



# ZORITA CASTLE

## ARCHAEOLOGY & OSTEOLOGY

From Juny 30 to July 20



- Location: Zorita de los Canes, Spain.
- Period: Late Medieval.
- Duration: 3 weeks.
- Accommodation: Hotel double room.
- Program: Excavation of Medieval castle. Methods and techniques of archaeological excavation. Grave excavation. Osteology Lab workshops on: human skeleton, anthropometry, Determination of age of death. size and sex.

*"This being my first dig, the ninth of July was just like any other day on the site, exciting and fascinating. As always, the walk up to Zorita Castle was filled with beautiful views, but the site was where the real finds were waiting."*

**- Sydney Comstock, 2014**



The Archaeology and Osteology program at Zorita Castle is focused on teaching archaeological methodology and is specially focused on the excavation of graves. Mornings will be dedicated to excavation. Fully recovered after a bath in the river, lunch and siesta, afternoons will be dedicated to seminars and workshops. Participants will take part in all the excavation process, they will keep a field journal and clean, identify, and catalogue artefacts. We will learn to define a burial, the right way to dig a skeleton and how to remove it from the ground: how to deal with the body, what tools to use, how to remove the bones in anatomical units with the right and left sides individualized, what is the correct packaging, how to register everything in situ (practice with photogrammetry for recording).

Our first goal for 2018 is to arrive to the castle rock in an area of the cemetery to study its chronology. We already have a sequence of more than five tombs, one on the top of the other, and some of them with more than one burial. The discovery of two coins in the hands of two of the skeletons at different depths, provide us with clues for the understanding of the history of the cemetery and the castle. The excavation of new graves will be combined with that of the porch next to the courtyard to investigate the water collection system for the cistern. Our third goal is to continue the excavation of the small chapel discovered in 2014 next to the graves.





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### Dr. Dionisio Urbina

A professional archaeologist since 1990 Dr. Urbina has directed over fifty archaeological excavations, has published several articles and divulgative books. He has taught numerous courses, conducted exhibitions, lectures and seminars. Currently runs Archaeospain, directing the investigations at the sites of Zorita Castle and Roman Pulpon.

### Catalina Urquijo

She has been a professional archaeologist for 26 years, has directed more than twenty archaeological excavations, from Bronze Age to Medieval times. Teacher of the Degree in Cultural Management at the University Antonio de Nebrija in 2009 and 2010. Director from 1998 of diverse International Field School of Archaeology.



### Excursions

We will visit historical cities as the medieval and Renaissance city of Toledo, picturesque villages like Sigüenza and archaeological and monumental sites like Segobriga, Ucles and the nearby castle of Almenara. Brihuega and Torija, two small towns famous for their castles and Guadalajara Palacio del Infantado-Archeological Museum



### Fees

US\$2,100 Include  
Full Room and Board  
Fieldwork training  
Seminars and workshops  
Excursions and other activities  
Medical Insurance  
Transportation to and from airport  
Application fee  
Administrative costs  
*Fees DO NOT include airfare*



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