Rome and environs

i - Important archaeological discoveries in Rome, which emerged during the latest excavation campaign at the site of Via Appia Antica 39, located between the first and second miles of the Via Appia Antica, there where the consular road leaves the Urbe as it crosses the Almone valley to project into the Roman suburbs: this is where one of the most densely packed stretches of theRegina Viarum lies

ii –

Forum

a - Palatine and Forum <u>New Exhibition "Magna Mater between Rome and Zama"</u>, an international exhibition project that weaves archaeology, myth and cultural cooperation between Italy and Tunisia.

The exposition route goes through six locations within the Park, offering an immersive journey through the history and spread of the Magna Mater cult:

· Uccelliere Farnesiane / Tempio della Magna Mater / Tempio di Romolo / Curia Iulia / Museo del Foro Romano

June 6 - November 5, 2025, included in every entrance ticket to the Archaeological Park of the Colosseum without any extra charge.

- **b** Rome and Zama meet at the Colosseum with the "Magna Mater" exhibition iii –
- **a** <u>Augustus Emperor Square reopens: new urban space between archaeology and</u> contemporary architecture
- **b** Rome unveils new piazza around the ancient Mausoleum of Augustus
- **c** New Piazza Opens Next to Tomb of First Roman Emperor

Work continues at the site, and the Mausoleum itself is scheduled to open next year as a new exhibition space.

- iv <u>Cerveteri, special openings of the Tomb of Reliefs: you can enter the masterpiece of Etruscan funerary art</u>
- v Rome is to continue its redevelopment of the Celio Park in a semi-forgotten corner of the Caelian hill, hidden in plain sight between the Colosseum and the Circus Maximus.
- vi A finding reveals that the Etruscans practiced human sacrifices in foundation rituals
 vii Large Marble Head from the Impressive Porticus Trisigmentata Discovered in Trajan's
- viii At Arch of Titus, a 'nullification' echoes through time
- ix Intact 7th century Etruscan tomb discovered in San Giuliano necropolis near Rome
- x Minister Giuli wants to support Ostia Antica's Unesco bid: "It is our Pompeii."
- **xi** Who were the spectators and what did they do at the Colosseum? A new museum section opened in the hypogea
- xii NEW VIDEO: Walk the Roman Forum—Live
- xiii Cimbrian War: Rome's Greatest Threat Since Hannibal
- **xiv** <u>Capitoline Grotto</u>: A secret tunnel city has been revealed hidden under Rome's ancient heart
- **xv** <u>Homes of 'working-class Romans' discovered during Rome metro dig</u> Experts say the relics at Piazza Venezia appear to resemble a multistorey complex of homes and shops
- xvi Museum of Rescued Art reopens in Rome
- https://english.news.cn/europe/20250725/16b8af8ad36c441c8c6ac16ff4bf1482/c.html

xvii – <u>The Nile Mosaic at Palestrina</u>. Robert R Frost explores Graeco-Roman Egypt through the scenes in a stunning Nilotic mosaic.

xviii - A Wander through Ostia Antica, part 1 - by Agnes Crawford

xix – Founded by a Greek, Italy's Famous "Caffe Greco" Fights to Survive

Everyone from https://greekreporter.com/2012/02/10/greeks-participate-in-dickens-and-london-exhibition-at-museum-of-london/, Henry James, Orson Welles, and John Keats, who lived a stone's throw away, to Audrey Hepburn, Sophia Loren, Elizabeth Taylor, and Princess Diana have passed through its doors.

Naples, Pompeii, Herculaneum and environs

i – Earthquake damages part of Pompeii

A drone view shows the partial collapse of a wall and a portion of a vault in the insula Meridionalis of the archaeological area of Pompeii, following a seismic swarm in the Campi Flegrei. The structure had already been damaged during a 1980 earthquake,

ii - The exhibition, <u>"From Eggs to Apples: The Culture of Food and the Pleasures of the Table in Ancient Herculaneum"</u> will be on display in the Campanian city of Herculaneum until December 31.

iii –

- a Pompeii, Hercules' Garden House inaugurated. Philologically reconstructed garden
- **b** A 2,000-Year-Old Pompeii Garden Springs Back to Life
- iv The Hellenistic Roman Theatre of Pareti in Nocera Superiore reopened
- v How Pompeii's Bodies Are Preserved, Frozen in Time
- vi The waters off Leuca harbor have returned a fragment of a bronze statue, presumably part of a male torso from the Roman period.
- vii <u>Pompeii, excavations resume at Villa of Mysteries after demolition of illegal</u> <u>construction</u>
- viii Bacchus in Pompeii
- ix MANN, new exhibit tells the story of Pompeii's domus and furnishings new permanent section dedicated to the furnishings of Pompeian domus. Inaugurated on June 30, 2025, the exhibit entitled Domus. The Furnishings of Pompeii is housed on the second floor of the building and aims to restore, through a wide selection of objects and decorations, the daily atmosphere of the Vesuvian dwellings.
- x Analytical study of a newly excavated fine painted ceiling at the Archaeological Park of Pompeii
- xi Tokyo Univ. team may have unearthed 1st Roman emperor's bathhouse
- **xii** <u>Guilty Brit returns Pompeii relics stolen</u> by his 'Uncle Bob' more than 50 years ago in latest example of tourists returning artefacts illegally taken from the ancient site
- **xiii** <u>Summer haze comes with ink Vesuvius Challenge</u> Last May we scanned a batch of carbonized scrolls on the BM18 beamline at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF) in Grenoble, France. BM18 is specifically designed to harness the coherence of a 4th generation synchrotron for phase-contrast X-ray tomography, a scanning technique we decided to test!
- **xiv** A volcanic eruption sank Aenaria nearly 2,000 years ago. Now, underwater tours and ongoing excavations are bringing Ischia's fascinating history back to the surface.
- xv Erotic ancient Roman mosaic looted by Nazi officer returned to Pompeii
- xvi Food, cultivation and animal husbandry in ancient Pompeii: study published

