





*Column of Trajan, Rome*

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Column of Trajan, Carrara marble, completed in 113 AD, Trajan's Forum, Rome

On this day (26th May) 107 AD, Trajan celebrates a triumph for his victories over the Dacians. The celebrations lasted 123 days and entertained the populace with a vast display of gladiators and animals.

In Rome, Apollodorus of Damascus designed and built in the huge forum a sculpted column depicting the history of both Dacian wars. The structure is precisely 100 Roman feet high (35 meters high including the pedestal). The 190-metre (625 ft) frieze winds around the shaft 23 times. Inside the shaft, a spiral staircase of 185 stairs provides access to a viewing platform at the top.

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