

## **ITALY – Appendix D**

### **Rome and Environs**

- i** - Rome unveils winning design for New Archaeological Walk.
- ii** - A Collection of Ancient Roman Statues Finally Gets Its Due. A new exhibition in Rome focuses on collectors' obsession with "completing" ancient artworks through restorations that often permanently transformed them
- iii** - Water returns to Rome's Baths of Caracalla in reflecting pool
- iv** - The Ides of March, Re-enacted on the Very Spot Where Julius Caesar Fell
- v** - Wanted in Rome on X: "In its latest act of patronage in Rome, luxury jeweler Bulgari will finance the construction of the Mausoleum of Augustus Museum, set to open in 2026
- vi** - AN AMAZING MODEL OF ANCIENT ROME. Enjoy our latest video on the Plastico di Roma Antica! Constructed in 1930s, this detailed, scaled model of Ancient Rome is housed at the Museum of Roman Civilization, a location currently off limits to visitors and slated to open in 2025
- vii** - An Ancient Dog Statue and 3 Tombs Were Just Discovered Under the Streets of Rome
- viii** - Rome hotel reveals ruins of ancient Porticus Minucia
- ix** - This New Archaeological Park in Rome Is Stacked With Ancient Riches
- xi** - Rome's next luxury hotel has some very good bones: Archaeologists said Wednesday that the ruins of Nero's Theater, an imperial theater referred to in ancient Roman texts but never found, have been discovered under the garden of a future Four Seasons Hotel steps from the Vatican
- xii** - Pasquino, the "Talking Statue" and Critic, Illuminates Ancient Rome in New Book. Anthony Di Renzo traces the daily life and gripes of Roman citizens through its earliest form of "social media"
- xiii** - The best free museums in Rome
- xiv** - Everything you need to know about the Rome pyramid
- xv** - Ancient Roman home with 'unparalleled' mosaic found near Colosseum & MORE on luxurious Roman Domus unearthed near the Colosseum, boasting an "unparalleled" mosaic featuring shells, marble and precious glass
- xvi** - The Grim History of Rome's Carcer, constructed in what must have been one of the *lautumiae* or quarries cut into the side of the Capitoline
- xvii** - A new self-portrait of Michelangelo? The statue of Pan at the Casino dell'Aurora in Rome.
- xviii** - Galleria Borghese are launching a fundraising campaign to help them restore the Gladiator Mosaics
- xix** - The Arch of Titus's Menorah Panel in Color
- xx** - Ostia Antica website says - the Cafeteria degli Scavi is available, as well as snack and hot and cold drink dispensers.
- xxi** - A singular find, these days in Via Appia 39, in Rome. Vase, urn, glirario? "In fact, we are faced with a fragment of a lenos sarcophagus – explain the archaeologists of the University of Ferrara, engaged in the Roman excavation, at the Via Appia – It is a type of tank sarcophagus in vogue since the first century A.D. and is called this way because it evokes the tinozza (lenòs in Greek) used for the fermentation of grapes. The raised base with 'cushion' function is equipped with three holes that were probably used to prevent it from bursting during cooking.'

## **Naples, Pompeii and Herculaneum**

i - [New Homepage - Pompeii Sites Portale Ufficiale Parco Archeologico di Pompei](#)

ii - Researchers from the University of Tokyo have unearthed an ancient villa from beneath volcanic ash that they believe may have been used by the first Roman emperor, Augustus. The team, led by Mariko Muramatsu, a professor of Italian studies, announced the discovery on April 17 after excavating and studying the [Somma Vesuviana](#) site in southern Italy over 20 years

iii - ['Ancient Roman' solar rooftiles power Pompeii villa](#)

iv - Pompeii: [Stunning frescoes](#) of mythological characters uncovered. Archaeologists working at the world-famous site have uncovered a banqueting hall with black-painted walls covered with frescoes of mythological characters associated with the Trojan War

v - [Pompeii building site](#) reveals ancient Roman construction methods. The archaeologists found working tools, stacked roof tiles, tuff bricks, and heaps of lime and stones used to create walls & [MORE on Pompeii 'Home Renovation'](#). Experts previously believed quicklime used to plaster walls was pre-mixed with water before but the recent discoveries instead show how workers mixed it with water on site before using it = extremely hot to use, but far more effective in giving a long-lasting hardened surface. In a remarkable discovery at the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, archaeologists have unearthed a fresco depicting the Greek mythological siblings [Phrixus and Helle](#) & [The Rich Frescos Of Pompeii's House Of The Vettii](#) Punishment of Ixion / Daedalus and Pasiphae / Dionysus discovering Ariadne / Death of Pentheus / Punishment of Dirce / Infant Herakles strangling the snakes / Wrestling match between Pan and Eros / Cyparissus / Achilles on Skyros / Herakles and Auge / Ariadne abandoned by Theseus / Hero and Leander

vi - Ancient Roman site of Pompeii is about to 'expand'. Future plans including re opening of [Boscovale Antiquarium](#)

vii - [Scoperti ora tra le ceneri di Pompei i resti di un soffitto affrescato con divinità e grottesche](#). The remains of a ceiling frescoed with divinities and grotesques have now been discovered among the ashes of Pompeii. A puzzle to put together - Art Style

viii - Roman Times: [Part 1 of the sixth 30-minute segment of ProWalk Tours' Pompeii Walk](#)

ix - [A new project in Pompeii, combining traditional dyeing techniques with colorful frescoes, is hoping to revive the daily life of the ancient city before the eruption](#)

x - [A bakery where enslaved people were imprisoned and exploited to produce bread has been discovered in the ruins of Pompeii](#) & [More on Pompeii bakery 'that doubled as prison'](#)

xi - [Remains of a Roman Villa, Used to Build the C19th Caves of the Simulated Ruins of Villa Floridiana, in the Vomero neighbourhood of Naples](#)

xii - [2,000-year-old 'Tomb of Cerberus' with stunning frescoes discovered in Italy](#)

