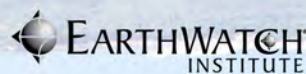


MISSION

Our program enables students to experience ancient history in its original context, bringing to life the past civilizations of Italy and Mediterranean through hands-on exploration of their material culture.



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Archeodig
Archaeological Field School

THE ROMAN COASTAL
SETTLEMENT OF
POGGIO DEL MOLINO

Populonia
18th June - 15th July 2017

FIELDWORK

Students actively participate in the exclusive **archaeological excavation** of the Roman Coastal Settlement of Poggio del Molino at Populonia. Students will collaborate in small teams supervised by experienced archaeologists teaching them **stratigraphic** excavation techniques, archaeological **documentation** methods (written, visual, and graphic), principles of analysis of walls as well as the study of ancient pottery and mobile **artifacts**, the study of **human bones**, **3D modeling** and **principle of restoration**.

ARCHEODIG is an international, multi-institution archaeological project which, under the direction of **University of Florence** in collaboration with **University of Arizona** manages the archaeological excavation of the Roman Coastal Settlement of Poggio del Molino, Populonia.

The research is structured as **school/field work for the training of students**, young archaeologists and volunteers, both Italians and foreigners. The activities are coordinated by a team of professionals in the field of Archaeology, Anthropology, 3D modeling, Restoration, Archaeology-applied Science and Management of Cultural Heritage.

THE SITE

The Roman Coastal Settlement of **Poggio del Molino** is located in the heart of the former territory of one of the most important **Etruscan** cities, **Populonia**, overlooking the Tyrrhenian sea.

In the second half of the **2nd century BCE**, the northern part of the promontory is occupied by a **fortress** placed to control and defend the territory of Populonia **against pirates** attack. The fortress, with a rectangular plan of about 55 x 56 m, has two gateway with control towers and a lookout tower facing inland.

At the end of the **1st century BCE**, the building was turned into a **farm** with adjoining **cetaria**, a **handicraft factory for the production of garum** (fish sauce), equipped with pools for soaking the fish.

Around the half of the **2nd century CE** after a thorough renovation, the building takes on the characteristics of a **maritime villa**. A large open area set out as a garden with columns around surrounded by the **baths complex** and the **living quarters with mosaic floors and painted walls**; and a **servants' area** with the kitchen and housing.

In the **4th** and in the **5th century CE**, after the destruction, the site experienced a significant phase of inhabitation connected with the presence of a gathering place, probably linked to early Christian worship, and of a tomb set up on the ruins of the villa.

STUDY TOUR

SPECIAL EXCURSIONS INCLUDE:

- *Archaeological Park of Baratti and Populonia*
- *Etruscan Museum of Populonia Collezione Gasparri*
- *Acropolis of Populonia*
- *Archaeological Museum of Piombino*
- *Medieval Castle of Populonia*



PROGRAM COST

2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks
\$ 1.800	\$ 2.600	\$ 3.200

ACADEMIC CREDITS

University of Arizona offers 6 credits of Classics or Anthropology 463/563. Tuition is about \$ 810.

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

No experience of archaeology or knowledge of Italian is expected.

