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Join our intensive study programmes which offer expert-led visits to the World Heritage Sites of Pompeii, Herculaneum, Oplontis and Naples and the opportunity to explore lesser known archaeology off the beaten track. Experience first-hand the many exceptionally preserved archaeological sites around Vesuvius and the Bay of Naples, which uniquely illustrate daily life in the ancient world. Our programmes also boast insights from research-active specialists on site and presentations in our villa from internationally-recognized academics.

Study visits are led by Dr Joanne Berry, author of The Complete Pompeii, with guest specialists



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This Vesuvian Archaeology Study Programme has been specifically designed to meet the needs of lifelong learners. The programme content is suitable for anyone interested in Roman history, archaeology, architecture, history of art and material culture.

Programme:

A typical programme will include:

Pompeii: one or two days will be dedicated to this iconic site so that both public buildings and private life can be explored in depth.

Herculaneum: the study visit will complement the Pompeii tour through a comparison of the differently preserved archaeological remains; in addition, an introduction to the work of the Herculaneum Conservation Project, Europe's most ambitious conservation initiative, will offer insights into the challenges of preserving sites for future generations and how new approaches to site management offer unique archaeological results.

Oplontis: the study tour will explore this luxurious imperial villa, where elite living contrasts to the houses of Pompeii and Herculaneum and is vividly illustrated through its world-famous wall-paintings.

Naples: a half-day will be dedicated to exploring the material culture of the Vesuvian sites through the exceptional collection housed in the National Archaeological Museum. Participants will have a free half-day to explore the surrounding World Heritage

Site of Naples city centre, or can join a guided tour of some of the ancient sites in the city.

Vesuvius: a visit to the area's natural heritage at the Vesuvius National Park and to the top of the volcano's cone completes understanding of events that took place in AD79 and which led to the destruction of Roman sites across a large area of the Bay of Naples.

Baia and Cuma: a visit to the major museum in the Castle Baia, followed by site visits to the Roman resort of Baiae and the nearby Greek and Roman city of Cumae, including the so-called Sibyl's cave.

Study materials: Participants will be provided with a course pack containing additional information and plans of individual sites.



The ancient city of Pompeii seen from the air



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Who we are:

This study programme is organized by the **Herculaneum Centre** which has a mission to facilitate public involvement in Herculaneum's heritage – going beyond the archaeological site to include the 22 eighteenth-century Vesuvian Villas, the historic centre of Resina, natural heritage (Vesuvius and the sea), and all the living traditions of music, dancing, eating, storytelling and celebrating that make this such a vibrant place to be.

We bring together the best of our three partners: the Comune di Ercolano (the town council) offers us a network of local partners and resources, the Soprintendenza Speciale per i Beni Archeologici di Napoli e Pompei (the local heritage authority) ties us to the archaeological site which is used as an open-air classroom, and the British School at Rome offers connections to international and research communities.

Dates:

The next study programme will take place on the following dates:

Monday 16 – Friday 20 September 2013

Why choose this study programme?

You will gain first-hand experience of the archaeological sites of the Bay of Naples. You will be introduced to the latest research about these sites, including unpublished materials, by means of guest presentations and visits to on-going archaeological projects. The courses will give you the opportunity to meet scholars and practitioners active in the field.

Details of the study programme are subject to change, although the main themes and type of content will remain the same.



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Course leader: Dr Joanne Berry

Joanne has been working at Pompeii for the past 20 years. She is the author of *The Complete Pompeii* (Thames and Hudson, 2007) and founder of Blogging Pompeii (www.bloggingpompeii.blogspot.com), a discussion forum for scholars who work at Pompeii and the other sites on the Bay of Naples. She has led study tours to Rome and the Vesuvian sites for various institutions including the British School at Rome and the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies. She has taught archaeology and ancient history courses at the universities of Reading, Royal Holloway (London), Swansea and Oxford.



Lifelong learners who wish to add additional accompanied site visits or day courses in archaeological skills, for e.g. building survey, 3D laser scan survey, osteology courses, should enquire for further details. Those who wish to undertake voluntary work should enquire to find out about opportunities and which course dates are most compatible. These options (plus accommodation) are at additional cost.

Should a programme not reach the minimum number of participants (10) within three weeks of its start date, it will be cancelled. Registered participants will be offered a place on another programme or a refund.



Guest specialists:

Presentations will be given by guest lecturers who specialize in the heritage of the Bay of Naples. Guest lecturers on each course are yet to be confirmed, but may include specialists such as the Herculaneum Centre's President, Prof. Andrew Wallace-Hadrill (below) a well-known Vesuvian scholar; Pompeian bone expert Dr Estelle Lazer; or active professionals, such as Dr Domenico Camardo who has carried out archaeological research at Herculaneum for the past decade.



Other specialists you will meet are Italian and international practitioners and academics in Vesuvian and Roman archaeology, heritage management and conservation.

You will be introduced to the full range of evidence used by historians and archaeologists working at these sites. You will be taught to read the archaeological remains and begin to assess the value of the evidence and possibilities for their use.

