

Ostia, from antique seaport of Rome to inland archaeological site

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Fig. 1 - S1 (05.10.2019) - Ostia Antica is a large archaeological site, close to the modern town of Ostia, that is the location of the sea harbour city of ancient Rome, 25km SW of Rome.

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Fig. 2 - S2 (06.11.2020) - At the mouth of the River Tiber, Ostia (latin for "mouth") was Rome's seaport, but due to silting the site now lies 3km from the sea.

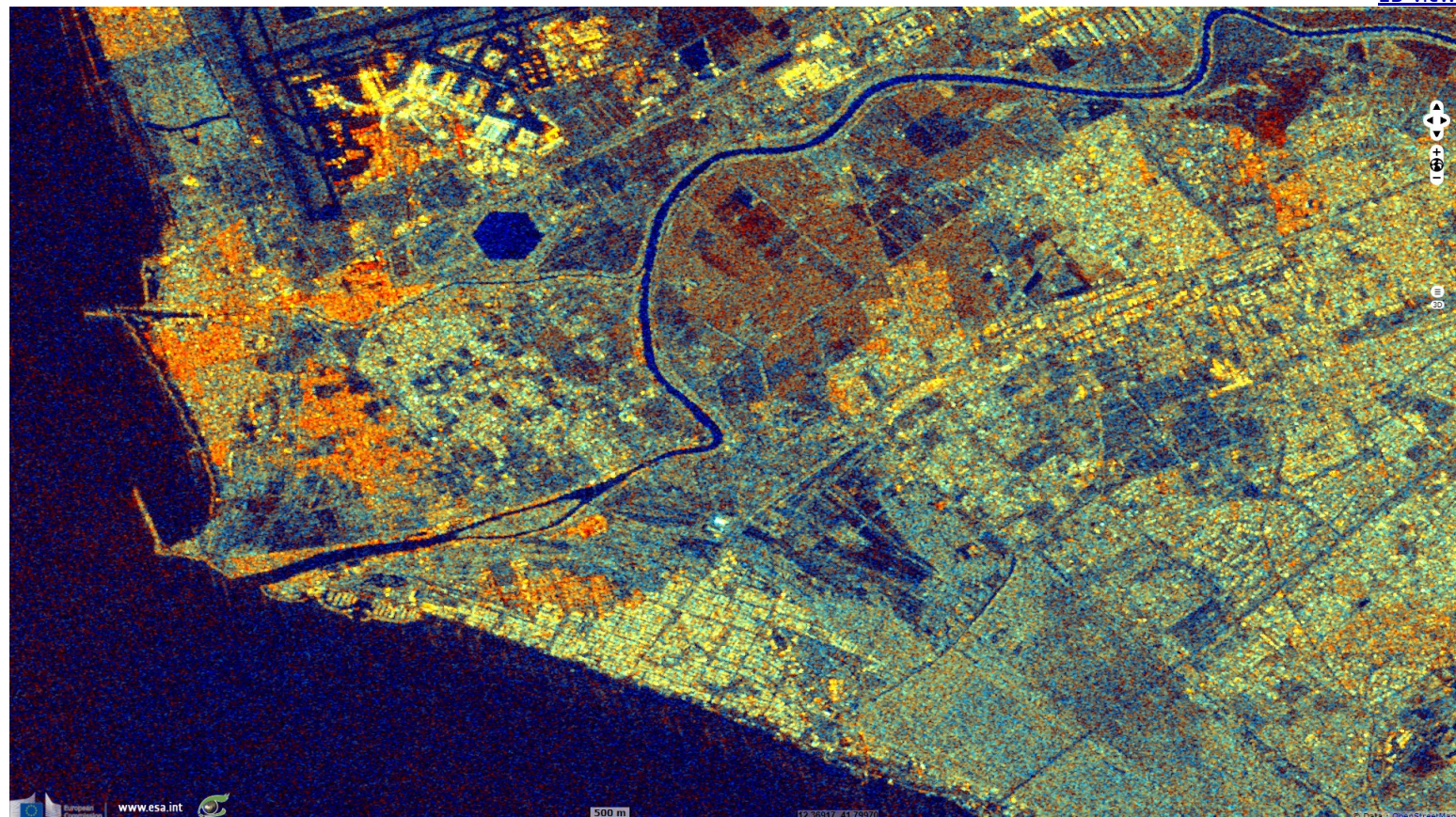
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A flood altered the course of the Tiber, shortening the loop it formed upstream from Ostia, and eroded a northern part of the site.

Fig. 3 - S1 (05.10.2019) - Lying between Ostia and Fiumicino, Isola Sacra is an artificial island created by Emperor Trajan by creating a canal that linked the Tiber to the sea.

[2D view](#)



The city was finally abandoned in the 9th century due to the repeated invasions and sackings by Arab pirates.













Fig. 4 - S2 (06.11.2020) - The antique city was rediscovered in the middle of the 20th century, unexcavated areas have still been found in 2014. [2D view](#)



The site is noted for the excellent preservation of its ancient buildings, magnificent frescoes and impressive mosaics.

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