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### *Exhibitions no longer or currently accessible*

i - "Today I filmed Roads of Arabia in Museo delle Terme:

<https://twitter.com/DariusAryaDigs/status/1234096633366941696>Exhibition.

Raphael's tapestries in the Sistine Chapel: <https://www.apollo-magazine.com/raphael-tapestries-sistine-chapel-rome/>

ii - From 17 March to 17 April 2020, at the Ecole Française de Rome in Piazza Navona, temporary exhibition entitled " Alle Origins of Galermi will be open. An aqueduct through History.": <https://mediterraneoantico.it/articoli/eventi-mostre-musei/alle-origini-del-galermi-un-acquedotto-attraverso-la-storia/>

iii - Part of the Torlonia Collection, the most important array of ancient art in the world, is soon to be seen by the outside world for the first time. Nearly 100 of the most outstanding classical statues, busts, sculptures and reliefs from the fifth century BC to the fourth century AD will go on display in a palazzo on Rome's historic Capitoline Hill in April: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/01/01/worlds-important-private-collection-ancient-roman-art-go-display/>

iv - Ancient basilica under Rome's Termini train station features fully restored stucco artwork "Rome's Hidden History" [ + video]:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ancient-basilica-under-romes-termini-station-features-fully-restored-stucco-artwork/>

v - "Pompeii and Santorini. Eternity in a Day" Exhibition in Rome:

<https://www.romeing.it/pompeii-santorini-eternity-in-a-day-exhibition-rome/>

vi - Metro C di Roma. More archaeology to be incorporated into Aradam/Ipponio Station: <https://www.classicult.it/metro-c-di-roma-ecco-come-sara-la-stazione-museo-amba-aradam-ipponio/>

### *Rome & Environs*

i - New Ticketing System introduced at Parco Archeologico del Colosseo, starting 1 January 2020

a - <https://parcocolosseo.it/en/2019/12/ticketing-revolution-at-the-parco-archeologico-del-colosseo-starting-1-january-2020/>

b - Great initiative to give access from Imperial Fora to the Roman Forum with a single ticket! Starting at Forum of Trajan/ Basilica Ulpia:

[https://twitter.com/Foodie\\_Lou/status/1230551089558122497](https://twitter.com/Foodie_Lou/status/1230551089558122497)

ii - Archaeology at the site of the former Pontine Marshes has uncovered a massive but forgotten feat of ancient land reclamation revealing the early determination of the Romans to bend the world to their will:

<https://pursuit.unimelb.edu.au/articles/out-of-ancient-marshes>

iii - The Prima Porta Augustus and policy:

<https://musingsofclio.wordpress.com/2019/05/26/the-prima-porta-augustus-and-policy/>

iv -

a - "Let's explore the new discovery in the Roman Forum, under the threshold of the Curia Iulia:

<https://twitter.com/DariusAryaDigs/status/1230874862224367616>

b - Hypogeum with sarcophagus from 6th cent. BC found in Roman Forum Russo said that scholars believe the altar to have been placed on the spot where ancient Romans believed Romulus was buried:

<https://archaeologynewsnetwork.blogspot.com/2020/02/hypogeum-with-sarcophagus-from-6th-cent.html>

v - Forum Transitorium, Forum of Nerva: <https://ancientromelive.org/forum-nervae-forum-transitorium-forum-of-nerva/>

vi - Marcus Aurelius Part I: The Caelian Hill Births an Emperor. What is there to see now?: <https://timetravel-ancientrome.com/2019/12/17/marcus-aurelius-part-one-birth-of-the-emperor/>

viii - Was Beautiful Ancient City Of Terracina Home To The First Hellenistic temple?: <http://www.ancientpages.com/2019/12/16/was-beautiful-ancient-city-of-terracina-home-to-the-first-hellenistic-temple/>

viii - Statue of Goddess Diana appears in Rome canal:

<https://www.wantedinrome.com/news/statue-of-goddess-diana-appears-in-rome-canal.html>

ix - Rome to finally reopen Mausoleum of Augustus. [Maybe]

a - <https://www.wantedinrome.com/news/rome-to-finally-reopen-mausoleum-of-augustus.html>

b - Dr Sophie Hay on Twitter: "FINALLY! The Mausoleum of Augustus in Rome will open to the public in Spring 2020. Good Thread, but it's still needs SO much work as we saw in December!: <https://twitter.com/pompei79/status/1215213843057729536>

c - Supporting Article - Dallo spot al restauro: ecco come rinasce il mausoleo d'Augusto:

