

RATIARIA

COLONIA ULPIA TRAIANA

Archaeological Field School 2011



Ratiaria field school 2012 is organized by **Bulgarian Archaeological Association** with the financial support of **Association "Ratiaria"**. We're seeking for volunteers to join our research project to excavation and preservation of the biggest archaeological site in North Bulgaria - Colonia Ulpia Traiana Ratiaria. This amazing city was forgotten by the scientists for more than 20 years. However, from Ratiaria and its area are known more than 100 inscriptions, under the ground still lie the remains of huge buildings and the amount of the archaeological finds is enormous. The participants in our project will have chance to discover the "lost city", to be part of the "new birth" of Ratiaria and to touch material evidences with great importance for the

Roman Archaeology. And most important - *the voluntary work of our students will help to safe one archaeological site in danger*. That's should be the main lesson to learn for all archaeologists - how to work and ensure preservation of the world cultural heritage.

The training will afford students the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills in systematic survey and stratigraphic excavation techniques, including mapping of excavated features. The training will also include plan and section drawing, archaeological drafting, laboratory processing and documentation of excavated material. In addition to the skills training, participants will attend formal and informal lectures throughout the dig period on a variety of topics related to the archaeological experience.



Geographic Location

Archar, Northwest Bulgaria

Dates of Occupation

Roman, Byzantine

Dates of the Dig

August 4th – September 1st 2012

Minimum Stay

Four weeks

Cost

500 EUR

Application Due

December 31, 2011

Accommodation

Team members will stay in houses in nearby village Archar (private bathrooms, hot water, TV and internet access)

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Find out more about the project, program costs, and application procedures by visiting our web-site www.ratiaria.archbg.net