

## *Villa Adriana (Tivoli)*

**Historical information - Engineering geological conditions and problems:**

*Villa Adriana*, an exceptional complex of classical buildings created in the 2nd century AD by the Roman Emperor Adriano, reproduces the best elements of the material cultures of Egypt, Greece, and Rome in the form of an "ideal city."

The architectural complex appears as an ensemble of buildings, scattered in the nature but at the same time fused with it.

The villa was realized within the first ten years of Adriano's empire. Probably, the works started immediately after the emperor's arrival in Rome, in 118 bC.

No information was found about special geological conditions and related problems.



**Supplementary information:**

The Committee decided to inscribe *Villa Adriana* in the UNESCO World Heritage List because it is a masterpiece that uniquely brings together the highest expressions of the material cultures of the ancient Mediterranean world. Study of the monuments that make up the *Villa Adriana* played a crucial role in the rediscovery of the elements of classical architecture by the architects of the Renaissance and the Baroque period. It also profoundly influenced many 19th and 20th century architects and designers.

*Villa Adriana* was inserted in the list in 1999.



**Foreshortened views of *Villa Adriana***  
([http://photos.cortesi.com/villa\\_adriana](http://photos.cortesi.com/villa_adriana))



**Aerial view of *Villa Adriana***  
([www.geocities.com](http://www.geocities.com))