



Mount Vesuvius, Italy.

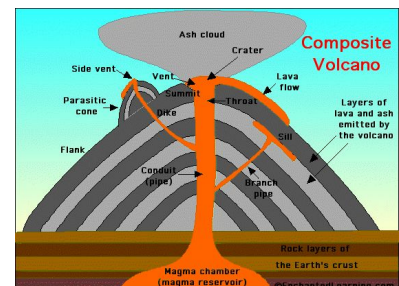
Volcanoes

Mount Vesuvius is a volcano in Southern Italy. I like Mount Vesuvius because it is exciting to climb up, historical in what it left behind and like all volcanoes is a gateway to the earth.



Volcanoes are

- Historical
- Deadly (in a way)
- Come in all shapes and sizes



Quick Facts

1. Vesuvius is one of the most deadly volcanoes on the planet
2. Pompeii was preserved 2000 years before it was found. Herculaneum longer.
3. Vesuvius shot 15 million ash per second
4. Vesuvius has erupted about a dozen times until now .
5. Vesuviuses oldest rock is 300,000 years old
6. Vesuviuses most recent eruption was in 1944
7. Vesuviuses ash can travel about 150 m
8. Mt Vesuvius killed about 13 000 people

Pompeii and Herculaneum

In 79 AD the Romans first recorded Mount Vesuvius which they thought was a mountain. About 5-10 years later it erupted and the city of Pompeii had come to an end, buried in debris. The people of Pompeii died of a pyroclastic flow.

A pyroclastic flow is all the poisonous gases that come out from the explosion. They come down as big clouds.



I visited **Pompeii** and walked around all the ruins. The town is very big. I liked all the stories of Gladiators.



The same eruption also buried the town of Herculaneum nearby. Both are available to visit and show what life was like at the time of the eruption, like time stood still. The Romans liked shops. There are a lot of shops in both.

In my opinion both Herculaneum and Pompeii were exciting because they were destroyed by one of the most famous volcanoes in the same eruption. You can see a bit of what Roman life was like, especially Herculaneum. Pompeii is bigger as only a small part of Herculaneum has been discovered.



I visited **Herculaneum** and saw all the ruins which were in better condition than Pompeii

Mount Vesuvius also erupted in 1631 and carried on until 1944. The last eruption we know of caused many people to evacuate their home city which left them homeless.

All the eruptions mean the area changes a lot including how far away the sea is as volcanoes create new land. Both Pompeii and Herculaneum were on the coast when Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD.

Mount Vesuvius, Naples, Italy

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Image from satellites in Space show how large the crater is on Mt. Vesuvio



It is still an active Volcano and in time the next eruption will start. The last eruption was in 1944, but you can still see steam from it, as I did.

My favourite artwork on Vesuvius is by Andy Warhol. He does a flip book to show the eruption from 1944 and uses bright colours. It describes the eruption and how crazy it gets, and the millions of pieces of ash pouring out every second.



Mount Vesuvius is in an area of a few volcanoes, Stromboli and Etna included. The area is now a national park that people study and live on. The area also has earthquakes. The earth is active around here.

I climbed Vesuvius, for me it was an exciting experience but also scary as a volcano can erupt at any moment. If it did erupt it would not have been good. It was exhausting to climb and my brother was lazy and my Grandpa carried him all the way.

You can see the old lava flows when you climb it, and at the top I saw all of the Bay of Naples. I did not expect the crater to be that big, I thought it would be smaller. It is huge and all that rock that it has lost with each eruption is visible.

There was a slight amount of steam coming out which made me think of the next eruption and you it smelt a bit like eggs which is from the sulphur.



I have climbed Vesuvius and seen the crater. There are lots of different types of rock and I bought a box of minerals from the area as there are so many there. You can even see the old lava flows as you walk up it. The walk takes hours and you can see all of Naples.

I bought a box of the mineral rocks from the top of Vesuvius, and these came from the volcano itself. I do not know how to explain all of them but some look like crystals. I have also personally collected rocks from all three places mentioned here;

- Vesuvius
- Pompeii
- Herculaneum



Collecting the rocks is always fun, especially this collection, they have all come from different parts all of the same event, the volcano erupting in 79AD, and I collected them hundreds of years later.