

ITALY - Attachment B

Rome and environs

i - Ancient Rome meets modern technology as tourists visit restored, frescoed House of the Griffins via livestream tours From March 3, the livestreamed tours will be held weekly, on Tuesdays, with one in Italian and one in English, though more are foreseen. Groups are limited to a dozen people and require reservations, as well as an additional ticket beyond the typical Colosseum-Palatine Hill entrance fee.

Jamie of course has already visited whilst on a BSR Course. His pics are on [Flickr: House of the Griffins, Palatine Hill](#)

ii – Construction workers preparing to build a residential block in Italy have unearthed a pair of 1,800-year-old Roman pools found beneath scrapyard.

The two structures, reaching depths of up to four metres and stretching as long as 28 metres, date back to 200 BC and were discovered in an eastern suburb of Rome.

iii - Major archaeological discoveries in Rome: a sacellum, republican tombs and monumental basins

iv - Who really founded Rome? Aeneas and Troy exhibition at Colosseum to shed light in 2026

v - Colosseum-Imperial Forums: The Rome Metro Construction Site That Seemed Impossible Sensors and innovative technologies enabled the construction of the new Rome subway station while ensuring the ongoing monitoring of the Ancient Rome archaeological site. Now, this critical infrastructure is transforming the public transport system.

vi – From Jan. 31 to Oct. 31, 2026, the Palace of the former Bishop's Seminary in Palestrina will host a major archaeological exhibition dedicated to the birth of Gabii, including unpublished finds, written evidence and the exceptional return of the Fibula Prenestina.

vii – Il Nettuno di Lione al Museo Barracco (Neptune of Lyon at the Barracco Museum) From February 6 to June 7 Thanks to a special loan from the Lugdunum Museum and Roman Theaters Museum of Lyon.

viii - Rome wasn't built in a day, but the cats were already there

ix - Exploring the Tombs of Via Latina!

x – Rome cuts down ageing pines along avenue leading to Colosseum

xi – centre. Two large monumental tanks, a sacello probably dedicated to the cult of Hercules and two republican tombs came to light

xii - Inside the Colosseum's Passage of Commodus, where emperors once walked One theory suggests the infamous Roman emperor survived an assassination attempt in the tunnel now open to the public.

xiii - The Colosseum gets a modern makeover - but critics are unimpressed

xiv – This Famous 17th-Century Elephant Sculpture in Rome Keeps Losing the Tip of Its Tusk

xv – Interesting exhibits in Museo Nazionale at the Baths of Diocletian

a - A funerary urn made from a type of stone with very interesting patterns plus inscriptions of a doctor and historian.

b - The Reuse of a Sarcophagus with a Menorah

xvi - Rome, new discoveries in the Ostiense Necropolis: an unknown sector emerges

xvii – Archaeologists excavating a newly uncovered section of Rome's Ostiense Necropolis have discovered evidence of a mysterious funerary ritual: iron nails deliberately placed on the chests of the deceased. The unusual find offers new insight into ancient Roman beliefs about death and the fear of restless spirits.

