

Pompeii

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AI has helped archaeologists at Pompeii reconstruct the face and final moments of a man killed during the AD 79 eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

About Pompeii

- It is a preserved **ancient Roman city** located **near** modern-day **Naples, Italy**.
- It lies at the **southeastern base of Mount Vesuvius**.
- The area was **originally settled in the Bronze Age** on an escarpment at the **mouth of the Sarnus (modern Sarno) River**.
- Pompeii was **built on a spur formed by a prehistoric lava flow** to the north of the mouth of the Sarno River.
- Pompeii was **founded** around the **6th century BC by the Samnites**, an **ancient Italian tribe**.
- It was conquered and **absorbed into the Roman Empire in 80 BCE**.
- At its height, the small city had a thriving economy based on **trade and agriculture**.

- The **population** of the town has been estimated at **10-12,000, with one-third being slaves.**
- The city featured a **complex municipal water system**, an **amphitheater**, and a **gymnasium.**
- The city was **buried in volcanic ash** following the **eruption of Mt. Vesuvius** in 79 CE, instantly killing **its inhabitants** and **preserving the city in a remarkable state** of preservation.
- Pompeii was basically lost and forgotten until it was **rediscovered in 1748.**
- Its excellent state of preservation gives an **invaluable insight into Roman everyday life.**
- It is the **only archaeological site** in the world that provides a **complete picture of an ancient Roman city.**
- It is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site.**

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