



# BRITISH SCHOOL AT ATHENS

## ΒΡΕΤΑΝΙΚΗ ΣΧΟΛΗ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ

The Archaeology and Topography of Greece  
18<sup>th</sup> August – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### ITINERARY

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

20.00 Meet and greet

#### Monday 18<sup>st</sup> August

09.00 Course introduction and tour of the BSA & Library

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Introductory lectures 1

*The history of archaeology and the archaeology of history in Greece*

*Understanding archaeological and historical evidence*

13.00 Lunch (provided)

14.00 Group Seminars

*Introduction to pre-history*

*An introduction to ancient pottery*

16.00 Depart for Mt Lykavettos (walking)

*The ancient and modern topography of Athens*

19.00 Group dinner (provided)

#### Tuesday 19<sup>nd</sup> August

09.00 Depart for the Athenian Agora

*Politics and administration in Ancient Athens*

*Agora Museum*

13.00 Lunch (own lunch)

14.00 Pnyx (n.b. no toilets at this site) and the Areopagus

*Democracy in Classical Athens*

17.00 Finish

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

09.00 Depart for Kerameikos

*Death and burial through time*

11.30 Athens in the Roman period and the Late Antiquity

*Roman Agora & Library of Hadrian*

*the Little Metropolis*

*Arch of Hadrian*

*Temple of Olympian Zeus*

*the Panathenaic Stadium*

14.30 Lunch (own lunch)

16.30 Seminar: Archaeology today and tomorrow

*Presentation of tutors' research projects*

17.30 Finish

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August

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08.00	Depart for the Acropolis <i>The Archaeology of the Acropolis Hill</i> <i>The Periclean Building Programme</i> <i>Interior of the Parthenon: the Parthenon Restoration Project</i>
11.00	The slopes of the Acropolis <i>Community in Ancient Athens: sanctuaries and theatres</i>
12.30	Lunch (own lunch)
14.00	The Acropolis Museum <i>Multi-temporality on the Acropolis Slopes</i> <i>Sculpture: Archaic korai</i> <i>The Great Panathenaea</i> <i>Museums and Politics</i>
17.30	Finish
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	
08.30	Depart for the National Archaeological Museum <i>Prehistoric gallery: funerary assemblages and their curation</i> <i>Pottery gallery: ceramic typologies and chronologies</i> <i>Sculpture gallery: self-representation and funerary monuments</i>
13.00	Lunch (own lunch)
15.00	Thematic lectures <i>The ancient festival</i> <i>Panhellenism</i>
17.00	Finish
19.00	Optional group outing
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> FREE DAY	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
08.00	Depart for Marathon (coach) Site & Museum
10.30	Depart for Brauron <i>Myths &amp; history</i> <i>Museum of Brauron</i>
12.00	Lunch (provided)
12.30	Depart for Thorikos & Lavrion <i>Town-planning and urban spaces</i> Mines & economy
15.30	Depart for Sounion <i>The role of maritime sanctuaries in the Archaic and Classical periods</i> <i>Trade and connection</i>
18.00	Depart from Sounion

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### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August

- 09.00 Introduction to Byzantine history & archaeology  
11.00 Byzantine Museum  
*Remembering and forgetting Classical Greece*  
*Museology II: reconstruction and experience*  
13.00 Lunch (provided)  
14.00 Group seminars  
*Archaeological Science*  
*Archive collections*  
*An introduction to Epigraphy*  
16.30 Optional Epigraphy session – making squeezes

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August

- 08.00 Depart for Delphi (coach)  
*Myth, history and the Sanctuary of Apollo*  
*Pan-Hellenic sanctuaries*  
13.30 Lunch (not provided)  
14.00 Archaeological Museum of Delphi  
17.00 Depart Delphi  
Overnight in Leivadia

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

- 08.30 Depart for Chaeronea  
*Ancient Macedonia & Greece after the Battle of Chaeronea*  
10.30 Moni Osiou Louka  
*From Late Antiquity to Byzantine*  
13.00 Lunch  
14.00 Archaeological Museum of Thebes  
*Pre-history and museum curation*

### Thursday 28<sup>st</sup> August

- 10.40 Depart for National Historical Museum  
*The Greek War of Independence*  
*Politics and culture in Greece's capital*  
11.30 Museum of Islamic Art  
*Visualising the Islamic World in Greece*  
13.00 Lunch (not provided) & return to the BSA  
15.00 Thematic lectures:  
*Ancient monuments and the creation of the Greek state*  
*Reinvention of traditions & historical continuity*  
17.00 Finish

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

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### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August

- 08.00 **Depart from BSA for Peloponnese**  
Depart for Eleusis (coach)  
*'Decoding' the Eleusinian Mysteries*
- 11.30 Ancient Corinth  
*Roman and Christian Corinthia*  
*Domestic economies*
- 14.00 Lunch (not provided)
- 15.30 Nemea  
*The Nemean Games and Nemea stadium*  
*Pan-Hellenic sanctuaries*

*Overnight in Nafplion*

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August

- 08.00 Depart for Epidauros  
*Performing in ancient and modern Epidauros*  
*Asklepion*  
*Museum*
- 11.00 Mycenae  
*Late Bronze Age fortification*  
*Prehistoric archaeology between Schliemann and Homer*  
*Mycenae Museum*
- 13.00 Lunch (provided)
- 15.30 Depart for Argive Heraion (n.b. no toilets at this site)  
*Sanctuaries, landscapes, and territory in the Argolid*
- 19.00 Group dinner

*Overnight in Nafplion*

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September

- 08.00 Depart for Tiryns (coach)  
*Late Bronze Age fortification archaeology*
- 10.30 Visit Tegea  
*Sanctuary of Alea Athena at Tegea*  
*Museum of Tegea*
- 12.00 Lunch (not provided)
- 13.00 Sparta  
*Archaeological Museum of Sparta: the Spartan austerity*  
*The Spartan Acropolis*

*Overnight in Mystras*

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

- 08.30 Mystras  
*The long history of Laconia, between Mystras and Sparta*  
*An introduction to Byzantine art and architecture*

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*An introduction to Byzantine art and architecture*

Lunch & depart for Pylos

*Overnight in Pylos*

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

- 09.00 Depart for Methone (n.b. no toilets at this site, but plenty of cafes in town)  
*Building fortifications in the Venetian period*
- 11.100 Palace of Nestor  
*Funerary landscapes: Messenia*  
*Conservation and public display of an archaeological site*
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 Pylos Castle  
*Museum of underwater archaeology*  
*The battle of Sphacteria*  
*The battle of Navarino*
- 17.00 Finish

*Overnight in Pylos*

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

- 08.00 Depart for Messene (coach)  
*Town-planning and urban spaces*  
*Honorific practices*  
*The ancient Gymnasium: education in the ancient world*
- 13.00 Lunch (provided)
- 15.30 Bassai  
*The Temple of Apollo Epikourios*
- 17.00 Depart Bassai

*Overnight in Olympia*

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

- 08.00 Depart for ancient Olympia (walking)  
*Archaeological Museum of Olympia*  
*Pan-Hellenic sanctuaries*  
*The Olympic Games*
- 13.00 Lunch
- Free time
- 19.30 Farewell dinner

*Overnight in Olympia*

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

- 08.30 Depart Olympia for Athens Airport, to arrive by c.14.00

All breakfasts are included within the course programme

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