Naples and environs

- i – Hygienic conditions in Pompeii's early baths were poor, according to isotope analysis
- ii - The Home of Nero's Wife. Renewed excavations at the Villa of Poppaea
- iii - Marine archaeologists in the Gulf of Naples have unearthed an ancient Roman bathhouse believed to belong to legendary philosopher and orator Cicero. The structure was discovered in the ruins of Baiae, once a location of great decadence in Rome.
- iv – Pompeii Slogans
 - a - Nearly eighty ancient inscriptions with declarations of love, insults, and slogans left by the public in the corridors of the theaters discovered in Pompeii
<https://www.labrujulaverde.com/en/2026/01/nearly-eighty-ancient-inscriptions-with-declarations-of-love-insults-and-slogans-left-by-the-public-in-the-corridors-of-the-theaters-discovered-in-pompeii/>
 - b - Pompeii, thanks to new technologies ancient inscriptions resurface in the theater district
- v – Bench-stable butyllithium & secrets of Pompeii's limescale | Podcast | Chemistry World
- vi – The Workshop of the Final Day of Construction in a Luxurious Seaside Villa Discovered in Herculaneum
- vii – Spotted with drones at the archaeological site of Fiocaglia (Avellino) the Forum and a hitherto unknown monumental theater
- viii – An Invitation to Pompeii's Wildest Party
- ix – NEW EXCAVATIONS AT VILLA POPPEA TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC From 12 February every Thursday from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm. An opportunity to get a first-hand view of the excavations and new finds. Max 10 pax
- x - Addio a Lince, il gatto degli scavi di Pompei. Farewell to Lynx, the cat of the Pompeii excavations. The cat was a fixed presence and was well-liked by everyone
- xi – Pompeii Brings Back Vineyards Buried by Vesuvius for the First Time in 2,000 Years
- xii - The mosaic with an erotic scene that had been returned in July 2025 to the Pompeii Archaeological Park did not actually come from the Vesuvian area, but from a Roman villa in the Marche region.
- xiii - More than 20 plaster casts of victims who died in the catastrophic volcano eruption in Pompeii went on display for the first time Thursday 12th March in a permanent exhibition.
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/pompeii-italy-mount-vesuvius-b2937439.html>

Elsewhere

- i - Archaeologists have found the remains of the fabled basilica of Roman architect Vitruvius in the Marche city of Fano. The basilica, built at Fanum Fortunae and completed in 19 BC, is the only building scholars know that first-century BC Roman architect Vitruvius worked on. The building disappeared over time and its precise location had become a mystery.
- ii – Sea uncovers Phoenician tombs on the beach at Domus De Maria, Sardinia
- iii – Terracotta winglets with zoomorphic depictions discovered in Padua
- iv - Loano, remains of a possible Roman villa from the imperial era discovered
- v – Latin pots and Greek casseroles: ceramics reveal the coexistence of Roman and Greek cooking in an Italian colony. A multidisciplinary study in ancient Fregellae shows that two distinct culinary traditions used the same cooking ware, locally produced with identical raw materials and techniques. Only the shape of the pots differed.

vi - An Ancient Aqueduct and Tunnel System Discovered Supplying the Villa of the Casoni in the Sabina, Predating the Roman Conquest

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a - Extraordinary discovery in Taranto: a Roman shipwreck from the Imperial Age has been discovered. - YouTube

b - Italy's finance police said Tuesday that it has discovered the remains of a large ancient Roman-era ship with a cargo of amphoras on the bed of the Ionian Sea off the coast of Puglia. The force said it made the find in June 2025 during an inspection but was only making it public now.

viii - Archaeologists Unearth 2,700-Year-Old Phoenician Scarab Seal and Amulet at Nuragic Ruins in Sardinia

ix - Carsulae (Terni), discovery of new mosaics that rewrite the history of the Roman city

x - GELA (Cl). The "Museum of Greek Wrecks" opens with the largest Greek ship ever found.

xi - Bottarone Urn restored: original colors of 2400-year-old Etruscan grooms resurfaced

xii - In the ancient birthplace of the Latin poet Quintus Horacius Flaccus (65 BC-8 BC) research resumed in the area of the Roman amphitheatre inside the Archeological Park of Venosa in Basilicata.

xiii - Ancient Greek Gymnasium in Agrigento Italy Reveals New Findings

xiv - Epigraphs at Ara della Regina regarding the Spurinna family

The "Elogia degli Spurinna" (or Elogia Tarquiniensia), Latin epigraphs of the imperial period, datable to the first century A.D., found at the temple of the Ara della Regina (Tarquinia) are inscriptions on marble placed on the bases of honorary statues intended to celebrate the (Etruscan) ancestors of a Roman senatorial family the Vestricii Spurinnae.

xv - This Ancient Disk Found in Tuscany Holds One of the Longest Etruscan

xvi - Scientists Discover Hidden Secrets Inside the Eyes of a 2,500-Year-Old Etruscan Statue