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# Field School **Camaiano** 2027

in Archaeology and Medieval and Roman Material Culture

PROGETTO CAMAIANO
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## July 10 – 31, 2027

3 weeks · fieldwork July 12–29
Loc. Cappellese, 57016 Castelnuovo della Misericordia, Livorno, Tuscany, **Italy**



### COST & DEADLINES

**$3,900** applying by January 31
**$4,400** applying by April 15
**$4,600** applying by May 15

**Application deadline: May 15, 2027**







## THE FIELD SCHOOL

The Camaiano Project studies the religious complex of the parish church of **San Gerusalemme and San Giovanni Battista**, first mentioned in 958 AD. The three-nave building (approx. 36 × 16 m) is the only parish church found so far in the Livorno area and one of the largest brought to light in Tuscany. Surveys carried out between 2023 and 2025 also identified at least two **Roman rural settlements** (1st–5th c. AD) near the excavation area.

## THE PROJECT

The Field School is part of the larger Camaiano Project, a program offered by the **University of Bologna** (excavation team from the universities of Florence, Bologna and the Catholic University of Milan) in collaboration with the **Italian Ministry of Culture**, the **Agriturismo Cappellese** (on whose land the site is located), the **Parco Culturale di Camaiano**, the **Gruppo Archeologico Paleontologico Livornese** (GAPL) and the **Municipality of Rosignano Marittimo**.

## ACADEMIC CREDITS

A certificate of attendance from the University of Bologna provides **10 ECTS** official credits, awarded upon successful completion of the three-week program.

- **Affiliation:** University of Bologna, Italy
- **Partnership:** IRLAB – Institute for Research and Learning in Archaeology and Bioarchaeology, Columbus, OH
- **Project Director:** Prof. Enrico Cirelli (University of Bologna)
- **Participants:** 10–20 · **Duration:** 3 weeks · **Language:** English
- **No prior field experience required**

**FOR INFO AND QUESTIONS:** *info@irlabnp.org*

## ACTIVITIES

Hands-on training in every phase of a real excavation, working side by side with the professional team:

- Stratigraphic excavation of the parish church and its **medieval burials**
- Topographic survey, **photogrammetry** and **GIS**
- Data recording, finds processing and lab work
- Lectures on the theory and practice of archaeology
- **Experimental archaeology** sessions on the Middle Ages





## A TYPICAL DAY · MONDAY TO FRIDAY

**8:00 – 1:30**
Excavation on site, with a 30-minute break

**1:30 – 2:45**
Lunch break (boxed lunch)

**2:45 – 4:45**
Labs, lectures (twice a week) or group discussions

**8:00 pm**
Dinner together, after time to relax by the pool

**Weekends are free** to explore Italy: no activities, and meals are on your own until Sunday dinner. Rosignano station connects to Pisa (30–45 min), Florence (about 2 h) and Rome (3.5–4 h).



## ROOM AND BOARD

Housing at **Podere La Madonnina**, a 20-minute walk from the site, in double or triple rooms separated by gender. The house has a **private swimming pool**; sheets, towels and pillows are provided. The village of Castelnuovo della Misericordia, with bar, supermarket, pharmacy and bakery, is close by.

Meals included: **breakfast, lunch and dinner from Sunday dinner to Friday dinner**.

## HOW TO APPLY

Apply online at
**www.irlabnp.org**
Rolling admission · deadline May 15, 2027

## GETTING THERE

Arrive on **July 10**: staff pick you up at **Rosignano train station** between 1:00 and 5:00 pm. Departures by 10:00 am on July 31, with drop-off at the same station. Airports: Pisa, Florence or Rome.



Hypothetical reconstruction of the parish church of Camaiano in today's landscape, based on excavation data.

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