

Social event and dinner

VISIT TO MANN

Museo Archeologico Nazionale di Napoli <https://mann-napoli.it/>

A special visit to the MANN will allow us to experience the atmosphere of ancient Pompeii and Roman times. With its rich and unique archaeological collections, this Museum is one of the most ancient and important institutes in the world. Its creation is tied to Charles III of the Bourbon dynasty, who ascended to the throne of Naples in 1734. He promoted the excavations of the Pompeian towns buried by the eruption of 79 AD, as well as the project of setting up a Museo Farnesiano with the phantastic Roman collection. His son, Ferdinand IV, chose the current building to house both the Farnese collection and the Pompeian relics from the Vesuvian towns, which are still today the Museum's core collections.

The MANN hosts important Collections such as:

The Farnese collection

This is a breath-taking collection of Roman statues and antiquities, fully rooted in the Renaissance milieu. The collection was started by Alexander Farnese, who became Pope Paul III in 1534.



Ercole Farnese



Toro Farnese



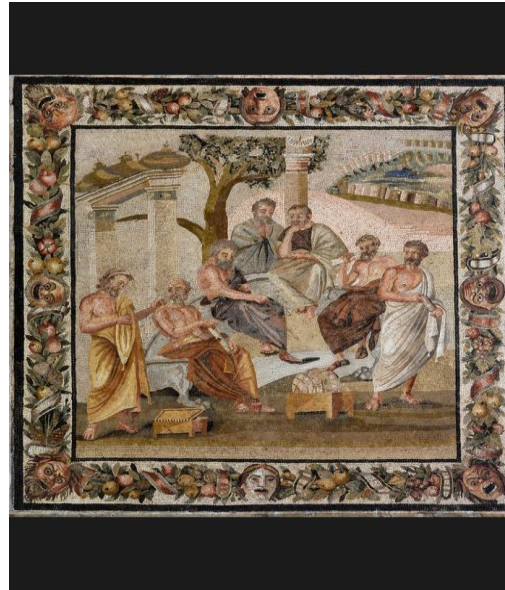
Artemide Efesia

Mosaics

The mosaics come from the private houses of Pompeii, Herculaneum and other towns in Campania and are unique examples in the world. Here are some famous examples from Pompeii



Street musicians, Cicero's villa



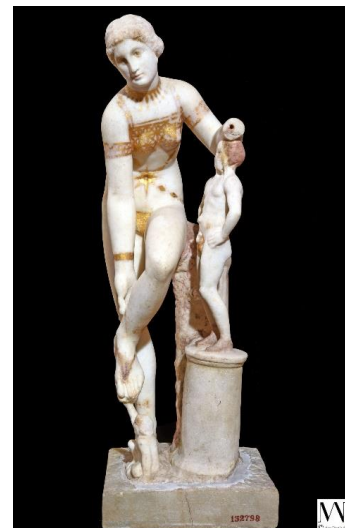
School of Plato. Villa of T. Siminius Stephanus

The secret room

The Secret Room is a unique collection of 250 sexually-themed objects, mainly dug out during the excavations of Pompeii and Herculaneum.



Pan and Hermaphrodite, house of the Dioscurii



Venus in a bikini, related house

Frescoes

The collection of frescoes from the Vesuvian area makes up a real manual of Roman mural painting, from the 1st century BC up to the 1st century AD.



Flora. Stabiae, Villa of Ariadne



Woman with wax tablets and stylus ('Sappho').

Daily life objects from the Pompeian area

Archaeological artefacts representative of the daily life of the ancient Romans, ranging from religion to music, from medicine to burial rites and banqueting.



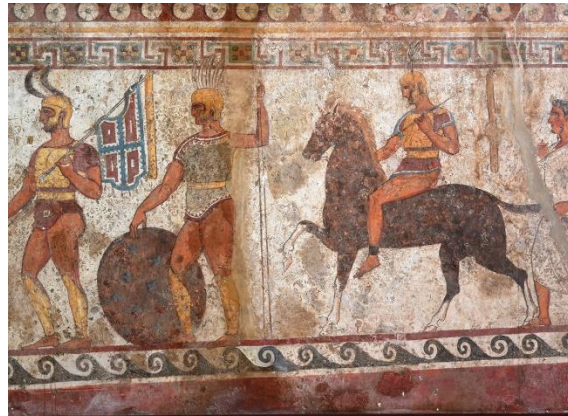
Silver mirror with a female figure in relief, House of the Menander; Blue vase (small amphora) mid-1st century A.D.

Magna Graecia

The Magna Graecia collection exhibits all those relics of various origin and provenience which were excavated in the southern regions of the Kingdom of Naples, since the mid-18th century.



Amphora from Cumae, IV century BC



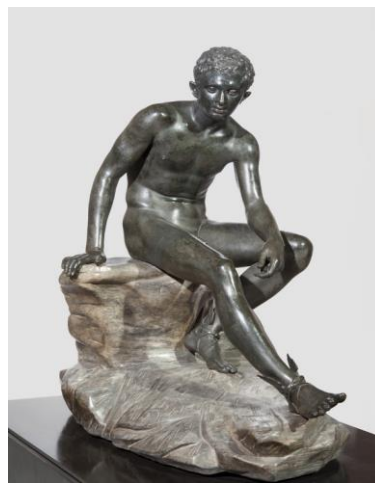
Slab with the return of a warrior, Nola, IV° BC

Villa of Papyri

The Villa of Papyri was discovered in the suburban area of Herculaneum in the mid-18th century and can be considered a tangible example of a so called *otium villa*, a seaside retreat of Roman aristocrats. Its fame is also due to the extraordinary discovery of almost one hundred sculptures



Sleeping satyr



Hermes

The dinner

Food and songs

Dinner will be in a typical ancient restaurant in Naples: Al 53



The Restaurant “Al 53” is located in Piazza Dante, one of the most fascinating and historically rich squares in Naples. Al 53 has always been run by the same family and since 1890 it has been certified as a Historical Local. The first documents about it date back to the end of the 19th, but it probably has to be dated back to before the unification of Italy. It has always been a favourite haunt of musicians, actors and artists.

Today, the restaurant wants to promote dialogue between people and good food, with an inclusive philosophy that respects the environment and small producers.



A view of piazza Dante

Al 53 restaurant personifies the Neapolitan philosophy of being at the table, as a sharing, an occasion to chat and enjoy conviviality. At the social dinner, we will offer a menu that expresses the 'sentimental philosophy' of banqueting according to the Neapolitan way of life, as the owner, Angelo Martino, told us. A 'beautiful' menu because it is varied and full of contrasts, with crispy and tender, hot and cold food offering a taste of the immense Neapolitan culinary tradition.

During the dinner, there will be a taste of Neapolitan traditional songs.



A view of Al 53

Excursion schedule

4.30 pm: departure from Royal Continental Hotel by bus

From 5.30 to 7.15 pm: visit to MANN

From 7.15 to 7.30 pm: walk to piazza Dante

From 7.30 to 10.30 Dinner at Al 53 restaurant in piazza Dante

The restaurant is located right next to the metro station 1, Dante stop, from which one can easily move around the city.