



# HS MENORCA FIELD SCHOOL PROGRAM

June 25 - July 13



## MENORCA. THE ISLAND PROGRAM

- Location: Alaior, Menorca, Spain
- Period: Talayotic- Iron Age- Medieval
- Duration : 3 weeks
- Accommodation: Double rooms in traditional country house
- Program: Methods and techniques of archaeological excavation • Working with stratigraphy • Study of architecture and pottery • Collecting, cleaning, classifying artifacts.

"I went in expecting to learn something new every day and I wasn't disappointed. Seeing new data recording methods, excavation technique, artifact sorting and conservation was all very interesting..."

—Shelly Martin, Boulder, Colorado



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Torre d'en Galmés is the biggest Talayotic settlement in Menorca and one of the biggest in the Balearic Islands. Today it is in the nomination to the UNESCO World Heritage list. What is a talayot? Talayots are megalithic structures unique to the islands of Menorca and Mallorca dating back to the late second millennium and early first millennium BC. Some certainly had a defensive purpose but the use of others is not clearly understood. Some archaeologists believe them to have served the purpose of lookout or signalling towers, as on Menorca, where they form network.

From 2001 onward numerous excavations have been carried out in the different Talayot buildings and houses. At the moment, not only the Talayotic period is being investigated at the site. In the Middle Ages, Muslims settled on the island and cultivated the ravines. Torre d'en Galmés was also occupied and the new households were established reusing the old structures. In 2019 we will help investigate one of these medieval houses suddenly abandoned in 1287. We will study the best of both time periods, the megalithic architecture and all the objects that the Islamic population left behind when they abandon their houses hastily.





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## SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS:

- Site tour at Torre d'en Galmés
- Introduction into Archaeology, Stratigraphy, and Artifact Collection
- History of Spain and the Balearic Islands
- History of Torre d'en Galmés Excavations
- Pottery Drawing.

## EXCURSIONS

The following are some of the visits we have planned for our group.

- Cala Morell coastal settlement
- Necropolis and Es Castellet at Calescoves
- Naveta of Es Tudons
- Minorca Museum-Mahón
- Old capital Ciudadela



## PROGRAM FEES: US\$ 3.570

### Fees 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



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