- **xvii** Engineers bring a 250-year-old mechanical painting of Mount Vesuvius to fiery life. The 1775 creation fuses artwork and clockwork to show the power of the famed volcano.
- xviii Phlegraean Fields, submerged thermal environment resurfaces: possibly the baths of Cicero's villa
- xix A Day in Pompeii Full-length animation

Elsewhere

- i Bologna restores precious Etruscan ivory stool
- ii Clitumnus—An Ancient Roman River God—And His Watery Sanctuary In Umbria
- **iii** <u>Ancient Greek City of Finziade in Italy Yields New Fascinating Discoveries</u>. The latest Finziade discoveries in Italy have revealed remarkably preserved structures and artifacts, offering rare insight into everyday life in a small urban center during the late Republican period.
- iv Crotone
- a Imposing Statue of Zeus to Adorn City
- **b** <u>Italian Football Team FC Crotone Logo</u> celebrates its Greek / Magna Graecia Origins. Kroton was established by Greek settlers who left the other side of the Ionian Sea, way back in 710 BC.
- v Over 170 Meters of Wall and 450 Lead Projectiles from the Roman Siege Discovered in an Italian City Allied with Hannibal
- vi <u>Duino Mithraeum. Europe's only Temple of Mithras located in a natural cave.</u>
- vi <u>Three Etruscan antefixes in Orvieto restored thanks to Art Bonus project with support from 12 companies</u>
- vii Ancient Roman weapons unearthed at Ugento in Italy
- viii Venice lagoon reveals submerged Roman oyster farm
- ix Two Anchor Stocks from Large Roman Cargo Ships, One with a Cathead, Recovered off the Coast of Campania
- x Montepulciano celebrates the figure of Etruscan lucumon Porsenna, and his Head is back on display after 500 years
- July 10, 2025, to Jan. 6, 2026, the Crociani Civic Art Gallery "Porsenna between History and Legend", dedicated to the figure of the Etruscan lucumone
- **xi** <u>Archaeological excavations return to the heart of Brescia: Roman theater prepares for</u> new life
- xii <u>Una testa di statua romana emerge dal mare di fronte all'area archeologica di Nora.</u> Il ritrovamento durante un'operazione di ricerca di un ordigno bellico. Il reperto, di terracotta, era avvolto in una rete da pesca
- **xiii** <u>Copper Age infant discovered in Italian well</u> reveals rare genetic origins maternally derived haplogroup is predominantly associated with the Saami of northern Europe & Cantabrian coast, suggesting long-distance maternal connections, undocumented prehistoric migrations, cultural interactions in prehistoric Europe.
- xiv Sacred Chamber Found in Oldest Temple of Ancient Greek City Selinunte
- xv Roman busts now lining the Vasari Corridor

This new display, unveiled today by the Uffizi Galleries, marks a significant step in the museum's ongoing project titled "Futuro nell'Antico" ("Future in the Ancient"), which seeks to reintegrate the Medici's vast archaeological collections into the Uffizi museum spaces.

xvi –

a - Greek shipwreck uncovered in the sea off Ispica, Sicily

- **b** Remains of a Sixth-Century B.C. Greek Ship Found in Sicily with Mast and Rope Fragment Perfectly Preserved
- c Ancient Greek shipwreck from the 6th–5th Century BC discovered in Sicily
- xvii Centuripe's imperial past shines in its Archaeological Museum
- **xviii** Archaeologists Opened a 2,600-Year-Old Tomb—and Found 4 People Who Time Forgot. Rare discovery of Etruscan chamber tomb with over 100 grave goods from the seventh century B.C. Located at San Giuliano
- xix Magna Graecia Part 4: From Colony to Colossus: Syracuse and Hellenism in Sicily
- **xx** <u>Ancient 'superfood' discovered in 2,500-year-old bronze jars in Paestum</u>. Sticky goo in 2,500-year-old bronze jars finally identified, settling 70-year debate
- A cutting-edge chemical analysis of a mystery substance that had stymied experts for 70 years finally revealed its identity. Honeycomb from Paestum
- **xxi** <u>Sardinia, three new Domus de Janas discovered in the archaeological complex of</u> Sant'Andrea Priu
- xxii A Vast Artisan District Discovered in the Ancient Roman City of Suasa, Ancona
- **xxiii** <u>Locals buy 'haunted' Venice island known for horrific experiments in plan to ban</u> tourists

<u>Poveglia's haunted history dates back to 421 AD, when it served as a Roman military base.</u> It was later a farming and fishing community before it was used to house victims of the bubonic plague

- **xxiv** <u>Sicilian Shipwreck to be featured in a new documentary film produced by legendary</u> filmmaker Martin Scorsese.
- **xxv** <u>Mosaic Depicting Two Flip-Flop–Like Sandals Discovered at the Roman Villa del Casale</u> in Sicily
- **xxvi** <u>Excavations at Amiternum reveal a newborn's tomb</u>. Dig results on Roman amphitheater and domus presented
- **xxvii** New discoveries in the amphitheater and peristyle domus at the archaeological site of Amiternum, Abruzzo
- xxviii Scents of Home: The Phoenician Oil Bottles of Motya
- xxix Baylor archaeology team breaks ground on rare Etruscan tomb
- **xxx** <u>An urn with a Medusa relief found in the Palazzone Necropolis reveals an Etruscan ritual enigma</u>