



Bulgaria

Nessebar Underwater Archaeology

Embark on a summer adventure unlike any other by exploring the sunken treasures of Nessebar, Bulgaria, a UNESCO World Heritage Site rich with thousands of years of maritime history. Nestled on a scenic peninsula along the Black Sea, this field school lets you dive into the submerged ancient city of Mesambria while developing underwater archaeology techniques. Collaborate with local communities to protect and promote Nessebar's cultural heritage, balancing hands-on research with the charm of a historic coastal town and the beauty of Bulgaria's Black Sea coast.

Why you'll love this program



Real-World Research

Investigate submerged Mesambria to uncover ancient coastal adaptation strategies to sea level changes.



Field & Lab Skills

Develop professional skills in underwater surveys, excavations, photogrammetry, 3D modeling, and more.



Unforgettable Location

Experience the rich heritage, stunning beaches, and lively charm of Bulgaria's Black Sea coast.



Make a Difference

Help preserve Bulgaria's underwater cultural heritage through community-driven initiatives.

Field School Details

Summer Program in Bulgaria

- 3-week immersive research program
- Earn 6 semester credits/9 quarter credits
- Fieldwork, seminars & lab-based research
- Cultural enrichment activities and field trips included
- Shared, air-conditioned hotel accommodation + breakfasts provided



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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
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- Rolling enrollment deadlines
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