



Pınarbaşı Excavation

Discover the transformative Epipalaeolithic period at the Pınarbaşı excavation in central Turkey, where humanity first began shifting from hunting and gathering to settled agricultural life. The only site of its kind in Anatolia, Pınarbaşı provides a rare glimpse into this pivotal transition spanning 14,000–11,000 BCE. In this program, you'll join archaeologists in excavating burial sites, settlements, and the roots of agriculture, and explore nearby UNESCO sites to learn how cultural landmarks are preserved and shared with the world. Embark on an unforgettable journey into the beginnings of human civilization with IFR.

Why you'll love this program



Real-World Research

Investigate humanity's first steps toward settled life at Anatolia's only known Epipalaeolithic site.



Field & Lab Skills

Gain hands-on training in excavation, artifact processing, soil analysis, and cultural heritage preservation.



Unforgettable Location

Venture through the rich culture of central Turkey, visiting UNESCO sites, underground cities, & iconic Cappadocia.



Make a Difference

Contribute to research that supports heritage preservation and promotes sustainable tourism in the region.

Field School Details

Summer Program in Turkey

- 4-week immersive archaeology program
- Earn 8 semester credits/12 quarter credits
- Fieldwork, seminars & lab-based research
- Cultural enrichment activities and field trips included
- Shared accommodation in dig house + meals provided



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Make an IFR Field School Your Next Adventure

Our programs take you straight into the field, where archaeological sites and dynamic ecosystems become your classroom. Don't just study abroad—participate in important research, develop real skills, and make a lasting impact. With IFR, you're not only seeing the world—you're uncovering it.

Admissions at a Glance

- One-on-one guidance available
- Competitive tuition rates
- Simple online application
- Quick decision turnaround
- Rolling enrollment deadlines
- All majors & academic backgrounds welcome



The World is Our Classroom

Immersive field training programs in the U.S. and around the globe ranging from 2-6 weeks in length.



Field Research that Matters

Unique programs in archaeology, environmental science, paleontology and more.



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Transformative field experiences that develop life and professional skills you can learn no place else.

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