



THE ROYAL TOMBS OF AIGAI

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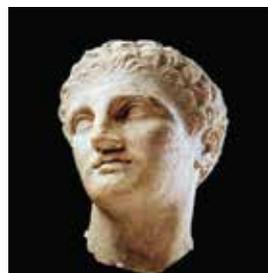
- Location: Vergina, Imathia, Greece
- Period: Iron Age-Hellenistic
- Duration: Four weeks
- Accommodation: double room in hotel
- Program: Excavation of a Greek city • Classifying and processing of artifacts • Seminars on greek burial of Iron Age • Workshops on hellenistic ceramics • Excursions to historical sites.

“Undoubtedly the site will forever be imprinted in my mind. The people, the work, the memories, and the finds are truly unforgettable.

- Russell Williams, New York

The ancient city of Aigai was the first city of the Macedonian kingdom, the most significant Greek state in the North. Alexander the Great was proclaimed king in Aigai after Philip II, his father, was assassinated in the city's theatre. Alexander set off from Aigai to change the history of Greece and the world. Far away from the typical tourists track around Athens and the islands, Aigai and the museum of the Royal Tombs is one of the most incredible sites in the country. It is in the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1996.

More than 500 burial tumuli constitute the core of the archaeological site of Aigai, one of the most extent, original and well preserved ancient Greek cemeteries. The excavation of a single tumulus will provide ArchaeoSpain participants a unique experience of studying the architecture, burial customs, material culture and art of ancient Greece.

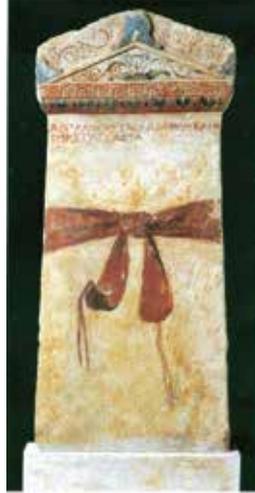




IN THE LAND OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Daily Schedule

6:30 am Breakfast
7:00am-1:30pm
Excavation
2:30pm Lunch
3-6pm free time
6-8pm
Laboratory/Lectures/After
noon excursions
8:30pm Dinner



The list of the most important archaeological remains at Aigai is endless; the Palace of Phillip II is the biggest, most elaborated and sophisticated building of Classical Greece, the theatre, the sanctuaries of Eukleia and the Mother of the Gods, the city walls, the royal necropolis... over all, the unplundered tombs of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great and Alexander IV. Discovered in 1977-8 they made a worldwide sensation. The quality of the tombs themselves and their grave-goods places Aigai among the most important archaeological sites in Europe.

Excursions

Guided visit to the Museum of the royal tombs of Aigai
The royal palace and the theatre of Aigai
Veria: Cathedral-Jewish quarter-Archaeological and Byzantine museums
The archaeological site of Mieza: theatre-tombs of Judgment-Aristotle's School
Pela: archaeological site and Museum.
Thessaloniki: Byzantine and Archaeological museums



Fees

US\$2,750

Include:

- Full Room and Board
 - Seminars and workshops
 - Field training
 - Excursions and other activities
 - Airport transportation on first/last days of program
 - Medical Insurance
 - Application fee
 - Administrative costs
- Fees DO NOT include airfare

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