



Bulgarian Archaeological Association

ARCHEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

ROMAN PROJECT 2008

The **ROMAN PROJECT fieldwork** incorporates a research excavation at different sites and is involved in a study of the Roman culture. The BAA field school offers a unique combination of fieldwork, on-site instruction by expert archaeologists, and visits to major museums and open-air sites. Participants have the chance to get their minds, hands, and shovels into the material vestiges of three significant sites (roman fortress, roman villa and the biggest roman town in the region). Each destination offers field work processing and recording artifacts, different lectures and a visit to near-by archaeological location.

The Roman sanctuary and fortress is situated on the key point and defended the road towards the big towns of the imperial provinces *Moesia Infeior* and *Thracia*.

The Roman villa was first discovered by archaeologists in 2002. A rich array of finds has enabled the archaeologists to identify the periods of habitation from 1st to 4th century A.D.

Colonia Ulpia Traiana Ratiaria was the biggest town in contemporary North-West Bulgaria. Sins beginning of 4th century it is the capital of the Roman province *Dacia Rippensis*.

Courses. The lectures included in the course of field school are two types – connected with the fieldwork (how to work with materials found) and theoretical. The firsts are given every day in the afternoons (20 astronomical hours for two weeks). The topics concern our everyday work on the field - Roman and Late Antique pottery, Metal finds, Roman coins.

The theoretical lectures are given twice a week (8 hours). In two-weeks course are included the following topics: Roman military fortification system, Roman towns – structure, main buildings and everyday life, Roman economy (agriculture and handicraft) processing in villas and Roman art (sculpture, mosaic, funeral monuments).

Program Dates. The session dates for 2008 are free. The participants can choose their favorite dates between *July 1st and September 15th 2008*. The minimum length of stay is two weeks. The students can save up from the fee applying only for the archaeological digs without excursions.



Housing

Accommodation is provided by the Hotel, which offers shared double-rooms with bathrooms, hot and cold running water and television, swimming pool. The hotel is in the town and near the sites.

The project will supply all basic equipment needs for the duration of the time on site.

Program Cost

The “Roman project” field school offers five different modules. Pleas contact our web site for additional information.

Module 1 - Full time stay (two weeks) with all services included; **EUR 1248**

Module 2 - Three weeks stay with all services included and three days excursions; **EUR 1687**

Module 3 - Four weeks stay with all services included and three days excursions; **EUR 2064**

Module 4 - Full time stay (two weeks) without excursions; **EUR 1157**

Module 5 - One-week stay whit six days excursion (full tour of the Bulgaria); **EUR 1184**

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