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Naples Tourist Map

13 top sights, hidden gems and a walking route through the centre. Numbers follow the walking order. Red numbers are worth a separate trip.



● Top sight on the route ● Worth the trip ● Hidden gem — Walking route 5.2 km · 1 h 10

1	Piazza del Plebiscito	Historic centre	8	Naples Cathedral	Historic centre
2	Royal Palace of Naples	Piazza del Plebiscito	9	National Archaeological Museum of Naples	Near Via Toledo
3	Galleria Umberto I	Opposite the Teatro di San Carlo	10	Pompeii	train to Pompei Scavi
4	Castel Nuovo	Piazza Municipio	11	Mount Vesuvius	bus from Ercolano
5	Complesso Monumentale di Santa Chiara	Off Spaccanapoli	12	Herculaneum	train to Ercolano Scavi
6	Sansevero Chapel	Historic centre	13	Royal Palace of Caserta	train to Caserta
7	Naples Underground	Historic centre			

Getting around

- The centre is walkable: the route on the map links Piazza del Plebiscito, the Royal Palace, the Galleria Umberto I and Castel Nuovo to Santa Chiara, the Sansevero Chapel, Naples Underground, the Cathedral and the National Archaeological Museum on foot.
- Metro Line 1: Municipio for Castel Nuovo, the Royal Palace and the Galleria Umberto I, Dante for Santa Chiara and Spaccanapoli, Duomo, at the lower end of Via Duomo, for the Cathedral, Museo for the National Archaeological Museum. The Funicolare Centrale climbs from Augusteo, off Via Toledo, to Piazza Fuga in the Vomero.
- Off the route: Herculaneum and Pompeii by the Circumvesuviana train from Porta Nolana or Garibaldi to Ercolano Scavi, where not every train stops, and Pompei Scavi; Mount Vesuvius by private shuttle bus from Ercolano Scavi station, or by the EAV bus from Pompei Scavi-Villa dei Misteri, to Piazzale di Quota 1000, where the crater path starts; the Royal Palace of Caserta by train from Napoli Centrale to Caserta, opposite the station.
- Paper maps and timetables: the official information points are listed on <https://touristoffice.org/naples-tourist-office/>

About this map

The sights, photos and descriptions come from touristoffice.org/naples/, where each sight has opening details, tickets and a longer guide. Addresses come from OpenStreetMap. The walking route was computed with the Valhalla pedestrian profile; its time excludes the visits. Hours and access change, check before you go. Edition: October 2026.

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The 13 top sights

In walking order, with the full address of each one. Red numbers are worth a separate trip: they sit outside the centre, so the line below each one gives the transport to use.



1 Piazza del Plebiscito Historic centre

The grandest square in Naples sweeps between the curved colonnade of the San Francesco di Paola church and the long facade of the Royal Palace. Laid out in its present neoclassical form in the early 19th century, the vast open space hosts concerts and public festivals and offers a rare uncluttered view in the dense old city. For much of the year it doubles as a stage, a market and a meeting point, and crossing it on foot costs nothing at any hour.

Address Piazza del Plebiscito, 80132 Napoli

Free public square



2 Royal Palace of Naples Piazza del Plebiscito

Facing Piazza del Plebiscito, the 17th-century Palazzo Reale was the seat of the Spanish viceroys and later the Bourbon court. Statues of eight kings of Naples stand in niches across its long red-and-grey facade. Inside, a monumental honour staircase leads up to the royal apartments, the court theatre and the frescoed halls of the National Library, hung with tapestries, paintings, gilded furniture and porcelain that together record three centuries of royal life in the city.

Address Piazza del Plebiscito, 1, 80132 Napoli

Ticketed



3 Galleria Umberto I Opposite the Teatro di San Carlo

This soaring arcade of glass, iron and marble was raised at the end of the 19th century as part of the rebuilding of Naples after a cholera epidemic. Four grand wings meet under a high domed roof, lined with cafes, shops and a patterned marble floor set with the signs of the zodiac. It faces the Teatro di San Carlo and links busy Via Toledo with the theatre district, and it is free to walk through and shelter in all day long.

Address Via San Carlo, 80132 Napoli

Free, open through the day

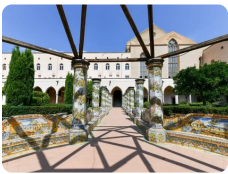


4 Castel Nuovo Piazza Municipio

Also known as the Maschio Angioino, this five-towered fortress by the port has guarded Naples since the Angevin kings raised it in the late 13th century. A gleaming white marble triumphal arch, added for Alfonso of Aragon, frames the entrance between two dark stone towers. Inside, the Civic Museum, the frescoed Palatine Chapel and the vast vaulted Barons' Hall are open to visitors, and the ramparts look out over the harbour and the bay beyond.

