



2019 Seasons

TELL TIMAI

Location: EGYPT

Season Dates:

Summer: June 15 to- July 25, 2019

Winter: December 15, 2019 to January 31, 2020

Application Deadline

20 December 2018

Program Type

Geophysical Survey/Lab Analysis/
Excavation/Conservation

Affiliation

University of Hawaii, USA
University of Tyumen, Russia

Project Directors

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Prof. Jay Silverstein, University of Tyumen



Description

A call for archaeologists, participants, and a few supervisors interested in the Summer 2019 and/or Winter 2019/2020 archaeological study of the site of Tell Timai in the Nile Delta region of Egypt.

The ruins of the Greco-Roman Egyptian city of Thmuis are found at Tell-El Timai in the Nile Delta of Egypt near the modern city of El-Mansoura. Thmuis is first mentioned in Classical texts by Herodotus (*Histories of Herodotus* 2.166) based on his visit in the middle of the 5th century BC. By Ptolemaic times the city was flourishing, having assumed administration of the Mendesian nome from its sister city at nearby Mendes. Historical references to the city in Josephus (*Jewish Wars* 4.656), Pliny (*Natural History* 13.2.4), Ammianus Marcellinus (*Roman History* 22.16) and other sources attest to the importance of the city in the Classical world. The city earned its greatest fame as the source of Mendesian perfume which was prized throughout the Mediterranean. The city played an important role in the rise of early Christianity, serving as an episcopal see during the Late Roman Period (3rd - 4th centuries AD). The city appears to have been

abandoned during the Arab Period in 831 AD following the suppression of a tax revolt.

See photos of previous seasons:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/31110069@N02/sets/72157607743111893/>

See Video Blog:

http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/media/video/video-tell-timai-2014-week-two/?mqsc=E3775204&utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=BHD+Daily%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=E4B703

Web Site:

<http://www.telltimai.org/>

Period(s) of occupation

450 BC - 830 AD

Minimum length of stay for participants

2 weeks

Minimum age

18

Experience required

Archaeology courses/experience preferred but not required.

Room and Board arrangements

Participants pay their own costs (Dig Fee). Air transportation to Cairo is not covered in this fee. All in-country costs are covered except incidentals. A number of partial scholarships are available. For costs and details contact Robert Littman (littman@hawaii.edu). The Dig House for the project is located in the adjacent town of Timai El Amdid and all basic amenities are available there. House rooms are generally shared by 2 to 3 people. Each floor of the Dig House has a bathroom with heated shower. A cook is retained by the project as is a cleaning staff.

Academic credit

Number of credits: 3, 6 or 9 credits available in Anthropology, undergrad or grad level. Offered by: University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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