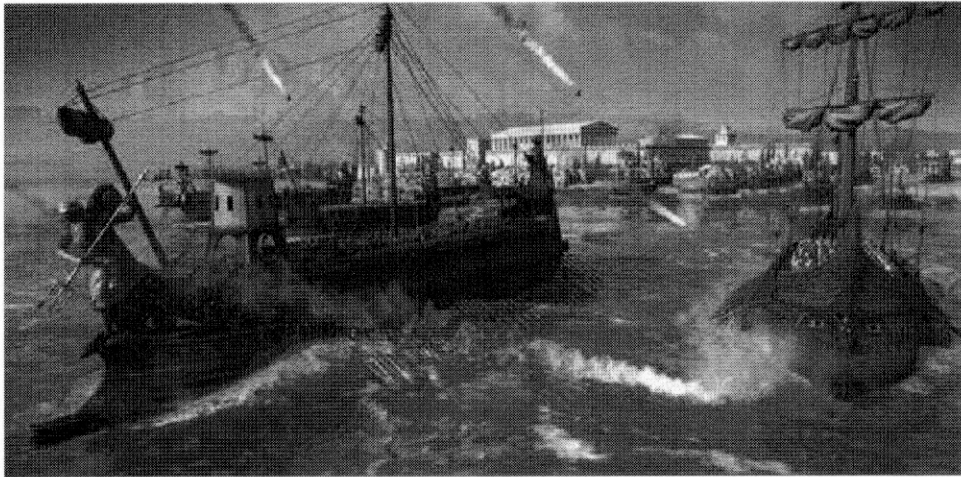


# FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY



## STORMS, WAR AND SHIPWRECKS DAY

All events are free, no booking required.

Activities for all ages inspired by the Ashmolean's summer exhibition 'Storms, War and Shipwrecks'.

### Playing with the Past – Archaeology and Gaming with Total War

With Rob Bartholomew, Brand Director, Creative Assembly & Dr Alexandra Sofroniew, Exhibition Curator

Sat 16 Jul, 2–3pm, Lecture Theatre

Creative Assembly, makers of the incredibly popular PC strategy series 'Total War', explore how history is a rich vein of inspiration for their games and how and where the line is drawn between what makes great entertainment and historical accuracy. Discover the link between real ancient artifacts on view in the exhibition and the warships battling it out in Total War: Rome II. ☺

TOTAL WAR

### Meet the Divers

Sat 16 Jul, 1–4pm, Education Centre

Since Jacques Cousteau's invention of SCUBA equipment 75 years ago to the use of cutting-edge robotics today, underwater archaeologists have worked under extreme conditions. Meet some divers from the Oxford University Underwater Exploration Group and hear their tales from the deep.

### Finding Atlantis: The Archaeology of Sunken Cities

With Dr Jon Henderson, maritime archaeologist

Sat 16 Jul, 11am–12pm, Lecture Theatre

Atlantis remains one of marine archaeology's most enduring mysteries. But what is the archaeological reality of sunken cities? Discover the incredible story of the oldest submerged town so far identified – Pavlopetri off the coast of Greece.

### Family Activity: Ship Ahoy!

Sat 16 Jul, 2.30–3pm & 3.30–4pm, Education Centre

Object handling, games and stories in the galleries.

## TUDOR DAY

All events are free, no booking required.

Sat 23 Jul, 11am–3pm

Listen to Tudor tales with Dave Tonge the Yarnsmith of Norwich, join a Tudor tour, enjoy Tudor music with Oxford Waits and discover more about the tools and techniques of craftsmen with The Tudor Group.

For a full programme see:

[www.ashmolean.org/events/festivalofarchaeology](http://www.ashmolean.org/events/festivalofarchaeology)

## EARTH-SHATTERING EVENTS DAY

£5/£4 concessions, booking essential.

### The Flood

With Dr Irving Finkel, British Museum

Sat 30 Jul, 11am–12pm, Lecture Theatre

British Museum expert and author of *The Ark Before Noah*, Dr Irving Finkel reveals how decoding the symbols on a 4,000 year old piece of clay enable a radical new interpretation of the story of Noah's Ark.

### Earthquakes, Nations and Civilisation

With Andrew Robinson, author

Sat 30 Jul, 2–3pm, Lecture Theatre

Earthquakes have affected the course of history, such as the capture of ancient Jericho and the eclipse of ancient Sparta, up to modern times. Andrew Robinson, author of *Earth-Shattering Events*, assesses the conflicting evidence for great earthquakes as agents of national decline and, sometimes, renewal in the form of 'creative destruction'.

## TALKS

Booking essential.

### The Three Cities of Tripolitania (Libya): Sabratha, Oea & Leptis Magna

With Linda Farrar, archaeologist and lecturer

Wed 20 Jul, 2–4pm, Lecture Theatre

Once covered by windswept sand that for centuries preserved their splendid remains, ancient cities in

Libya are now at risk. This talk revisits these sites to discover their glorious past, and the architectural wonders that are rated amongst the finest of the ancient world.

£9/£8 concessions, inc. afternoon tea.

### The Durham River Wear Assemblage

With Gary Bankhead, Durham University

Fri 22 Jul, 2–3pm, Lecture Theatre

At over 5,000 objects, the Durham River Wear assemblage is one of the largest collections of late medieval finds in the north of England. Find out more about the objects discovered which give a unique insight into how people traded, travelled and lived their lives in post-medieval England. £5/£4 concessions.

### The Discovery and Destruction of Nimrud

With Dr Paul Collins, Ashmolean Museum

Wed 27 Jul, 2–3pm, Lecture Theatre

Excavations at Nimrud in northern Iraq revealed the glories of the ancient Assyrian empire but this rich heritage has recently suffered extensive damage. This talk explores what we have lost but also why we should value what remains. £5/£4 concessions.

### Meeting the Romans in Oxford

With Professor Alison Cooley, University of Warwick

Thur 28 Jul, 1–2pm, Lecture Theatre

Learn about the lives of a variety of individuals from Roman society, from slave to senator, sausage-seller to soldier and the curious pathways by which a number of Latin inscriptions have ended up in the museum's collections. £5/£4 concessions.

## STUDY ROOM VISIT

£5/£4 concessions, booking essential.

### Discovery of the Indus Valley

With Denise Darbyshire, gallery lecturer

Thur 28 Jul, 11.45am–12.45pm & 2.15pm–3.15pm, Gallery 21

Find out about the prosperous and enigmatic Indus civilization, including the challenges that faced initial archaeological excavations. Have a close look at 4,000-year-old artefacts, not normally exhibited, which show undeciphered script from Indus Valley cities (now in Pakistan).