



A two-sheet 16th century plan of Ancient Rome after Ligorio

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Cologne, c.1588, Latin text edition. Original colour. Two sheets conjoined, total 690 x 500mm.

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An early 'map-view' of classical Rome on two sheets, published in the 'Civitates Orbis Terrarum', the first systematic atlas of town plans. It was compiled from a detailed archaeological survey by Pirro Ligorio (c.1510-83), a scholar of the ancient monuments in Rome, using his illustrations for the reconstructions of the buildings. The massive 269-point key underneath the plan lists the monuments shown, but many of the important buildings are named on the image, including the Pantheon, Circus Maximus, Mausoleum of Augustus and Theatre of Marcellus.

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