

Enrollment Open for 2015 Excavations in Jaffa with UCLA Travel Study

The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project, a joint effort of UCLA and the Israel Antiquities Authority, invites you to join its archaeological field school in the old city of Jaffa on the south side of Tel Aviv this summer. The excavations are part of an NEH-funded initiative to explore the New Kingdom Egyptian fortress at the site. This program will introduce students to archaeological methods and practices commonly employed in Near Eastern archaeology through an array of hands-on, day-to-day activities. Students will be exposed to the basics of archaeological field methods, record keeping, preservation, artifact analysis, and data management by working closely with the project's staff. Weekend field trips to archaeological and historical sites in Israel are included.

To enroll in the upcoming excavations of the Egyptian fortress in Jaffa, Israel (June 27 to August 1, 2014) for 8 hours of university credit, visit UCLA Travel Study's Jaffa Excavations program website. For other enrollment options and more details concerning participation, please visit the JCHP Participate page.

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Tel Yafo, 2013 Excavations

The Tel Yafo excavations in June and July 2013, directed by Aaron A. Burke and Martin Peilstöcker, centered on the exposure of the intensively burned remains of the fourteenth century B.C. gate complex of an Egyptian fortress in Jaffa, Israel—the only Egyptian gate excavated in Israel to date. The extent of the burning attested within the gate complex was already evident during the 2012 season when a commemorative scarab of Amenhotep III dated to the mid-fourteenth century B.C. was discovered within the upper layers of the destruction...Read more.

The 2013 to 2015 excavations are supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. For opportunities to participate in the 2014 excavations, please visit the Participate page.

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Jaffa Exhibit: Jaffa: Tor zum Heiligen Land

The exhibition "Jaffa: Tor zum Heiligen Land" (Door to the Holy Land) is set to open at the Bibelhaus Museum in Frankfurt, Germany on September 27, 2013 and will run through May 18, 2014. For more information, visit the [exhibition's homepage](#). The accompanying volume with catalog of finds on display is also now available for [purchase](#).

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Jaffa Excavations Featured in Popular Archaeology

The recent efforts of the Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project are now featured in a March 2013 *Popular Archaeology* [article](#). Read more about the Egyptian gate excavations and their relationship to the [Kaplan Excavations Publication Initiative](#).

Posted March 13, 2013

Call for Papers for The History and Archaeology of Jaffa 2

The co-directors of the JCHP are now soliciting article-length contributions related to Jaffa's history and archaeology for publication in *The History and Archaeology of Jaffa 2* in The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project series by the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Press at UCLA (within the Monumenta Archaeologica publication series). Any contributions relating to Jaffa's history,

archaeology, and cultural heritage before 1947 or to aspects of archaeological research in Jaffa will be considered. See the [letter of invitation](#), for details.

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Tel Yafo, 2012 Excavations

The 5-week excavation season in Area A (Ramesses Gate) continued the work begun in 2011 to identify the various phases of the gate of the Egyptian fortress between ca. 1460 and 1130 BC. The excavations focused on an Amarna-period destruction nearly 2 m thick within the gate. The discovery of a large scarab of Amenhotep III serves as the principal chronological marker for the gate's destruction. Additional dating evidence from paleomagnetism samples taken from burnt mudbricks may further refine the date of the gate's destruction, as will the completion of the excavation of this phase of the gate in 2013. The 2013 summer season will be undertaken thanks to the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For opportunities to participate in the 2013 excavations, please visit the [Participate](#) page.

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NEH Grant to Support Excavations, 2013-2016

In July the project received a 3-year National Endowment for the Humanities Collaboration Grant that will fund the 2013 and 2014 excavation seasons and the 2015 study season thereafter. The project is titled "Insurgency, Resistance, and Interaction: Archaeological Inquiry into New Kingdom Egyptian Rule in Jaffa." The official announcement can be found among the list of current [NEH funded projects state-by-state](#). To learn more about the funded research and its collaborators, read a [copy of the proposal](#).

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Tel Yafo, 2011 Excavations

The 5-week excavation season in Area A (Ramesses Gate) will enable the production of a complete plan of the final phase of the gate of the Egyptian fortress that was founded by Thutmose III, ca. 1460 B.C. Intensive collection techniques employed by members of the project, such as 100% flotation of occupational debris on surfaces has yielded the first samples to receive such attention. Botanical samples have been sent to Ehud Weiss at Weizmann Institute of Science for closer analysis, and dendrochronology samples, which will enable the most precise dating of the gate complex, have been delivered to the Cornell Tree-Ring Laboratory. Further exploration of the gate and its surrounding environs will continue during the 2012 summer season.

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Dendrochronology in Jaffa

Cedar floorboards from the Qishle, the northern Ottoman fortress of Jaffa, have produced a 320-year tree-ring chronology spanning from 1491 to 1810. The timber has produced matches with the Antalya forest in Turkey and a group of Ottoman cedar buildings in western Turkey. The timber, which crossdates with a monastery in eastern Crete, is helping the [Cornell Tree-Ring Laboratory](#) to date a group of 18th century cedar icons and buildings.

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