



## An Introduction...

*POMPEII: The Exhibition* makes its North American premier at Kansas City's historic Union Station. The exhibition examines the lives of residents of Pompeii before and after the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 79 A.D. Nearly 200 artifacts on loan from the collection of the Naples National Archaeological Museum will be displayed when the exhibition opens in November, ten of which will make their North American debut.

Visitors to the exhibition will travel back in time to 79 A.D. when Pompeii bustled as a commercial port and strategic military and trading city. In a media-rich, object-based, immersive experience, they will learn how the people of Pompeii lived, loved, worked, worshipped and found entertainment.

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## A Few Highlights of *POMPEII: The Exhibition* Include:

- Introductory theatre where the scene is set in a video with dramatic reconstructions that describes Pompeii and the nearby volcano.
- Visitors are then transported back in time to 79 A.D. and find themselves in a reproduced atrium from a Roman villa, where they will embark on a journey through the ancient city.
- Through the use of projections, audio, video, photographic murals, and graphic reproductions of frescoes and mosaics, visitors will experience different locations that existed in the city, including a market, a temple, theater, and baths.
- Nearly 200 authentic artifacts will help bring the story of Pompeii to life. These remarkable objects include: Mosaics and frescoes, gladiator helmets, armor, and weapons, a ship's anchor, lamps, jugs, cups, plates, pots and pans and other household objects and furniture, jewelry, medical instruments, and tools,
- A simulated eruption will allow visitors to experience the deadly impact Mount Vesuvius had on this ancient city, culminating in the reveal of full body casts of twisted human forms, asphyxiated by extreme heat and noxious gases and forever frozen in time.

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