
ITALY

UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK OF BAIAE, A ROMAN CITY IN NAPLES

Located north of Naples in Italy, Baia was a famous coastal city, highly appreciated in ancient times for its temperate climate and beautiful surroundings, as well as for the therapeutic properties of its mineral waters. A popular place among Roman aristocracy and the imperial family until 3rd century AD, it collapsed due to an earthquake. Nowadays, the remains of the luxurious villas, imperial buildings and the port are submerged along the coast, as well as the remains of more modest residences, private baths, *tabernae* which were all characteristics of the roman era. Since 2001, it has been included in a Marine Protected Area. Public access has been made possible with the opening of underwater archaeological trails with direct involvement of the diving instructors active in the area. Divers can be procured with underwater tablets which allow divers to orient themselves and take photographs. The tablet provides relevant information for the visit, but also virtual reconstruction of the ancient Roman city at the designated points. The same reconstructions can be explored with the use of virtual glasses, without having to put a single foot in the water.



Diver visiting a mosaic in the Underwater archaeological park in Baiae, Italy³⁰

Information: <http://www.parcosommersobaia.beniculturali.it/it>

³⁰ <https://subaia.com/en/archaeological-park-baia>