

Pompeii's pizza precursor

Archaeologists working in the ruins of Pompeii have discovered a fresco they believe depicts an ancient form of pizza

Earliest known pizza?

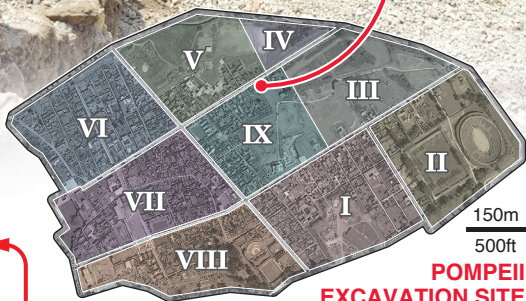
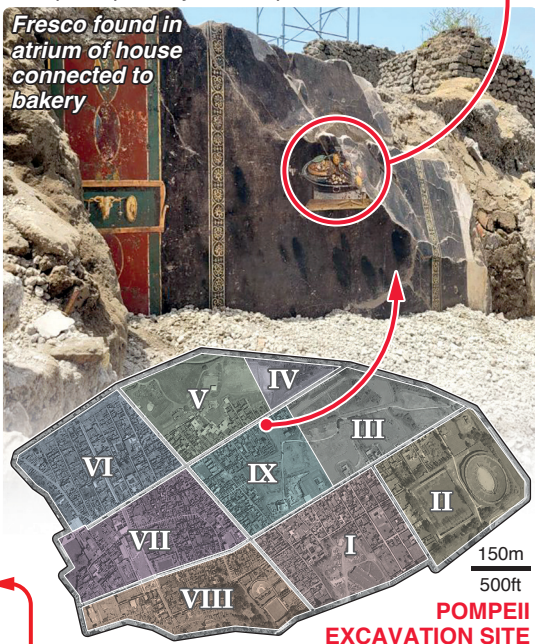


Flat, round dough lacks traditional toppings of mozzarella and tomatoes, but archaeologists say it could be **"distant ancestor to modern dish"**



Toppings: Pomegranate, dates, spices and perhaps early form of pesto

Fresco found in atrium of house connected to bakery



AD79: Vesuvius erupts, burying cities of **Pompeii** and **Herculaneum** under layers of pumice and ash **6-7 metres** deep