[https://roma.repubblica.it/cronaca/2020/01/07/news/roma\\_cantiere\\_mausoleo\\_d\\_augusto\\_restauri\\_alla\\_corsa\\_finale-245160512/amp/](https://roma.repubblica.it/cronaca/2020/01/07/news/roma_cantiere_mausoleo_d_augusto_restauri_alla_corsa_finale-245160512/amp/)

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d - Darius Arya on Twitter: "Mausoleum of Augustus is 2 open in 2020, it has been reported. I pass by 5 X a week & have seen no real activity in the past 8 months, until

today. Workman wheelbarrowing, a new crane (in background) which is working!:  
<https://twitter.com/DariusAryaDigs/status/1217382114359902208>

e - A thread - Hellene Travel on Twitter: "So excited to hear the news about activity resuming at the Mausoleum of Augustus <https://t.co/Gc092qDJhz> .... I do so hope work won't grind to a halt again....there was so much to do when we last visited a couple of weeks ago":

<https://twitter.com/HelleneTravel/status/1219676235372158977>

x - Visiting the Mithraea in Rome: <https://archaeology-travel.com/readers-write/see-a-mithraeum-in-rome/>

xi - Exploring Rome's parks: <https://www.wantedinrome.com/news/exploring-romes-parks.html>

xii - Piazza Navona's underground stadium (Domitian):  
<https://www.wantedinrome.com/news/rome-piazza-navonas-underground-stadium.html>

xiii - Tiber Island - Ancient Rome Live (AIRC) - YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WS5E95DDxS8&feature=youtu.be>

xiv - "I only just recently heard of this splendid new antiquarium in Rome's Lucrezia Romano neighborhood (managed by @archeoappia)":  
<https://twitter.com/haeferlkaffee/status/1221450534873370624>

xv - Kids' Treasure Hunt Reveals Myths and Secrets in the Vatican Child-friendly tour organizer Rome4KidsTours has created a guided quest called the "Divine Race Treasure Hunt of the Vatican" intended to bring alive an otherwise 'dry' museum visit for young visitors, whether they're school age or pre-schoolers:  
<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/kids-treasure-hunt-reveals-myths-173500966.html>

xvi - Servian Wall at Rome Termini McDonald's:  
<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/servian-wall-at-mcdonalds>

xvii - Visiting Case Romane del Celio, Rome:  
<https://archaeology-travel.com/italy/case-romane-del-celio-rome/>  
<https://www.italianways.com/all-of-rome-lived-in-the-caelian-hills-old-houses/>

xviii - Roman walks:  
[https://rome.nd.edu/assets/281457/roman\\_walks\\_web.pdf](https://rome.nd.edu/assets/281457/roman_walks_web.pdf)  
<https://www.lancelothotel.com/walks/>

xix - Vatican Necropolis of the Via Triumphalis, Rome. (Not to be confused with the famous St. Peter's Scavi, the excavations of another set of ancient Roman tombs directly underneath the Basilica di San Pietro):  
<http://www.reidsitaly.com/places/rome/see/vatican-museums/vatican-necropolis-of-the-via-triumphalis/>

xx - Pyramid of Cestius: The Ancient Pyramid Built Inside...Rome  
<https://www.realmofhistory.com/2016/04/13/pyramid-cestius-2000-year-ancient-pyramid-rome/>

xxi - Jamie Heath's albums | Flickr - every photo you might need in and around Rome: <https://flickr.com/photos/184393744@N06/albums/>

xxii - Ostia

a - Dazzling 'Temple of Coloured Marbles' Honoring Mithras:  
<https://www.livescience.com/mithraeum-of-colored-marbles-temple-discovered.html>

b - Isola Sacra: life and death in ancient Rome. The Isola Sacra necropolis offers a rare insight into cosmopolitan middle-class life and death over three ancient Roman dynasties: <https://www.wantedinrome.com/news/isola-sacra-life-and-death-in-ancient-rome-2.html>

c - Buried Roman basilica at Ostia Antica spotted by Google Earth:  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/buried-roman-city-at-ostia-antica-spotted-by-google-earth-sjv2bkc03>

xxiii - The Magnificent Hadrian's Villa: Architecture and Reconstruction:  
<https://www.realmofhistory.com/2020/03/14/superb-animation-showcases-restored-hadrians-villa-glory/>

xxiv - Cerveteri, Tomb of the Caryatid C4th BC: <https://t.co/XAYLlZnyE>  
<https://t.co/hdgAT2g46o> / Twitter