Address Via Vittorio Emanuele III, 80133 Napoli

Ticketed; closed Tuesdays



5 Complesso Monumentale di Santa Chiara Off Spaccanapoli

The Franciscan complex of Santa Chiara pairs a severe Gothic basilica, holding the tombs of the Angevin kings, with one of the most photographed courtyards in the city. Its cloister is lined with octagonal columns and long benches sheathed in hand-painted 18th-century majolica tiles showing vines, landscapes and lively country scenes. Rebuilt after wartime bombing, the basilica keeps its stripped-back medieval lines, and a small museum traces the story of the whole monastic complex.

Address Via Santa Chiara, 49/c, 80134 Napoli

Basilica free; majolica cloister and museum ticketed

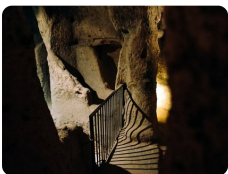


6 Sansevero Chapel Historic centre

This small Baroque chapel holds one of the most astonishing sculptures in Italy, the Veiled Christ, carved from a single block of marble with a shroud so fine it looks like real cloth laid over the body. Around it stand allegorical statues of unusual virtuosity, and in the crypt below wait the unsettling Anatomical Machines assembled by the chapel's alchemist prince. The interior is tiny and hugely popular, so entry runs on strict timed slots.

Address Via Francesco De Sanctis, 19/21, 80134 Napoli

Timed entry, advance booking essential · Tickets and tours naplestickets.org/sansevero-chapel/



7 Naples Underground Historic centre

Forty metres below the busy streets lies a second Naples, a network of tunnels and cisterns cut into the soft volcanic tuff over more than two thousand years. Greek quarries became Roman aqueducts and later wartime air-raid shelters, and guided tours lead down long narrow stairs and along candle-lit passages, in places crossing water or squeezing through slots barely shoulder-wide before opening onto a hidden Greco-Roman theatre reached through a private house.

Address Piazza San Gaetano, 69, 80138 Napoli

Ticketed guided tour



8 Naples Cathedral Historic centre

The city's Gothic cathedral is the home of San Gennaro, patron saint of Naples, whose dried blood is said to liquefy on feast days before huge and anxious crowds. Behind the 19th-century facade rise a soaring nave, the richly frescoed Royal Chapel of the Treasure of San Gennaro, and the early Christian Baptistry of San Giovanni in Fonte with its fourth-century mosaics, the oldest in the Western world. The nave is open on a donation.

Address Via Duomo, 147, 80138 Napoli

Nave free by donation; Treasury museum ticketed



9 National Archaeological Museum of Naples Near Via Toledo

One of the great archaeological museums of the world, MANN holds the finest finds from Pompeii and Herculaneum alongside the Farnese collection of monumental Roman sculpture. Its galleries run from colossal marbles and dazzling floor mosaics to everyday glassware, silver and the vivid frescoes lifted whole from buried villas. The separate Secret Cabinet gathers the erotic art once judged too explicit for public view, and a full visit easily takes several hours.

Address Piazza Museo, 19, 80135 Napoli

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Ticketed; closed Tuesdays



10 Pompeii

Buried under volcanic ash by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD, Pompeii preserves an entire Roman city caught in mid-life. Visitors walk its paved streets past the forum, the amphitheatre, temples, bath houses and frescoed villas, while the haunting plaster casts of victims recall the day the city died. Bakeries, taverns and painted election slogans still line the walls, and the whole site rewards a full day on foot.

Address Via Villa dei Misteri, 80045 Pompei

Worth a separate trip · 22.4 km SE of the centre · train to Pompei Scavi · Ticketed; reached by the Circumvesuviana railway

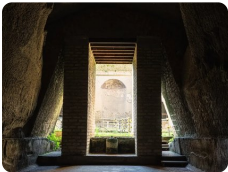


11 Mount Vesuvius Above Ercolano

The only active volcano on mainland Europe rises over the Bay of Naples, the same cone that destroyed Pompeii and Herculaneum in 79 AD. A marked trail climbs the upper slopes to a viewpoint on the rim of the smoking crater, where guides explain the eruptions and the reach of the ash, with sweeping views over the bay and the city far below. Access is by timed ticket, which sells out in high season and depends entirely on the weather.

Address Piazzale di Quota 1000, 80056 Ercolano

Worth a separate trip · 15.3 km E of the centre · bus from Ercolano · Timed entry, booked online in advance; weather permitting · Tickets and tours naplestickets.org/mount-vesuvius/



12 Herculaneum

Smaller and richer than Pompeii, Herculaneum was buried by the same eruption but sealed under superheated mud that preserved wooden beams, staircases, furniture and even loaves of bread. The compact excavation sits in a pit below the modern town of Ercolano, its houses still standing two storeys high with mosaics, marble and painted walls intact. It rewards a slower, closer look than its more famous neighbour, and a visit takes roughly half a day.

