

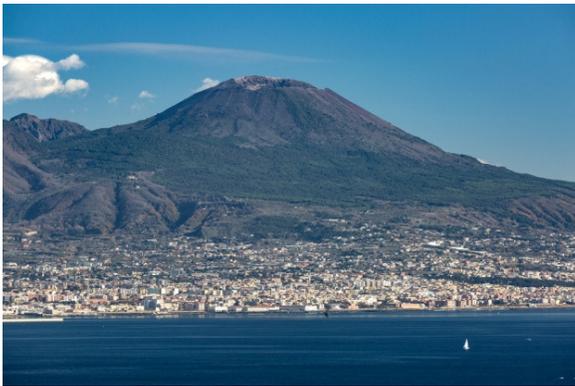


NAPLES & POMPEII



Naples and Pompeii are for the historically minded adventurer. Naples is worth visiting for the pizza alone, as it is often hailed as the birth place of pizza. Explore the ruins of Pompeii and even the mountain responsible for its ruins--Mount Vesuvius.

Getting to Naples: trains leave from Termini (in Rome) about once an hour and return to Rome from Naples with equal frequency. The trip takes between 1 ½ and 3 hours, depending on whether you take a direct, high-speed train or a slower local that makes frequent stops. Round-trip generally costs between 50 and 80 euro.

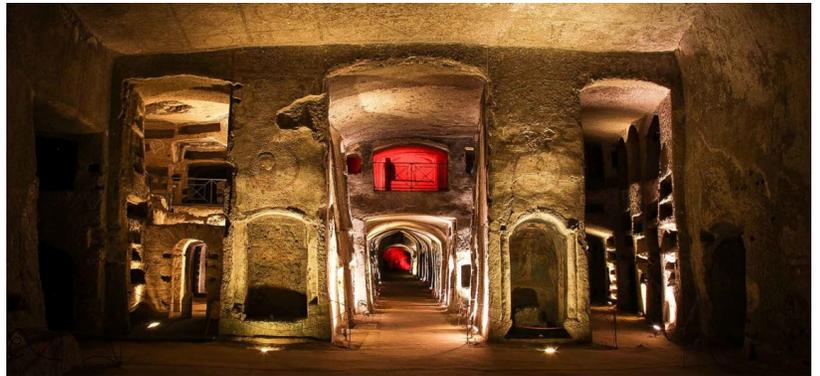


Mount Vesuvius

When Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D., the top part of the mountain was literally blown off, leaving a gaping crater that is still smoking to this day. Vesuvius is an active volcano and does occasionally erupt. Tourists can take a bus most of the way up the mountain and then hike around the top. This *is* a hike, so please be prepared and have lots of water.

Underground Naples

The soft tufa stone, from which much of Naples was built, was excavated from below the city, leaving a series of caves and caverns that were later used as workshops, catacombs, and part of the aqueduct. Tours are conducted hourly and are available in English.



L'Antica Pizzeria da Michele, Via Cesare Sersale



Eat, Pray, Love, Pizza. In the film, this is the place Julia Roberts goes to eat pizza. It is inexpensive and delicious, but arrive early (around opening time) for your best chance at a quick bite and avoiding a long wait.