You will be actively involved in discussions on the significance and interpretation of evidence relating to a range of themes relevant to the study of the ancient world, such as: urbanization, public life, domestic life, the ancient economy.

You will be asked to consider the role these sites play in the modern world and discuss issues regarding their management: what problems have affected the sites in the past? what problems do they face today? what can be done to address these problems? and what impact has this had on how we study the sites?

Cost:

The five-day study programme costs €1061 per participant.

Included in this are all entrance tickets, transport to/from study visits, expert course leader and guest speakers, study materials, all meals, accommodation in a luxury hotel (single occupancy rooms, unless you request to share).

There is an optional further visit to the island of Capri and the ruins of Tiberius' villa. The cost of this additional visit is €180.82 to cover one extra night's accommodation and meals, ferry to Capri, and entrance to the archaeological site of Villa Iovis.

The cost does not include travel to/from the Vesuvian area at the beginning and end of the programme. In addition, participants are expected to organize their own travel insurance.





World Heritage Site of Naples with Vesuvius

Frequently asked questions:

What makes these courses unique?

The course leader and guest lecturers are all research-active in the Bay of Naples, and able to present the very latest information about Pompeii and Herculaneum, based on the most up-to-date research and fieldwork. Participants will be exposed to material that has not yet been published, or to new interpretations of the archaeological remains. They will see the work of the Herculaneum Conservation Project up close, and be given the opportunity to visit lesser-known archaeological sites. After some courses there will be an optional opportunity to volunteer on a field project at Pompeii or Herculaneum or add on additional day courses in archaeological field skills.

I've never formally studied at university, is this course suitable for me?

This is a course for Lifelong Learners, which means it is suitable for adult learners who have not studied at university. We do not expect you to have prior knowledge, just an interest in learning about these sites.

Is the course suitable for people who speak English as a foreign language?

The course is entirely in English. Those who speak English as a foreign language are welcome if their English is of university standard.

What do I need to bring with me?

You will need the usual items you would take on a day trip, including sensible shoes (not open-toed or with heels), sunscreen and sunhat. We'll give you a more detailed list when you sign up.

What materials will I receive?

You will receive study materials, including maps of the sites, plans of buildings discussed in detail, and relevant bibliography for future study. You will be encouraged to take notes!

What is the accommodation like?

Accommodation is usually arranged for our groups in one of two 4-star hotels, both in beautiful 18th-century villas within walking distance of the archaeological site of Herculaneum: the Miglio d'Oro Park Hotel www.migliodoroparkhotel.it or Villa Signorini www.villasignorini.it. Prices are based on single rooms, although shared rooms are available for participants travelling together. Participants will be asked for details of any special dietary requirements at the time of registration.

How will we get around?

The visits to Pompeii, Oplontis, Baia and Cuma, and Vesuvius will be by coach. All other trips will use the local train network, which connects Naples to all the Vesuvian towns and main archaeological sites.

How many people will be on the course with me?

There will be a minimum of 10 participants and a maximum of 20 so that we can enjoy fruitful discussions within the group. We reserve the right to cancel a course if the minimum number of participants is not achieved by three weeks before the start date and you will be offered an alternative or a refund.

Do I need to come with a group?

No, we hope to involve participants from different countries in each course. However, if you *want* to come with a group you are encouraged to contact us



for more information about the range of courses and services we can provide that are tailored to your needs.

What level of fitness is required for the course?

You will need a good level of fitness for this course because it will involve **lots of walking**.

If you have a disability, please contact us to discuss the suitability of the course. The Herculaneum Centre is proud to be an equal rights provider and will take all reasonable steps to meet participant needs – but due to the nature of archaeological sites, some disabilities cannot be catered for.

Is there anything else I should know?

You will need to arrange for your own travel insurance. The Herculaneum Centre can take no responsibility for accidents or theft of any belongings.

How to apply:

In order to apply for this programme you will need to complete the application form below, and send it by email to courses@herculaneumcentre.org.

Your application should reach the Herculaneum Centre at least one month before your chosen course starts. No application will be processed after the established deadline.

Once we receive your completed form we will email you a full registration form and a PayPal request for a deposit of €200. Once your payment is made, we will confirm your registration.

Any other queries can also be sent to courses@herculaneumcentre.org.



One of our international courses on site at Herculaneum



Application form: Monday 16 – Friday 20 September 2013

First name

Surname

Nationality.....

Male Female

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Email address

Postal address

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Phone number

Is English your first language? Yes No

If not, what level is your English?

Poor Good Very good Fluent

Please list any English language certificates gained:

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Tick here if you wish to include the optional visit to Capri, at an additional cost of €180,82.

How did you hear about the Vesuvian Archaeology Study Programme?

- Internet (which website?)
- Email
- University department
- Other (please specify)

Tick if you require further information about any of the following:

- Additional accompanied site visits
- Course in building survey
- Course in 3D laser scan survey
- Course in osteology
- Opportunities to volunteer

In the space below, please write a brief statement explaining your interest in the Vesuvian sites, why you would like to participate in the Vesuvian Archaeology Study Programme, and what you hope to gain from it. Please include details of your current or future study plans, if any. This statement should be no more than 300 words.

