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Accordingly, the incident was discovered at the end of 2016, archaeologists have silently researched and until today officially announced. The whole thing has just been informed at Rome's Sapienza University conference.

Simona Morretta, who led the team of archaeologists, said that this ancient water pipe is 32m long, maybe it is part of Aqua Appia - the oldest known Roman water pipe, dating from the year 312 BC.

The tube has a height of 2 meters, made of equal sized stones and made into five rows. The current location shows that this water pipe is located 17-18m below the Piazza Celimontana geological area of Rome, southeast of the historic center of Colosseum.



The Morretta explained: " It was discovered by the concrete partitions used to build the steps when parking the subway ."

" This relic has a safe depth that allows us the opportunity to explore and reach them safely. This pipe may belong to the Iron Age in the 10th century BC".

The structure of the tube is buried under a relatively intact soil, the research team suspects that **the Romans who** lived in the first century BC may have used it as a sewer.

Moreover, many archaeological remnants including traces of leftover food found in pipes provide an insight into what **Roma** eat, including wild boar, swans, sea fish .

Currently, the plumbing has been partially relocated and will be transported to an unknown conservation area - the archaeological director said.

The pipes were partially dismantled, and will be displayed at an unknown location. Because in the current position, the tube is quite deep so it is not convenient to visit.

The capital's Metro C metro route has been delayed in part because of a lack of funding, partly due to the impact of excavation of the archaeological site.

In addition, Metro C Station in San Giovanni will host a " **subway museum** " when it is officially inaugurated and there are many archaeological sites around the area to be displayed here.

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