## **Sicily and other islands**

i - Archaeologists have [unearthed](#) the ruins of an imposing stoa from the Greco-Roman period in the small village of [Tripi in the Messina](#) region of northeastern Sicily. The discovery confirms the location of Abakainon, a city of very ancient origins mentioned by Diodorus Siculus

ii - [Unknown Building Discovered in Sicily's Valley of the Temples](#)

iii - [Long-buried Atlas statue raised to guard Temple of Zeus in Sicily once more](#). Eight-metre statue dating from fifth century BC restored and assembled piece-by-piece to be displayed

in Valley of the Temples

**iv** - A three-year project to build a children's playground unearthed the ruins of a 2,000-year-old cliff-top beach house overlooking the islands of Ischia and Procida could have once been the opulent residence of Pliny the Elder

**v** - Bronze Age Fortification system beneath Villaggio dei Faraglioni, a village site on an island north of Sicily inhabited between 1400 and 1200 B.C

**vi** SIRACUSA. Sotto la cattedrale emerge un tempio greco del V secolo a.C.

**vii** - Video of excavation of the Roman ship recovered in Sicily

**viii** - On the northern coast of Sicily, archaeologists and historians are uncovering an ancient Greek and Roman city buried by time. Their discoveries, including a Greco-Roman theater, are providing new insights into the Italian island's fascinating history.

**ix** - A diver who spotted something metallic not far from Sardinia's coast has led to the discovery of tens of thousands of ancient bronze coins.

### **Elsewhere in Italy**

**i** - Scientists have discovered a fourth-century Roman temple in Spello. This significant find challenges the notion of a swift shift, revealing a more gradual integration of Christian beliefs alongside enduring pagan traditions & Researchers discover ancient Roman temple beneath a parking lot in Italy. The temple found in Spello, Italy, may give historians a novel insight into the life of practicing pagans during the reign of the Roman Empire's first Christian ruler, Constantine the Great & Ancient letter written by Roman emperor Constantine leads archaeologists to Spello Temple. The letter, found in the 18th century, allowed the people of the town to celebrate a religious festival rather than travel to another event, as long as they built a temple to what Constantine considered his "divine ancestors."

**ii** - Italy's Amalfi Coast is getting a new airport in July

**iii** - C2nd - C4th BC Roman necropolis discovered in central Italy. c.70 skeletons, carefully constructed graves + valuable objects, leather goods, pottery & coins

**iv** - Analysis of latest 2 Temples discovered at Paestum dated to the end of the C6th BC, when the city of Poseidonia was not yet equipped with defensive walls

**v** - A stretch of Roman road brought to light in Altino. Tweezers found (surgical?)

**vi** - This Forgotten Roman City Is One Of Southern Italy's Best-Kept Secrets. Saepinum is a well-preserved Roman town free to visit that few people bother visiting in Southern Italy

**vii** - Oldest Mithraeum in the West reopens. After a long closure due to COVID and an extensive program of restoration, the Mithraeum of Santa Maria Capua Vetere in Caserta, in the southern Italian region of Campania, has reopened to the public:

**viii** - A vividly painted tomb dating to the 4th century B.C. has been unearthed in an ancient necropolis in Pontecagnano, near Salerno in the Campania region of southwest Italy

**ix** - Rare 3,300-year-old wooden yoke discovered in a Late Bronze Age pile-dwelling settlement in Este in the Veneto region of northern Italy has been presented to the public after eight years of complex excavation, recovery and restoration.

**x** - A challenge to previous assumptions about the decline of Italy during the 3rd century AD sheds light on the resilience of Interamna Lirenas, a town in Central Italy traditionally considered a failed backwater

**xi** - A two-year dig to install solar power plant near Tarquinia unearthed a necropolis of 67 skeletons in 57 ornate tombs resembling homes, wearing golden jewelry & expensive leather footwear

**xii** - Roman Nymph Statue Found in Ancient Tusculum

**xiii** - Ancient Greek Helmet, Inscription Found in Elea, Magna Graecia

**xiv** - Another intact Etruscan tomb has now been found and opened in the Osteria Necropolis, in Montalto di Castro. It is full of precious ceramics

**xv** - Excavations at a spectacular ancient Roman site in northern Italy have produced some significant finds during the most recent archaeological season. The latest of these remarkable discoveries in the ancient city of Claterna is an incredibly valuable collection of approximately 3,000 silver, gold and bronze Roman coins and 50 gems & 3,000 Roman Coins And Gems Unearthed In the ruins of a theater in the ancient Roman city of Claterna, confirming that the site was once a major commerce center for Romans:

**xvi** - Mosaics Discovered at the Roman Villa in Bibione on the Coast of Venice

**xvii** - Where Was the First Dog That Became a Best Friend? Verona - Infant & Dog burial. In a recent paper in PLOS One, the infant's grave is dubbed B19, one of a handful of "human-animal co-burials" in the Iron Age necropolis unearthed on seminary grounds