



## Paleolithic excavations in the Swabian Jura, May 5 until October 12



**Swabian Jura** Long-term excavations have produced the earliest examples of figurative art and musical instruments and contribute to the question of the origin of cultural modernity and the arrival of anatomically modern humans in Europe. Excavations at Vogelherd and Hohle Fels are available to excavators with different amounts of field experience. Participants at Vogelherd need less experience, while for Hohle Fels we are looking for highly experienced excavators. Parallel to the fieldwork, team members participate in water-screening, sorting, labeling of finds and data management. Excursions to the neighboring sites and museums in the region will be part of the program.



**Place:** Niederstotzingen (Vogelherd) and Blaubeuren (Hohle Fels), Baden-Württemberg, Southwestern Germany.

**How to get there:** Flight/ train to Stuttgart, train to Ulm and then to Niederstotzingen or Blaubeuren

**Conditions:** Excavation experience for Hohle Fels. Good command of English or German. Minimum period of participation is four weeks. Housing with communal meals is provided by the project. Travel-costs covered by the participant.



**Vogelherd** was excavated in 1931 in just 12 weeks. This excavation produced the famous mammoth ivory figurines from the Aurignacian as well as important lithic and faunal assemblages from the Middle and Upper Paleolithic. Excavations from 2005-2011 in the backdirt of the site yielded a wealth of Paleolithic finds.

**Hohle Fels** Cave provides an important record for the cultural stratigraphy of the Middle and Upper Paleolithic and is particularly well-known for its Aurignacien and Gravettien deposits. In 2012 we will expand the excavation in the whole sequence at Hohle Fels.

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