

Estimated Costs

All students will pay a Program Fee that covers SUNY tuition for 6 credit hours, housing, cultural activities and excursions, and administrative fees. Additional expenses include SUNY home campus fees, roundtrip airfare, local transportation, passport and visa fees (if applicable), health insurance, meals and personal expenses.

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Archaeology in Albania

Summer 2014

June 30 - August 4, 2014



Program Information

Location

The Narta Lagoon is an environmentally diverse wetland area near Vlora, SW Albania. The lagoon is situated in a superbly strategic location, as it is demonstrated by its geographical proximity to one of the most famous roads of antiquity, the Via Egnatia – once connecting Rome to Constantinople. Only a few kilometers north, there is the ancient Apollonia, a Greek colony established in the 6th century BC. Three UNESCO World Heritage sites, Berat, Butrint and Gjirokastër are found in the vicinity as well. The area around the site is remarkably diverse in its ecology, cultural variation, and historical monuments. The proximity to Greece and Italy has given the region a multi-cultural aura, unsurpassed by any other in Europe.



Vlora is the third largest city in Albania. A legendary view of high mountains complements the panorama of the city in the East and the South. Albania's proclamation of independence from the Ottoman Empire was first declared in Vlora, which briefly became the seat of the first Albanian government. The proximity to Italy and Greece, has given the city a multicultural quality, noticeable especially in everyday activities and cuisine. The bay of Vlora marks the boundary between the Adriatic and the Ionian seas, making the city one of the most touristic zones of Albania.

Academic Program

The UB Archaeology in Albania summer program, hosted at the Narta Lagoon Archaeological Field School, aims to investigate the spread of the earliest farming communities to Europe and the reaction of these early farmers to the effects of a climate change that occurred 8,200 years ago. The survey and excavation at the Narta Lagoon will provide students with a detailed understanding of cutting-edge archaeological method and theory, and a firsthand experience of modern excavation and survey methodology.

Students will earn a total 6 credits upon successful completion of APY 338/538 LAB Field Research Archaeology, which provides an intensive and rewarding archaeological field and lab experience for undergraduate and graduate students interested in archaeology and consists of daily excavations, evening lectures and weekly field trips to the cultural highlights of the region. The lecture program consists of presentations, seminars and discussions with local and international specialists and includes all facets of archaeology, anthropology and history. Students will be exposed to the ethnic melting pot of the Balkans, as scholars and students from Albania and its neighboring countries, such as Greece, Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo, will be invited to participate in this truly international, interdisciplinary and multi-cultural program.



Accommodation

During their time in Albania, students will live and dine at a large villa in Narta, a touristic village on the shores of the Adriatic Sea, not far from the pleasant city of Vlora. Full-time Albanian cooks will provide 3 meals per day. The quality of the food is outstanding, as the region is famous for its culinary tradition and the freshness of its produce.



Admission Requirements

Applications are welcome from undergraduate or graduate students enrolled at any accredited US college or university with an interest in Anthropology, Archaeology, Art History, Cultural Heritage Studies, History, Museum Studies, or Art. A minimum overall GPA of 2.7 is required.

Deadline for applications:

February 15, 2014