



# 'The Muddy Archaeologist'

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## Study Day

### The Complete Pompeii

**Pompeii.**

**A Terrible Tragedy. A Thriving Town.**

**An Archaeological Miracle that will change your view of the Romans who lived 2,000 years ago.**

We delve into the astonishing world of the Romans who lived in and around Pompeii. Learn from an archaeologist who has excavated in the region how we – and you too – can bring the Romans to life through the homes and art that they left behind.

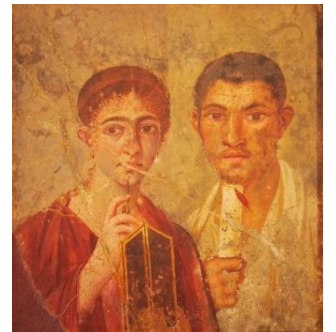
Three richly illustrated and engaging sessions will connect you with the dramatic story of Pompeii and reveal how the vibrant art speaks to us of the people who lived there, enable you to find your way around and fully enjoy exploring a Roman city, and provide you with a vivid sense of life 2,000 years ago.

**Our sessions on this Study Day tell the engaging narrative of the lives and deaths of people who lived in and around Pompeii 2,000 years ago. I shall equip you with the tricks of the trade so that you can truly enjoy and appreciate this amazing ruined city and the sites and finds that you can explore nearby.**

**Whether you go in person to visit Pompeii or watch TV documentaries, this Study Day bring you face-to-face with the Romans so that you can see beyond the TV screen to the vibrant world of AD 79. Roman sites will never be silent ruins ever again; what you learn today will bring them all dramatically to life.**



- **Digging Deeper in Pompeii** Become as familiar with this Roman town as the Romans were before its burial by Vesuvius' eruption in AD 79. Learn insights how you can connect with and get the most from the wealth of daily and public art and architecture unearthed from the ashes in and beyond Pompeii.
- **Welcome to Pompeii** Romans who visited Pompeii knew exactly what to expect; every Roman town was a mini-Rome and contained everything you could possibly want in your Roman lifestyle. We explore how you too can feel 'at home' in a Roman town. What should you notice? What should you look for? How do you find your way around so that you can delve into every aspect of Roman life?
- **The Big Picture – A 2,000 Year Old Way of Life and Death**  
Pompeii wasn't isolated. It was one town in a vibrant region that was much favoured by the celebrities of the day who owned country houses in the area; amongst them were Cicero and Pliny who praised the glorious weather, rich crops and fresh air.  
As an archaeologist who has excavated at nearby Oplontis and led many tours to the Roman sites around Pompeii, and as an ancient historian who has studied the texts from the first century, I can take you on a virtual tour that will inspire you with a very real sense of what Roman life was truly like. Mass entertainment, trade, religion, playboy mansions, imperial homes, they're all here in the amphitheatre at volcanic Pozzuoli, the religious site of Cumae (made so famous by the Roman poet, Virgil), the emperor's wife's superbly decorated glamorous house at Oplontis and the next door work-a-day wine warehouse on the ancient shore, as well as the party houses at Stabiae, the markets and the rich finds housed in Naples' Archaeological Museum. We touch every aspect of Roman life.



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