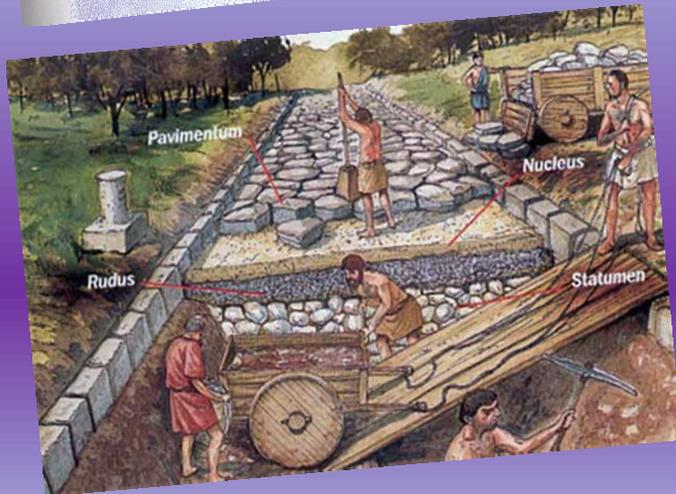


All Roads Lead to Rome

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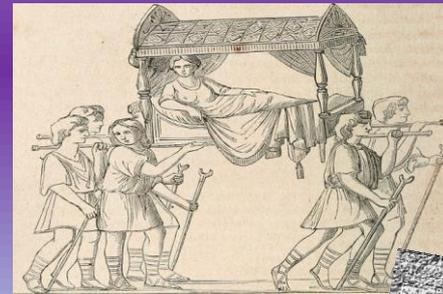
Roman roads (Latin: viae Romanae) were physical infrastructure vital to the maintenance and development of the Roman state. They provided efficient means for the overland movement of armies, civilians, and the inland carriage of official communications and trade goods.



Roman civil engineering made it possible for the Romans to travel almost as efficiently by road as by ship. From earliest times the Romans displayed remarkable skill at building and engineering.

Means of Transport in Ancient Rome

The ancient Romans most definitely got around. It was important to be able to transport goods and people, including the famous Roman Legion, to all parts of the Roman Empire. The Ancient romans traveled by chariot, boat, cart, and on foot.



CISIUM

The CISIUM was not fast. It had two wheels, no top, a seat for two passengers and was drawn by one or two mules or horses. It was driven by the equivalent of a taxi driver today or by the passenger himself.



CHARIOT



A CHARIOT is a small two wheeled cart pulled by horses. Romans loved racing. The Romans built a place to race chariots. This was called the Circus Maximus. You would ride in these standing up. This was the most common and preferred form of transportation.



ESSEDUM

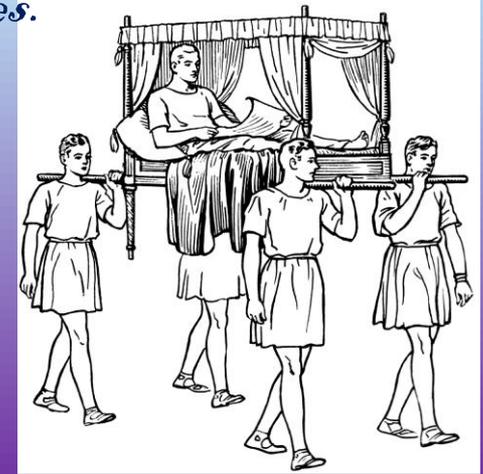


*The **ESSEDUM** was a small chariot with two wheels with no top, for two passengers standing up. Pulled by one or many horses or mules, it was rather fast and used for transportation of persons (and sometimes goods).*

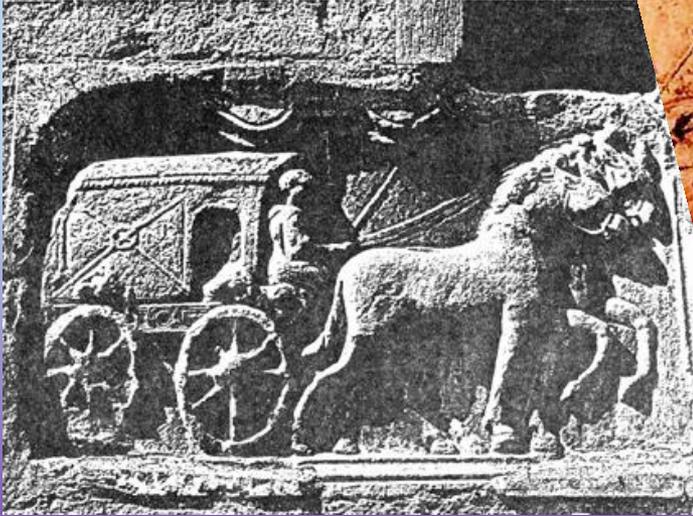
LITTER

The rich often traveled lying down in a **LITTER** carried on the shoulders of slaves or seated in a sedan chair, also carried by slaves.

Six slaves would carry the litter usually around the city. Used for traveling short distances.



CARRUCA



The CARRUCA was like a smaller CARPENTUM. Again it was usually used by wealthy Romans and could accommodate two passengers. The carpentum was the bus or limousine of wealthy Romans. It had four wheels, a wooden arched rooftop and was pretty comfortable, spacious and nicely decorated inside.

SHIPS

The Roman **TRADE SHIPS** were wooden vessels with square rigs and a deep belly which held amphoras filled with wine, olive oil, fish sauce and other goods.

