

# POMPEI

Pompeii was a Roman city. Now it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On 24 October, 79 AD, a volcano called Mount Vesuvius erupted and destroyed the city and its people, killing 2,000 of them. Pompeii is now considered one of the world's most important historical sites because of the way the volcanic ash preserved the city and its people. This gives historians and archaeologists a vivid picture of life in the Roman Empire around 2,000 years ago. Archaeologists have found graffiti written by the people who lived in the town. People often wrote on walls, and archaeologists have been able to read some of what they wrote.



# STORY

The town was built around the year 600 BC. It was founded by a group of people from central Italy, the Oscii. They chose to start it in this location because it was already an important location for trade by both land and sea. By the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC, Pompeii had become part of Rome. While under Roman control, Pompeii was improved a lot. The Romans built Aqueducts, and these were used to provide the citizens with water.



## HOW IS POMPEII TODAY:

In the province of Naples, on the slopes of Vesuvius Pompeii extends over an area of 12 square kilometers with about 26,000 inhabitants. It is a modern reality with its tourist facilities, hotels, campsites, restaurants, pizzerias, bars, pubs and various shops. It is a cosmopolitan city, the destination of a significant tourist flow from Italy and abroad. Many of these tourists who stay in the city not only visit it, but also use it as a base for their excursions, in the many nearby tourist destinations, easily reachable both by their own vehicle and by public transport. The primary feature that makes it unique in the world is that of enclosing two cities under a single name.

