



Bulgaria

Pistiros Excavation



Venture into the crossroads of ancient trade at Pistiros, a once-thriving Greek emporion in Bulgaria’s picturesque Thracian Valley. Flourishing between the 5th and 3rd centuries BCE, this vibrant hub connected Greek merchants with the local Thracians, forging a unique blend of commerce and culture. In this field school, you’ll continue work uncovering fortifications, dwellings, and artifacts that illuminate the coexistence of these ancient societies. Gain archaeological experience while unearthing the history of a fascinating site that shaped trade and cultural dynamics in this pivotal region.

Why you’ll love this program



Real-World Research

Play a role in uncovering how ancient cultures interacted and coexisted at this important trade hub.



Field & Lab Skills

Develop practical experience in artifact processing, excavation, and cutting-edge imaging techniques.



Unforgettable Location

Explore our scenic base, home to rural charm, celebrated cuisine, & famed Valley of the Thracian Kings.



Make a Difference

Excavate the region’s sole Greek emporion & help preserve a rare Thracian heritage site for future generations.

Field School Details

Summer Program in Bulgaria

- 3-week immersive research program
- Earn 8 semester credits/12 quarter credits
- Fieldwork, seminars & lab-based research
- Cultural enrichment activities and field trips included
- Shared housing in a comfortable, air-conditioned villa + hearty Bulgarian meals 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
- 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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