

The image shows the Venus de Milo statue, a marble sculpture of a female figure, standing in a museum. The statue is positioned in front of a large, arched opening in a wall made of reddish-brown marble. Two people are standing on either side of the statue's base to provide a sense of scale. The lighting is warm, highlighting the statue's form.

Today in History

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▲ The Venus de Milo, a marble statue slightly larger than life and one of the most famous works of ancient Greek sculpture, was discovered on the island of Milos

1925: Low-interest loans were made available to enable half a million Britons to emigrate to Australia

2005: The funeral of Pope John Paul II took place in Rome

2010: The New START treaty was signed, cutting the nuclear arsenals of the U.S. and Russia by a third

2010: Two-million year-old fossils of a new species of early human ancestor, *Australopithecus sediba*, were discovered in South Africa