

2008 Boston University Mediterranean Archaeological Field School

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The 2008 Boston University Mediterranean Archaeological Field School will take place at the site of Torre d'en Galmes on the island of Menorca, Spain. The program is in its seventh year and consists of a six-week excavation campaign combined with lectures, laboratory work and study tours of the island's cultural and historical monuments, as well as relevant ecological and natural sights. Lectures will set Menorca within a larger Mediterranean context, focusing on the island as a crossroads of civilization throughout its history.

Participants will excavate a structure built during the late Iron Age period, around the third century B.C., and then reused during the Roman occupation of the island. Therefore, the best-documented period of the site belongs to the Classical world. Although Menorca underwent significant changes during the Roman period, the island's inhabitants continued to use the settlements, which were occupied and later abandoned until the 13th century. The field school will focus on the use of domestic space throughout time, from the Late Iron Age through the Roman period to medieval times. The adaptation and acculturation processes are key to understanding this use of space.

This season we hope to complete the excavation of the interior of the structure and explore some of the attached structures. A narrow alleyway was discovered separating our building from its neighbor and may lead to a communal area. At the end of last season we also discovered a collapsed roof in a room directly to the north of the building. In addition we will explore the attached rooms flanking the entrance to the structure.

If you questions about the excavation, academics, daily routine, accommodations, or anything not related to admissions, please contact Kevin Mullen (kmullen@xxxxxx).

There is still space available for the 2008 field school. Please contact Rochelle Keesler (ro30@xxxxxx) at BU International Program for information on how to apply today. The original deadline is March 1st, but we will continue accept students as long as room is available. For full details please visit the BU Study Abroad listing at <http://www.bu.edu/abroad/programs/spain/menorca/index.html>