Address Corso Resina, 187, 80056 Ercolano

Worth a separate trip · 9.0 km E of the centre · train to Ercolano Scavi · Ticketed



13 Royal Palace of Caserta

The largest royal palace in the world by volume, the Reggia di Caserta was built for the Bourbon kings as a southern rival to Versailles. Its twelve hundred rooms open off a monumental staircase into gilded state apartments, while behind the palace a three-kilometre park unrolls with fountains, cascades and sculpted pools, ending at a waterfall and a landscaped English garden. Days spent here fill quickly, and it stands well outside the city.

Address Piazza Carlo di Borbone, 81100 Caserta

Worth a separate trip · 27.2 km N of the centre · train to Caserta · Ticketed · Tickets and tours naplestickets.org/royal-palace-of-caserta/

30 hidden gems

Smaller places from the same guide, each with its address. Those outside the map frame show their distance from the centre.

Toledo Art Station

Often called Europe's most beautiful metro stop, Toledo station plunges underground beneath a swirling deep-blue mosaic ceiling...

Via Toledo, 80134 Napoli

The Anatomical Machines of Cappella Sansevero

Two 18th-century skeletons wrapped in eerily lifelike blood vessels, made for the alchemist Prince of Sansevero and still not...

Via Francesco De Sanctis, 19/21, 80134 Napoli

Via dei Presepi

This narrow lane is packed the year round with workshops making presepe, the traditional Neapolitan nativity figures, from...

Via San Gregorio Armeno, 80138 Napoli

Gaiola Island

A tiny twin-rock islet off Posillipo, joined by a slender arch and wrapped in legends of misfortune, set in a protected marine...

Discesa Gaiola, 80123 Napoli · 7.1 km SW of the centre, outside the map

Santa Maria delle Anime del Purgatorio ad Arco

An intimate church of the Neapolitan Cult of the Dead, where devotees once adopted and tended anonymous skulls in its underground...

Via dei Tribunali, 39, 80138 Napoli

Gabinetto Segreto

The Secret Cabinet gathers the erotic frescoes, mosaics and objects excavated at Pompeii and Herculaneum, long locked away from...

Piazza Museo, 19, 80135 Napoli

Bourbon Tunnel

A vast tunnel dug in 1853 as a royal escape route, later an air-raid shelter and impound lot, still full of rusting vintage cars.

Vico del Grottone, 4, 80132 Napoli

Catacombs of San Gennaro

The largest early-Christian catacombs in southern Italy, spread over two frescoed levels on the Capodimonte slope, once the...

Via Capodimonte, 13, 80136 Napoli · 3.3 km N of the centre, outside the map

Birthplace of the Pizza Margherita Plaque

A plaque marks where, by legend, chef Raffaele Esposito created the pizza Margherita in 1889 in honour of the visiting queen.

Salita Sant'Anna di Palazzo, 1/2, 80132 Napoli

Funicolare Centrale

Opened in 1928, one of the world's busiest funiculars still climbs from the shopping streets up to the Vomero hill above the city.

Piazzetta Duca d'Aosta, 80132 Napoli

Catacombs of Saint Gaudiosus

Frescoed early-Christian catacombs beneath the Sanità church, named for a fifth-century African bishop and known for macabre...

Via Sanità, 123, 80136 Napoli · 2.6 km N of the centre, outside the map

Anatomy Museum of the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli

A university teaching collection of preserved human specimens, skeletons and wax anatomical models, a morbidly fascinating trove...

Via Luciano Armanni, 5, 80138 Napoli

Porta Nolana

A pair of stout round towers survives from this 15th-century city gate, now standing over a lively street market near the station.

Piazza Nolana, 80142 Napoli

Via Port'Alba

A gate of 1625 opens onto an atmospheric alley lined with old secondhand bookshops, linking Piazza Bellini and Piazza Dante.

Via Port'Alba, 80134 Napoli

San Gennaro Mural

A towering portrait of the city's patron saint, painted in 2015 by the Neapolitan street artist Jorit in the Forcella district.

Via Vicaria Vecchia, 33, 80138 Napoli

Cave of Dogs

A Grand Tour curiosity near Agnano where guides once used pooling carbon dioxide to stun dogs, showing off the cave's invisible...

Via Raffaele Ruggiero, 80125 Napoli · 6.6 km W of the centre, outside the map

Stazione Neapolis

Inside the Museo metro stop, a branch of the Archaeological Museum displays Greek and Roman finds unearthed while digging the...

