



# THE ROYAL TOMBS OF AIGAI (GREECE)

AUGUST 1-20



- Location: Vergina, Imathia, Greece
- Period: Iron Age-Hellenistic
- Duration: Three weeks
- Accommodation: double room in hotel
- Program: Excavation of a Greek city  
Classifying and processing of artifacts  
Seminars on macedonian greece  
Workshops on greek 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

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.

The royal necropolis of Aigai spreads between the modern-day villages of Vergina and Palatitsia. It covers an area of almost 900 ha where more than 500 tumuli have been discovered, dated from the 11th to 2nd century BC. The Tumulus 460 it is our goal. Two tumuli have been excavated in the immediate vicinity: The Oblong tumulus that was the second largest tumulus of the cemetery. It covered three graves of the late classical period (350-325 B.C.E.), delimited by intersecting circular stone built periboloi: two stone-built cist graves, containing





# IN THE LAND OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT

## Daily Schedule

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

The Museum of the royal tombs of Aigai  
The royal palace and the theatre of Aigai  
Veria: Cathedral-Jewish quarter-Archaeological and Byzantine museums  
Pella: archaeological site and Museum.  
Dion: archaeological site and Museum  
Mount Olympos Saint Dionysos Monastery  
Thessaloniki: Byzantine-Archaeological museums



## Fees

US\$3,250

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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