excavations started in the 70s directed by prof. Luzón. The perimeter of the house was found and some of the walls restored, but most of the work was surface cleaning. Now, there is a two-year project to deeply study and excavate the house.

This is not just any Domus. Although in Italica most are wealthy houses, this one is located on the street that leads to the Traianeum, the biggest temple to worship the emperor in Hispania. The house faces two streets with numerous tabernae that give a sense of the important role of commerce in this area of the city close to the temple.

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Ph.D. Rafael Hidalgo is a professor in Pablo Olavide university in Seville. He is an expert on architecture of the Roman villas in Betica. Dr. Hidalgo has directed several research projects related to Roman architecture. He is responsible for the archaeology department and for the master and PhD program "Archaeology and heritage: science andprofession" in Pablo Olavide University and "Archaeology and Heritage" in Cadiz, Huelva and Pablo de Olavide universities.

Excursions

Itálica is located 10 minutes from Sevilla, one of the most beautiful cities in Spain. Its monuments like the Giralda and the Torre del Oro, its streets covered in flowers and its friendly people make it unforgetable. We will travel back in time in its palaces: House of Pilatos, el Real Alcázar (Dorne in Game of Thrones), or in its parks and squares like the Plaza de España, transformed into the Palace of Naboo in Star Wars.

Fees

US$ 2.100 Include:

- Full Room and Board
- Fieldwork training
- Excursions and other activities
- Transportation to and from airport on first and last days of program
- Medical Insurance
- Application fee
- Administrative costs

Fees DO NOT include airfare.

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