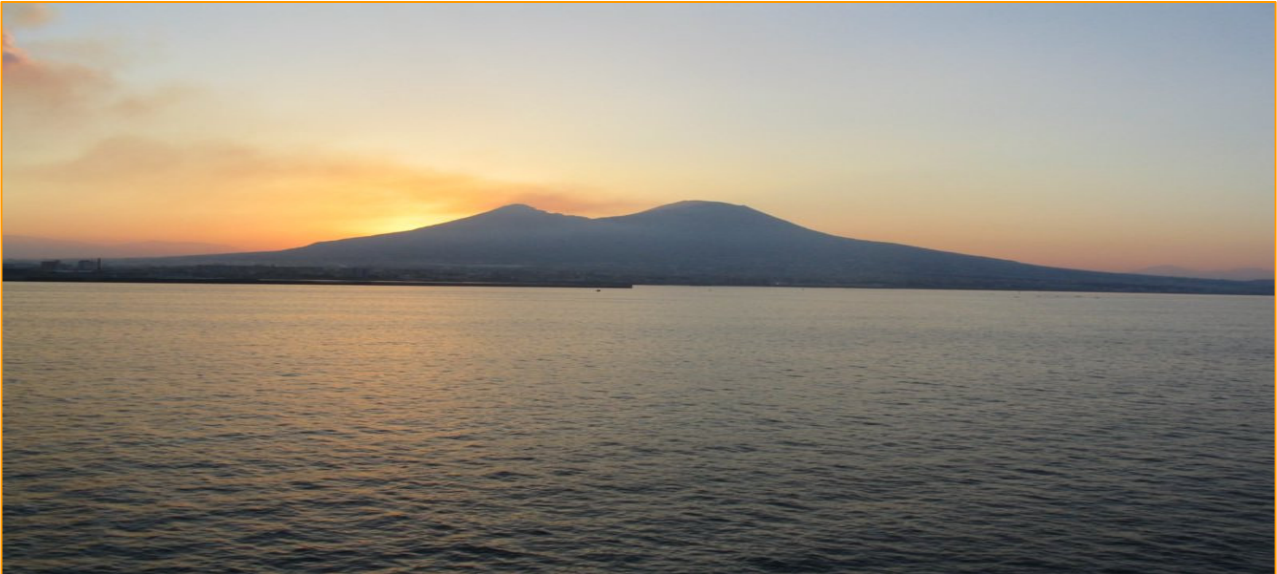
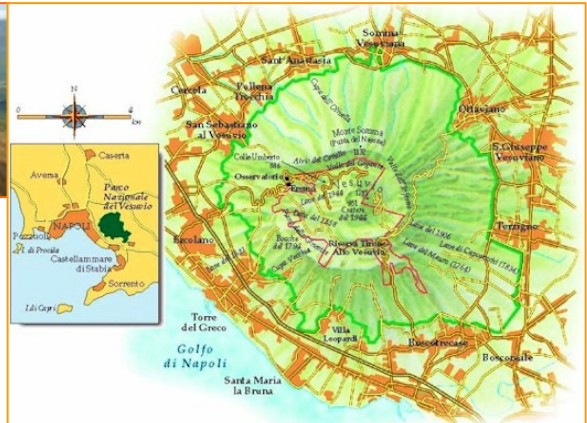


Vesuvio



Vesuvio dal mare



The **Mount Vesuvius** rank among the most explored and well known volcanoes on earth. On clear days one can see the silhouette of the gigantic mountains of the volcano from the whole [Bay of Naples](#).

The volcano, "the hunchback" (in Napoli language: *scartellato*) is seen as a friendly companion by the people of Naples in spite of its destructive potentials.

The Mount Vesuvius has been sleeping since 1944 under the watchful eyes of volcanologists, who regularly measure its temperature. Their observatory lies 608m high.

The incredible crater (Gran Cono) of the Vesuvius of nowadays has a diameter of 700m, a circumference of 12km and is 200m deep. In reality the volcano system, in general called the Vesuvius, comprises two volcanoes: The Monte Somma (dormant) and the Vesuvius (Gran Cono).



When you arrive by car, bus or taxi at 1000 metres of altitude, from the parking there is a short trail 860 metres long, with a drop of 135 metres and an average slope of 14%, which in about 15 minutes arrives on the west crater rim (1180 metres) where there is a refreshment-point and the ticket office.



The crater can be visited all the year, except when weather forecast aren't good.