



Program Information

Program Name	Time Of Magan
	<p>FIELD SCHOOL – TIME OF MAGAN</p> <p>Archaeological Excavations at Ras Al Jinz RJ-3</p> <p>RAS AL JINZ</p> <p>The Ras Al Jinz Project, led by Valentina Azzarà and Alexandre De Rooze, has been exploring since 2017 the settlement site of RJ-3, in the natural reserve of Ras Al Jinz, bordering the Indian Ocean on the easternmost cape of the Arabian Peninsula. The site was occupied from the Late Neolithic to the end of the Early Bronze Age (EBA, 4th-3rd mill. BCE), as revealed by a long sequence of occupations, quite exceptional for a coastal site in the region.</p> <p>During the EBA, RJ-3 most likely formed a single settlement – extended on 3 or 4 ha – with the well-known site of RJ-2, located on the other side of the bay. Explored for more than 25 years, RJ-2 is a key-site of Arabian archaeology and one of the foremost EBA settlements in the region. It shows solid evidence for interactions with Mesopotamia and the Indus Valley, and has yielded the richest assemblage of seals in Oman, as well as a large amount of bitumen slabs from boat caulking.</p> <p>Closer to the seashore, RJ-3 was a specialised area related to different sorts of craft activities, including in particular the production of shell and stone ornaments. These activities were associated with different types of evidence – short-lasting huts and permanent stone structures.</p> <p>THE FIELD SCHOOL</p> <p>Time Of Magan Field School programs are an excellent opportunity for BA and MA students to gain experience in the field of Arabian Archaeology, and more broadly in settlement archaeology (excavation and documentation) and artefacts/ecofacts processing and recording.</p> <p>We provide a range of expert-led research focused training designed to introduce students to practical archaeological field methods, and to build and expand on knowledge and experience gained during your university studies.</p> <p>OUR HQ</p> <p>Students and most staff members will be staying in a dedicated house in a quiet neighbourhood in Ras al Hadd in the Sharqiyah region. The accommodations are shared bedrooms, with three to five persons per room, a basic shower and squat toilet in each room. Sheets and pillows will be provided, but participants should bring towels and sleeping bags.</p> <p>THE FIELD WORK</p> <p>Once we start field work, the day is fairly full. We have breakfast at 6:00 am and we leave the house for the field at 6:45 am – arriving there by 7:00 am.</p> <p>We have a break at around 10:00 am with a quick snack. Work in the field ends each day at 1:30 pm.</p> <p>After the lunch-break, the afternoons are reserved for lab activities, which can be followed by core and thematic lectures. Around 8:00 pm we eat dinner as a group at the house.</p> <p>Thursdays are dedicated to core lectures and experimental archaeology projects such as mudbrick making, bead making, etc.</p> <p>Weekend is from Thursday afternoon to Friday night and sometime could be extended for trip purposes. It is advised to arrive in Oman on Thursday to start the field work at the beginning of the working week (Saturday).</p> <p>The training includes:</p> <p>In-field methods and post-excavation procedures</p> <p>In the field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Digging different types of features with the adapted trowelling and excavation techniques.· Basic principles of stratigraphy and Harris Matrix.· Recording and documenting the data during the excavation.· Survey

- Monitoring **test trenches**
- Practice on the **recognition of archaeological materials**
- Basic procedures for **sample collection**.
- Use of **Electronic Total Station**

Post-excavation laboratory activities

- **Sorting out and classification** of archaeological objects: ceramics, faunal remains, metals, lithics, shells and stone ornaments.
- **Digital recording** of finds (data-base and photography)
- **Principles of:**
 - o Zooarchaeology
 - o Malacology
 - o Ceramology
 - o Analysis of lithic artefacts
 - o Experimental archaeology
- **Principles of:**
 - o GIS
 - o 3D imaging
 - o Photogrammetry
 - o Computer Aided Drawing

FEE OVERVIEW

The **field school fees** cover in-field transportation, field equipment, accommodation, all meals except Friday, instructor fees and field trips to ancestral Sharqiyah region.

Weekends are yours to explore the cultural and natural attractions in the area

Airfare and your personal gear are your responsibility.

At the end of the Field Program, students will receive a certificate of participation stating the hours and activities of the training. Participants that perform remarkably well may receive a letter of recommendation from our organisation upon request.

No prior experience on an excavation is required to participate in this field school.

APPLICATION AND FEES

Minimum 7 / Maximum 20 participants per 2-weeks session

Period: January – April 2023 (arrival on Thursdays, beginning of work in the field on Saturdays)

2 weeks minimum of participation are required. It is advised to participate during 4 weeks.

All fees should be paid 1 month before arrival.

- Total fee for 2-weeks session: 1500 US dollars
- Total fee for 4-weeks session 2500 US dollars
- Total fee for 8-weeks session 4500 US dollars

Complete refund until two weeks before the departure date. 30% fee will be kept in case of cancellation within two weeks from the departure date.

Airfare, visa and personal insurance *not included* in the fees

Participants must operate under an Official Visa issued by the MHT at a cost of **21 Omani Rial**; the active participation in the Project of individuals who entered Oman under a Tourist visa is not allowed. Documents for issuing the Official Visa (Passport copy, father's name, and photograph) must be provided as soon as possible and at the latest three months from the arrival of the applying individual in Oman.

