

NAPLES

Naples is the capital of the region of Campania and of the province of Naples. The city is known for its rich history, art, culture and gastronomy, playing an important role throughout much of its existence; it is over 2,800 years old. **Naples** is located halfway between two volcanic areas, the volcano Mount Vesuvius and the Phlegraean Fields, sitting on the coast by the Gulf of Naples.

Naples has seen a multitude of civilizations come and go, each leaving their mark and now the historic city centre is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

The city is synonymous with pizza, which originated in the city. A strong part of Neapolitan culture which has had wide reaching effects is music, including the invention of the romantic guitar and the mandolin as well as strong contributions to opera and folk standards.



Castel dell'Ovo: The edifice is located on a small island. The castle is rectangular in shape and has a high angular bastion that overlooks the causeway. Behind the castle is a long promontory which was probably used as a docking area. A large round tower sits outside the castle walls to the southeast.

Royal Palace: The architect chosen for that palace was Domenico Fontana. The building was put up on the site of an even older Spanish viceregal residence from the early 16th century. Today the palace and adjacent grounds house the San Carlo Theater, a museum, the National Library of Naples.

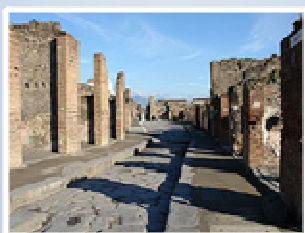
Galleria Umberto Ier: Public shopping gallery, located directly across from the San Carlo opera house. It was built between 1887–1891. The Galleria is a high and spacious cross-shaped affair surmounted by a glass dome braced by 16 metal ribs.

Teatro San Carlo: This opera house is the oldest continuously active such venue in Europe and it is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The theatre was inaugurated on 4 November 1737.

Capodimonte museum : Grand Bourbon palazzo, formerly the summer residence and hunting lodge of the kings of the Two Sicilies. It houses the main museum and art gallery of the city. "Capodimonte" means "top of the hill", and the palace was originally just outside the city, which has now expanded to surround it, and somewhat cooler than the city in summer.



Vesuvius: Mount Vesuvius is a volcano with a height of 1 281 meters, bordering the **Bay of Naples**, east of the city. It is the only volcano in continental Europe to be entered in eruption during the last hundred years, even if it is currently dormant, its last eruption dates from 1944.



Pompeii: Archaeological site south of **Naples**. Installed in Campania, the town of Pompeii was at the heart of a rich region that the Romans described as "Land of the Gods" for its fertility, its proximity to the sea and its climate.

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