### *Pompeii*

i - Could a Jewish author have been first to record destruction of ancient Pompeii?: The Times of Israel <https://www.timesofisrael.com/could-a-jewish-author-have-been-first-to-record-destruction-of-ancient-pompeii/>

ii - House of the Fruit Orchard Opening 1st February. Porte aperte al cantiere di restauro degli affreschi della Casa del Frutteto:  
<http://pompeiiites.org/comunicati/porte-aperte-al-cantiere-di-restauro-degli-affreschi-della-casa-del-frutteto/> <https://www.wantedinrome.com/news/pompeii-opens-house-of-the-orchard.html>

iii - Dr Sophie Hay on Twitter: "New exhibition in the Antiquarium of @pompeii\_sites dedicated to the individuals and their possessions discovered in the House of Julius Polybius in #Pompeii:  
<https://twitter.com/pompeii79/status/1213817604516827136>

iv - Pompeii Sites on Twitter: "Pompeii: ultime scoperte <https://t.co/SqEcemjzj0> via @RaiNews": [https://twitter.com/pompeii\\_sites/status/1211637639570432001](https://twitter.com/pompeii_sites/status/1211637639570432001)

v - 22 gennaio 2020 sarà aperta al pubblico la Casa delle Pareti Rosse:  
<https://t.co/ycbGs2vkfl> <https://t.co/cWS5wr0WAZ> / Twitter  
[https://twitter.com/pompeii\\_sites/status/1215573746980990976](https://twitter.com/pompeii_sites/status/1215573746980990976)

vi - AIRC Roman Culture on Twitter: "Casa dei Vettii is now open!:"  
<https://twitter.com/SaveRome/status/1220335386490298369>

vii - Pompeii. Antiquarian. Now on display the furnishings of the House of Giulio Poblío. The story of a family, through everyday objects and the reconstruction of faces, including that of a young pregnant woman:  
<http://pompeiiisites.org/mostre/gli-arredi-della-casa-di-giulio-polibio/>

viii - Mt. Vesuvius May Have Turned Ancient Roman Brains Into Glass:  
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kristinakillgrove/2020/01/22/mt-vesuvius-may-have-turned-ancient-roman-brains-into-glass/>

ix - Pompeii and the Eruption of Mount Vesuvius: A Timeline  
<https://interestingengineering.com/pompeii-and-the-eruption-of-mount-vesuvius-a-timeline>

x - Pompeii's ancient drainage system is set to be used more than 2,000 years AFTER it was built: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-7973567/Pompeii-ancient-drainage-set-used-2-000-years-built.html>

*xi - CuriosityStream digs into ancient Rome with "Pompeii: Disaster Street" Pompeii: Disaster Street will follow archaeologists over a 10-month period as they look to reveal new evidence of the daily life, works of art, mythical figures and human remains of Pompeii – the crown jewel of the Roman Empire at the time that Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD:*  
<https://realscreen.com/2020/02/13/curiositystream-digs-into-ancient-rome-with-pompeii-disaster-street/>

xii - Restoration work inside Pompeii's House of Lovers – in pictures:  
<https://www.theguardian.com/science/gallery/2020/feb/18/restoration-work-inside-pompeii-house-of-lovers-in-pictures>

xiii - Pompeii's House of Lovers reopens. It is the only 'domus' whose second floor was almost completely preserved after the eruption:  
[http://www.ansa.it/english/news/lifestyle/arts/2020/02/18/pompeii-house-of-lovers-reopens\\_fb50f2e3-4f83-4583-8fbc-c50a6b1b3405.html](http://www.ansa.it/english/news/lifestyle/arts/2020/02/18/pompeii-house-of-lovers-reopens_fb50f2e3-4f83-4583-8fbc-c50a6b1b3405.html)

#### **xiv - Stabiae actually!**

'Incredible' new villa exposed after historian probes secret tunnel:  
<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1241849/pompeii-italy-roman-empire-new-villa-dan-snow-channel-5-secret-tunnel-spt>

xvi - Pompeii: Archaeologists find 'entire city' of 1,000 untouched villas below Roman city: <https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1242308/pompeii-archeology-news-roman-city-find-stabiae-dan-snow-channel-5-spt>

## *Herculaneum*

i - Digital Maps of the Ancient World on Twitter: "Explore the Roman city of Herculaneum using this DigitalMap:

<https://twitter.com/DigitalMapsAW/status/1211081076917096448>

ii - A Visitor's Guide to Herculaneum:

<https://www.ancient.eu/article/1494/a-visitors-guide-to-herculaneum/>

## **Elsewhere in Italy & Sicily**

i - Etruscan Hydro-Technologies.

