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It was found on farmland during an archaeological survey carried out prior to the start of maintenance work on the city's water system.

Archaeologists have previously found a large number of burial sites in the same area which date from the Roman Republic era (510-31 BC) to the Roman Imperial Age (31 BC – AD 476).

The untouched tomb features a number of frescoes in largely pristine condition across its ceilings and walls.

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WHAT WERE THE 12 LABOURS OF HERCULES? Greek mythology states that the goddess Hera confused Hercules and made him kill his wife and children. Once he woke from his temporary state of insanity he prayed to the gods for help. As a part of his punishment he was told he would have to serve Eurystheus, the king of Tiryns and Mycenae, for 12 years and do everything he asked. Eurystheus was jealous of Hercules' super...

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