

POMPEII

The story of a great historical city full of secrets...

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WELCOME TO POMPEII

The first settlements in Pompeii date back to the eighth century b.C. when the Osci, one of the first Italic populations, built their origins, giving rise to the first nucleus of the city. The first to dominate Pompeii were the Greeks: in the VI century b.C. it became a Greek colony and a center of trade. The Greeks began a new forum, that is the triangular forum. After the Greeks there were the Etruscans and again the Greeks. After Pompeii was invaded by the population of the Samnites from Abruzzo and Molise. With them the city became stronger and found its maximum territorial expansion. Finally Pompeii became a Roman colony.

Nearly 2,000 years ago, Pompeii was a city located in what is now southern Italy. But in the summer of 79 a.D., the nearby Mount Vesuvius volcano erupted. It filled the air of the town with smoke and toxic gas. That night, a lot of its residents died under the ash.

Pompeii was basically lost and forgotten until it was rediscovered in 1748. Thanks to excavations, which are still going on today, scientists have been able to understand what happened on that terrible day. The archaeological excavations of Pompeii have returned what was left of the ancient city of Pompeii, near the hill of Civita, at the gates of modern Pompeii, buried under ashes and lapilli during the eruption of Vesuvius in 79. The findings thanks to the excavations, are one of the testimonies of Roman life, as well as the best preserved city of that era. Most of the findings,

are kept at the National Archaeological Museum of Naples.



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