

Pompeii: Out of Time with Tom Hiddleston

Professor Claudio Scarpati contributed to the National Geographic documentary-drama as a scientific consultant.



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Professor Claudio Scarpati, of the Department of Earth, Environmental and Resources Sciences at the University of Naples Federico II, served as a scientific consultant for Pompeii: Out of Time with Tom Hiddleston, produced by Plimsoll Productions for National Geographic.

The three-part series combines scientific investigation, archaeological evidence and cinematic reconstruction to revisit Pompeii and the neighbouring Roman settlements during the AD 79 eruption of Vesuvius.

Format	Three-part documentary-drama
Production	Plimsoll Productions for National Geographic
Scientific role	Consultant on the AD 79 eruption and its impacts

The scientific contribution

Professor Scarpati contributed his expertise on the eruptive dynamics, stratigraphy and deposits of the AD 79 eruption, and on their effects on people, buildings, urban areas and archaeological contexts. His contribution draws on a long-standing research programme at the intersection of physical volcanology, archaeology and cultural heritage, aimed at reconstructing how explosive eruptions affected ancient communities and cities around Vesuvius.

The end credits explicitly list Claudio Scarpati among the consultants.

Consultants
CLAUDIO SCARPATI
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Availability

National Geographic: 22 July 2026

Disney+ and Hulu: 23 July 2026

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Media coverage and official resources

Selected Italian and international coverage, together with official information about the series. All titles below are clickable.

Italian coverage

- ANSA - [Hiddleston: 'I tell the story of Pompeii while also thinking about today's humanitarian crises'](#)
- la Repubblica - [Tom Hiddleston: 'Loki changed my life. Now I tell Pompeii, a story that speaks to the present'](#)
- Vanity Fair Italia - [Tom Hiddleston at Pompeii: time, destiny and the new series](#)
- GQ Italia - [Pompei: Fuori dal tempo and its themes of humanity, resilience and survival](#)

International coverage and official resources

- National Geographic - [Official press release and series presentation](#)
- National Geographic - [Official episode guide: Tremors, Eruption and Survival](#)
- National Geographic - [Pompeii's secrets: How AI is rewriting the story of Mount Vesuvius](#)
- National Geographic TV - [Watch information and full episode listing](#)
- Los Angeles Times - [Review: A dead city revived](#)
- The Guardian - [Review of Pompeii: Out of Time with Tom Hiddleston](#)

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