

Amphora

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A Roman shipwreck over 2,100 years old has been recently located off the coast of Mazara del Vallo, Sicily, Italy, about five kilometers offshore and at a depth of 46 meters, with a cargo of around 500 amphorae.

About Amphora

- It is an **ancient vessel form** used as a **storage jar**, particularly in **Mediterranean cultures**.
- It is a **two-handled pot with a neck that is considerably narrower than the body**.
- The term “**amphora**” originates from the **Greek word** meaning “**carried on both sides.**”
- There are **two types** of amphora:
 - the **neck amphora**, in which the **neck meets the body at a sharp angle**;
 - the **one-piece amphora**, in which the **neck and body** form a **continuous curve**.
- The average normal height is about 18 inches (45 centimetres).
- These vessels served both **practical and ornamental purposes**:

- While **functional amphorae** were **designed for trade** and typically had a **pointed base for upright storage**, **decorative versions** were crafted for display within homes, often **featuring a flat base**.
- **Initially appearing** in the **late Iron Age**, amphorae were crucial for **transporting various goods**, such as wine, oil, and grains, and played a **significant role in the development of the wine industry**.
- **Over time**, the **design** of amphorae **varied by region and era**, leading to distinctive shapes that helped identify their origins.
- Archaeological discoveries of amphorae provide valuable insights into ancient trade, dietary practices, and societal structures, as they were **commonly found in shipwrecks and excavation sites**.

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