

## CAPUA

The town of Capua is still today known as Capua though commonly mistaken for the city of Santa Maria Capua Vetere. The name Capua comes from the Etruscan word Capue which still has an unknown meaning.



It is located on the western coast of Italy on flat plains about 25 km (16 mi.) North of Naples. According to Cato "the Elder" it was founded by the Etruscans about 600 BC. It was connected with Rome by the construction of *Via Appia* (a very important military highway) to avoid the harsh passage through the Pontine Marshes. There are still remains of burial sites, public baths, and the inside of an amphitheater though no pre-Roman remains have been found. Below you can see the inside and outside of the amphitheater, and the *Via Appia*.

