

Newly Discovered Ancient Roman Beachfront Villa May Have Been Home to Historic Figure Pliny the Elder

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The ruins of a 2,000-year-old beachfront property [discovered](#) in the coastal town of Bacoli, south of Naples, may have been where historic Roman figure Pliny the Elder once resided.

The remains of the clifftop premises [were discovered](#) during a construction project for a children's playground and recreation area, [Knewz.com](#) has learned.



 The remains of the luxurious villa were discovered in Bacoli, which in the first century was the port city of Misenum, where Pliny the Elder commanded a Roman naval fleet. By: Italian Ministry of Culture
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The extraordinary discovery revealed a vast complex that included 10 large rooms, in various stages of construction with a distinctive form of Roman brickwork known as *cubilia*, which uses diamond-shaped bricks, which were about 27 inches below ground.

Experts say that the villa may have been more than 300 feet long. The Superintendency of Archaeology, Fine Arts, and Landscape for the Naples Metropolitan Area (SABAP) said [the latest discovery](#) was of "exceptional significance."

Experts believe the villa was built in the first century C.E. at the site of [the Roman port](#) of Misenum. It was there that a fleet of ships controlled the Tyrrhenian Sea for four centuries.