Cremated remains reveal hints of who was buried at Stonehenge

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Stonehenge is an iconic site between around 5,000 and 4,400 years ago where large stones are arranged in a circular pattern. The purpose of the monument is unknown, but the academics believe it could have been a temple. In a project that gathered attention in the media, anthropologist Rick Schulting and colleagues at the University of Amsterdam analyzed the remains of cremated people that were studied to understand who was buried at Stonehenge. The researchers discovered that out of 25 individuals, 10 individuals spent their last decade in Brittany, France. The researchers identified the diet and the Supplementary activity in people based on the isotopes of carbon and lead in bones.

The study shows that the people who were buried at Stonehenge came from different places. The researchers hope to analyze more remains to understand who was buried at Stonehenge.

**Further Reading**


**Image**

A picture of the Stonehenge monument with a label showing the extent of contacts between communities in different regions.

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