Ø Health and safety precautions/regulations: Vaccinations for COVID-19, DTP, Hepatitis A, and Hepatitis B must be up to date. A **health insurance with COVID-19 treatment is mandatory**; travel insurance is recommended.

Ø Visa requirements: a visa (for 90 days) must be bought for 21 OR (c. \$52 / 50€) through the Ministry Of Heritage and Tourism (more information upon request).

Application method: Send CV and letter of motivation to fieldschooloman@gmail.com

Application deadline date: Applications will be considered upon submission and can be sent until **15 December 2022**.

But please note!

Participating in an archaeological campaign is an exciting work, but it is also sometimes tiring and challenging. It is important that you are ready and fit for outdoor physical activity. The typical day starts early in the morning and runs until late-afternoon.

Project leaders: Valentina Azzarà (Research Associate-Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University / National Geographic Explorer)

Alexandre De Rorre (independent researcher)

Our partners

Ministry of Heritage and Tourism of the Sultanate of Oman

Leiden University, Faculty of Archaeology (Netherlands)

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Links : <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/research/research-projects/archaeology/the-ras-al-jinz-project#tab-1>

<https://archaeofieldschool.com/>

https://www.instagram.com/time_of_magan/

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Program Details

Degrees Offered	
Tuition Information	
Highest Degree Offered	
Certificate Info	At the end of the Field Program, students will receive a certificate of participation stating the hours and activities of the training. Participants that perform remarkably well may receive a letter of recommendation from our organisation upon request.
Other Degree Requirements	
Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GIS• Research Methods
Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Archaeology
AA/ AS Requirements	
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Archaeology
BA/ BS Requirements	
Experience Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Field Work
MA/ MS Requirements	
MA/MS Specializations	
Phd Requirements	
Research Facilities	
Support Opportunities	
Library Resources	
Internship Info	

<p>Publications</p>	<p>Azzarà V.M., De Rorre A.P. (2019). The first excavation season at the Early Bronze Age settlement of Ra's al-Jinz RJ-3. <i>Journal of Oman Studies</i> 20: 25-47.</p> <p>De Rorre A.P., Berger J.-F., Delfino M., Kenoyer J.M., Maini E., Azzarà V.M. (2020). The Ras al-Jinz Reloaded: Resuming excavations at the edge of Arabia. <i>Proceedings of the Seminar for Arabian Studies</i> 50: 109-126.</p> <p>Azzarà V.M., De Rorre A. P. (forth). Living on the edge. Ras al Jinz and the Coastal Sharqiyah in the Bronze Age. <i>The Archaeological Heritage off Oman series</i>.</p> <p>Azzarà V.M., De Rorre A. P. (forth). New insight on the Early Bronze Age settlement of Ras al-Jinz RJ-3. <i>Journal of Oman Studies</i></p> <p>Berger J.F, Lejot J., Azzarà V., De Rorre A., Munoz O. (forth). GIS palaeographic simulations in the Ras al-Jinz area. <i>Journal fo Archaeological Sciences</i></p> <p>Hilbert Y.H., Clemente-Conte I., De Rorre A., Azzarà V.M. (forth). Preliminary results from the traceological analysis of the Late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age stone tools from Ras al Jinz 3 (Oman). <i>Proceedings of the AWRANA Meeting 4-7 April 2022</i>.</p> <p>Azzarà V.M., De Rorre A.P., Faraoni M., Hilbert Y., Joseph C., Maini E., Maiorano M.P. (2022). New insight on the Hafit coastal occupations in Oman: excavation at the Early Bronze Age settlement of Ras al-Jinz RJ-3. <i>Seminar for Arabian Studies 5-7 August 2022, Humboldt University Berlin</i>.</p> <p>De Rorre A., Azzarà V.M. (2022). The fourth campaign of excavation at Ras al-Jinz RJ-3. <i>Ministry of Heritage and Culture, 03 April 2022, Muscat</i>.</p> <p>Azzarà V.M. (2021). Living on the Edge. The eastern tip of Oman from the Neolithic to the Early Bronze Age. <i>Nabu Na'id Lectures, 03 March 2021, Leiden University (online)</i>.</p> <p>Azzarà V.M., De Rorre A. (2020). The third campaign of excavation at Ra's al-Jinz RJ-3. <i>Ministry of Heritage and Culture, 01 March 2020, Muscat</i>.</p> <p>Azzarà V.M. (2019). Excavations at the Edge of Arabia. The Early Bronze Age Settlement of Ras al-Jinz RJ-3. <i>What Did You Do Last Summer? Lecture Series, 9 Dec. 2019, UL Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden</i>.</p> <p>Azzarà V.M., De Rorre A.P., Berger J.-F., Delfino M., Kenoyer J.M., Maini E., (2019). The first two seasons at the EBA Settlement of Ras al-Jinz RJ-3 (Sultanate of Oman) 53rd Seminar for Arabian Studies, 11–13 July 2019, LIPSIUS, Leiden.</p> <p>Azzarà V.M., De Rorre A. (2019). The second campaign of excavation at Ra's al-Jinz RJ-3. <i>Ministry of Heritage and Culture, 04 March 2019, Muscat</i>.</p> <p>Azzarà V.M., De Rorre A. (2018). First campaign of excavation at Ra's al-Jinz RJ-3. <i>Ministry of Heritage and Culture, 11 Avril 2018, Muscat</i>.</p>
<p>Collections</p>	
<p>Grants Or Funding</p>	
<p>Misc Information</p>	
<p>Phd Specializations</p>	

