

A DAY IN POMPEII

Exhibition Highlights

A Day in Pompeii features over 250 artifacts that archeologists uncovered in the ancient cosmopolitan resort city Pompeii. The artifacts, Italian national treasures, give visitors a glimpse into what life was like in the Roman Empire nearly 2000 years ago.

San Diego is only the fifth city in the United States to host these rare artifacts. In addition to authentic artifacts, stunning frescos, computer-generated reconstructions, and more, this exhibition reveals a vibrant existence in Pompeii and the city's abrupt end.

Highlights of the 10,000-square-foot exhibition include:

- Eight body casts (plaster molds of the cavities left behind by victims' bodies)
- An incredible wall-sized garden fresco that depicts the plants, birds and garden decorations of ancient Pompeii
- Examples of everyday items like beds, lanterns, and even food that was preserved by the volcanic burial
- Jewelry, cosmetic items, and gold coins
- A 12' x 21' satellite image featuring all of Earth's volcanoes
- Hands-on activities including a mosaic-creation, build-a-Roman arch, and more

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