

## SYNOPSIS

This episode tells you how Rome was used as a model for the towns and cities founded in the rest of the empire.

You will see how it was decided where to locate a town and the main factors that affected this decision. You will see the rituals, the boundary marking, the division into plots and how these were shared out among the colonists.

Isaac Moreno will take you to ancient Tarraco and will use it as an example of a mid-size, but administratively very important, city. You will see how a Roman town was planned, structured and built.

Isaac will make constant use of virtual models and will compare them surprisingly and colossally with the known remains of the city, allowing the viewer to understand in a spectacular and visual manner the always mysterious archaeological remains of a city.

Armed with this knowledge, you will experience the art of creating towns and cities, travelling to the most surprising parts of the empire and reflecting on their common points and differences.

Throughout this process you will see the engineering needed to build the fortifications, the forums, the temples, the fountains, the public baths, the squares, the administrative buildings, the streets and the monumental venues for spectacles.

You will understand how engineering provided the solutions needed to make these constructions work. In this way the documentary goes beyond explaining the engineering to show us how the cities worked.

Finally you will be dazzled by the colossal splendour of Rome, where you can try and take in its almost inconceivable statistics and extraordinary magnificence.