Piazza Museo, 19, 80135 Napoli

Sacristy of San Domenico Maggiore

A Baroque sacristy whose high balcony carries forty-two coffins of Aragonese princes and Neapolitan nobles above the visitors...

Piazza San Domenico Maggiore, 8/A, 80134 Napoli

Fountain of the Spinacorona

A Renaissance fountain of the winged siren Parthenope, spouting water from her breasts, tucked beside a small church in the old...

Via Giuseppina Guacci Nobile, 80138 Napoli

San Lorenzo Maggiore

A Gothic Franciscan basilica on the old decumano, with a Greco-Roman market and streets excavated and open beneath the church...

Piazza San Gaetano, 316, 80138 Napoli

Neighbourhoods

Royal Naples

Piazza del Plebiscito (1), the great ceremonial square of the city, lies between the colonnade of San Francesco di Paola and the Royal Palace (2), home of the Bourbon kings. Around the corner, the Galleria Umberto I (3) spreads its glass dome over a shopping arcade, and Castel Nuovo (4) guards the port with its five towers and a Renaissance triumphal arch.

Via dei Tribunali and the Duomo

Via dei Tribunali runs past churches, pizzerias and the stalls of the nativity-scene makers on Via San Gregorio Armeno. From Piazza San Gaetano, Naples Underground (7) leads down into Greek and Roman cisterns, and the Cathedral (8) keeps the relics of San Gennaro, patron saint of the city.

Vesuvius and the buried cities

Pompeii (10) and Herculaneum (12) were buried by the eruption of AD 79 and are reached by the Circumvesuviana train from the city. Above them, a path climbs to the crater of Mount Vesuvius (11), the only active volcano on mainland Europe.

Church of Santa Luciella ai Librai

A tiny rediscovered church in the old bookbinders' quarter, famous for a skull with ears venerated by the Cult of the Dead.

Vico Santa Luciella, 5, 80138 Napoli

The Arm of St. Thomas Aquinas

The preserved left arm of the theologian Thomas Aquinas, kept in the relics chamber of the fortress-like basilica of San Domenico...

Piazza San Domenico Maggiore, 8/A, 80134 Napoli

Fontana del Gigante

A monumental 17th-century Mannerist fountain of three arches, set on the seafront near Castel dell'Ovo after moving around the...

Via Partenope, 80132 Napoli

Porcelain Boudoir of Maria Amalia of Saxony

A room entirely sheathed in flowering Capodimonte porcelain, made for the Queen of Naples and now reassembled inside the...

Via Lucio Amelio, 2, 80131 Napoli · 3.5 km N of the centre, outside the map

Lipsanothecae of the Chapel of Saint Francesco de Geronimo

Ornate reliquary cases displayed in the lavish Jesuit church of Gesù Nuovo, set behind its distinctive facade of diamond-cut...

Piazza del Gesù Nuovo, 2, 80134 Napoli

Church of Santa Maria la Nova

A 13th-century church whose cloister holds a tomb some researchers claim belongs to Vlad the Impaler, the historical model for...

Piazza Santa Maria la Nova, 44, 80134 Napoli

Ruins of Liternum

The sparse remains of a Roman colony founded in 194 BC by Lake Patria, where the general Scipio Africanus spent his final years.

Via Scipione l'Africano, 80014 Giugliano in Campania · 20.7 km NW of the centre, outside the map

Bar Nilo

A neighbourhood bar keeps a tongue-in-cheek shrine to Diego Maradona, complete with a framed strand of the footballer's hair as a...

Via San Biagio dei Librai, 129, 80138 Napoli

Tomb of the First Bishop of New York

The tomb of Richard Luke Concanen, the Irish Dominican named first bishop of New York, who died in Naples in 1810 before reaching...

Piazza San Domenico Maggiore, 8/A, 80134 Napoli

Cavalli di Bronzo

A pair of bronze horse-tamers on the palace gateposts, a gift from the Russian tsar and twins of the sculptures on a Saint...

Via Vittorio Emanuele III, 80133 Napoli

Spaccanapoli

Spaccanapoli, the straight street that splits the old town in two, follows the line of the Greek and Roman city. Santa Chiara (5) keeps a cloister covered in majolica tiles behind its Gothic basilica, and the Sansevero Chapel (6) holds the Veiled Christ, carved from a single block of marble.

Museo

The National Archaeological Museum (9) holds the Farnese sculptures and the mosaics and frescoes taken from Pompeii and Herculaneum. Its metro station on Line 1 shows finds from the excavations for the line.

Caserta

The Royal Palace of Caserta (13), built for the Bourbon kings by Luigi Vanvitelli, is one of the largest palaces in Europe. Its park runs for about three kilometres past fountains to a great waterfall.