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Buried history

The ancient Roman city of Pompeii, located near Naples, has opened its Central Baths for the first time. Here's what you need to know about these historic structures, as well as the whole archaeological complex

3.6 million

Number of visitors to Pompeii in 2018, making it the country's second-most-popular tourist site after Rome's Colosseum.

1817

The year in which the Central Baths were first excavated. Subsequent digs occurred in 1836 and 1877; however, it wasn't until 2019 that the baths were first opened to the public.

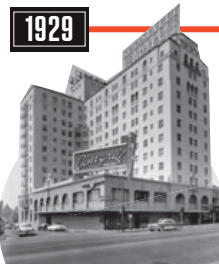


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AS SEEN ON SCREEN

The 92nd Academy Awards, better known as the Oscars, will take place on 9 February. Here's what to know about the film industry's most prestigious event

Tickets for the first ceremony, held at LA's Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel cost US\$5 apiece (around US\$75 today).



1939

The Academy adopts the name "Oscar" for its statuettes. It's believed the name was coined by the Academy librarian who said it looked like her Uncle Oscar.



€32 million

Amount the Italian government has promised to the Grand Pompeii Project, which seeks to conserve Pompeii's existing sites and uncover new ones.

79AD

Year Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the once-thriving city in volcanic ash. This ash has helped preserve the site over the centuries.

3

Number of public baths found in Pompeii. The grandest of these are the newly opened Central Baths, called Terme Centrali, which were being built when the eruption occurred.

IMMERSE YOURSELF

Three places to enjoy a good, long soak



>42

Number of minerals and elements present in the thermal waters of Bath, UK. Take a dip at **Thermae Bath Spa**, Britain's only natural thermal spa.



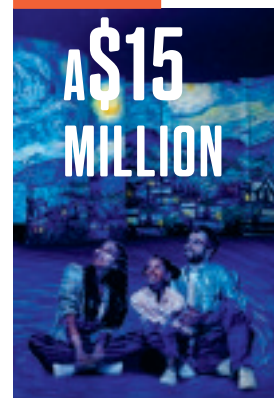
40°C

Temperature of a typical *onsen* (hot spring) in Japan. Try the traditional **Tenzan Onsen** in Hakone, located just over an hour from Tokyo.



60

Number of *hammams* (Turkish baths) still operating in Istanbul, including the 16th-century **Mihrimah Sultan Hamami** complex.



Cost of The Lume, a new immersive digital art gallery set to open in Melbourne later this year. Works from artists such as Vincent van Gogh will be brought to life via high-tech projectors, music and even aromas.

50%



Percentage of revenue that Fairbnb.coop (a sustainable accommodation booking platform launching in Spring 2020) will donate to community and social initiative projects.

Best Actress winner Greer Garson gives the longest-ever speech, which clocks in at 5 minutes 30 seconds.

1943



1950

It is decreed that all Oscar winners cannot sell their statuette without first offering it back to the Academy for the sum of US\$1.

Midnight Cowboy wins Best Picture, making it the only X-rated film to do so in the history of the awards.

1970



2010

Kathryn Bigelow is the first ever female to win the award for Best Director, with *The Hurt Locker*. She remains the only woman to have won the honour.

Sound engineer Kevin O'Connell wins the award for Best Sound Mixing for *Hacksaw Ridge* after 20 unsuccessful nominations.

2017



SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

Three thrilling new sports centres around the Singapore Airlines network

>1,000

The number of waves that The Wave, a new inland surfing lake in Bristol, United Kingdom, generates per hour. It is the first inland surfing venue in the northern hemisphere to use Wavegarden Cove technology.

43M

The height of the indoor climbing wall at CLYMB Abu Dhabi, which opened in November 2019. This makes it the tallest indoor climbing wall in the world.

400M

The length of the rooftop ski slope at the recently opened CopenHill, a power plant in Copenhagen that doubles as a leisure centre. There's also a CrossFit area and a hiking and running trail.

TOP TOWNS

Results of Global Power City Index 2019, which ranks cities by multiple factors



- #1 London** –
score: 1,669.1
Strengths: cultural interaction, accessibility

- #2 New York** –
score: 1,543.2
Strengths: economy, research and development

- #3 Tokyo** –
score: 1,422.2
Strengths: economy, research and development

- #4 Paris** –
score: 1,387.7
Strengths: liveability, accessibility

- #5 Singapore** –
score: 1,262.9
Strengths: economy, research and development

WORLD'S A STAGE

Don't miss these five cultural festivals taking place across the globe this month



1162
Year the **Venice Carnival** (8 to 25 Feb) dates back to. It began as a celebration of the Venetian Republic's victory over Rome.



150,000
Number of visitors to Mumbai's **Kala Ghoda Arts Festival** (1 to 9 Feb), which covers theatre, music, film and dance.



7
Number of days the **Barcelona Carnival** (20 to 26 Feb) is held to celebrate Lent, with masked dances and fancy-dress parties.



5
Geisha districts in Kyoto. At **Yasaka Shrine Setsubun** (2 to 3 Feb), apprentice geisha dance and scatter soybeans for luck.



>100,000
Number of paper lanterns that are launched into the night sky during the **Taiwan Lantern Festival** (8 to 23 Feb).