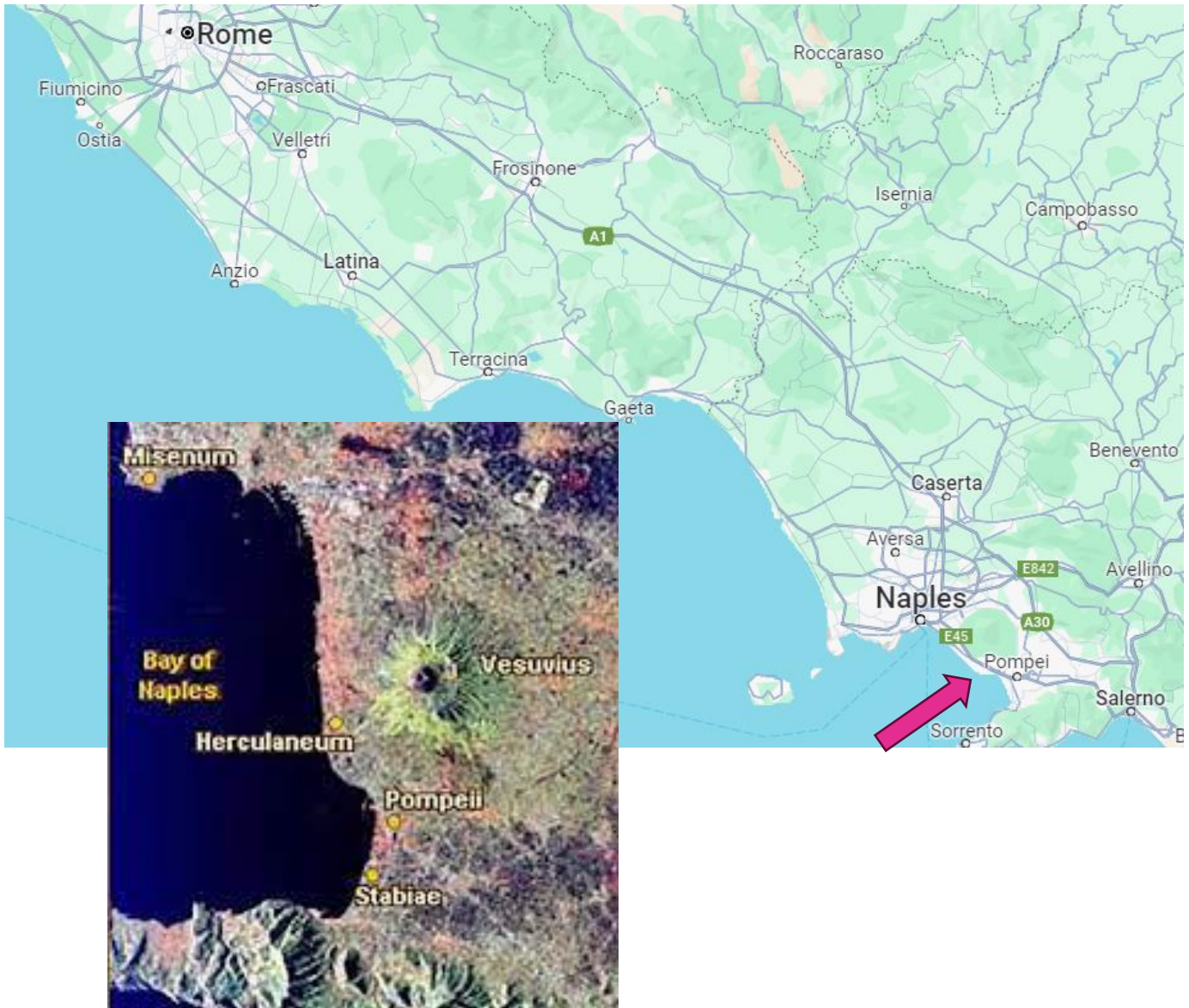


## The History of Pompeii and Herculaneum by Darrel Roche



The Roman towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum were destroyed, yet preserved, by the volcanic eruptions from Mount Vesuvius, in AD 79, but their treasures, artefacts, paintings, architecture, human and animal remains lay virtually untouched for 1600 years.

What began as an eighteenth-century treasure hunt and looting spree, ended with Pompeii being considered the principal historical resource for information about its time.

The excavations of Pompeii and Herculaneum have created the science of archaeology, and the ancient discoveries have influenced design and architecture, throughout the world.

Together, we shall explore the exciting and wonderful discoveries of this World Heritage site and hear the amazing history of the 'death' and 'rebirth' of these two remarkable Roman townships.