During the Early Iron Age (ca. 1100–950 BC), aqueducts, cisterns, and wells were built similarly to those constructed by the Minoans and Mycenaeans. Etruscan fortified cities such as Orvieto, Orte and Volterra had stairs carved into the rock, as well as cisterns and tunnels similar to those found in Mycenaean citadels. The technique of water drainage with underground tunnels may have been exported into Italy from the East in the 8th century by the Etruscans through Lydia.

<https://novoscriptorium.com/2020/01/09/etruscan-hydro-technologies/>

ii - Necropoli del Palazzone e Ipogeo dei Volumni. Perugia:

<http://www.umbriacultura.it/SebinaOpac/resource/necropoli-del-palazzone-e-ipogeo-dei-volumni-perugia-pg/SAM9000166?locale=eng>

iii - Chamber Tomb of found in Taranto near a Roman era road axis. Previously unknown type in area with stepped entrance corridor (dromos) & monolithic door of carparo limestone & water cistern. Plans for display & info boards:

<https://www.lagazzettadelmezzogiorno.it/news/taranto/1199654/taranto-rinvenuta-tomba-a-camera-nel-cantiere-dell-asl.html>

iv - The Villa of Hispellum. Spello, Umbria:

<http://www.villadeimosaicidispello.it/en/villa/the-rooms/>

[https://www.repubblica.it/dossier/esteri/fondi-strutturali-europei-progetti-italia/2020/01/16/news/spello\\_villa\\_dei\\_mosaici-245907014/](https://www.repubblica.it/dossier/esteri/fondi-strutturali-europei-progetti-italia/2020/01/16/news/spello_villa_dei_mosaici-245907014/)

v - Sybaris, Thurii, Copia: a piece of micro-history from modern Sibari:

<https://medium.com/ostraka-a-durham-university-classics-society-blog/sybaris-thurii-copia-a-piece-of-micro-history-from-modern-sibari-ec2f0252dcbb>

vi - Pre-Roman Prince's Tomb Packed with Treasures Found in Cornaldo Italy. The Piceni were a warrior-society, who dominated this part of Italy until they were conquered by the Romans in about 268 BC: <https://www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/princes-tomb-0013194>

vii - Pertinax - The Humble Emperor From Savo. What to See in Savona now ?:

<https://timetravel-ancientrome.com/2020/03/03/pertinax-the-humble-emperor-from-savo/>

viii - Didius Julianus Buys the Roman Empire. What to See in Roman Milan now ?:  
<https://timetravel-ancientrome.com/2020/02/29/didius-julianus-buys-the-roman-empire/>

ix - The fortified remains of Arpino, Italy:  
<https://novoscriptorium.com/2020/02/26/the-fortified-remains-of-arpino-italy/>

x - C7thBC Princely tomb of Iron Age mystery man + chariot discovered in Nevola River Valley. An aerial survey over the town of Corinaldo revealed evidence of the grave: <https://www.livescience.com/princely-tomb-iron-age-italy.html>

xi - An Archaeological site all to yourself: The Thermal Baths of Emperor Vespasian - DISCOVER SABINA: <http://www.discoversabina.com/an-archaeological-site-all-for-yourself-the-thermal-bath-of-vespasian/>

xii - Off the Beaten Via: Top 5 of Northern Italy.  
Brixia, Brescia, Volterra, Carsulae, Faesula, Ravenna: <https://timetravel-ancientrome.com/2020/03/11/ancient-rome-top-5-of-northern-italy/>

xiii - The Fanum Voltumnae ('Shrine of Voltumna') was the chief sanctuary of the Etruscans. *Fanum* means a sacred place, a much broader notion than a single temple. Numerous sources refer to a league of the "Twelve Peoples" (*Lucumones*) of Etruria: <https://alchetron.com/Fanum-Voltumnae>

xiv - The Soul of Mt. Etna Along the Genista Trail:  
<https://www.italymagazine.com/featured-story/soul-mt-etna-along-genista-trail>

xv - Magna Via Francigena. 180 km from coast to coast, on foot, to discover a different Sicily, rural, wild, ignored by most. For enthusiastic walkers the Magna Via Francigena is an ancient path that connects Palermo to Agrigento, a road travelled since Roman times & can be completed in nine stages for an average of 20-25 km per day:

<http://www.magnaviafrancigena.it/?lang=en>

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