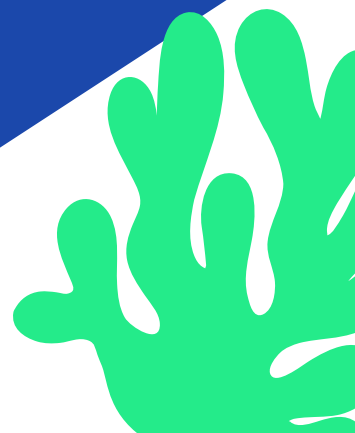


Parthenope



THE MYTH OF PARTHENOPE, THE MERMAID

Neapolis (Naples), founded by the Greeks, is closely linked to the mythological figure of Parthenope, the mermaid, mentioned in the Odyssey. She uttered a melodic chant, which attracted men and then killed them. Clearly, the legend is connected to Ulysses, who got tied to the mast of the ship, in order to be able to hear it. However, at the same time, he escaped from the clutches of the mermaids. The mermaids, disappointed, killed themselves by throwing themselves against the cliffs. Accordingly, the body of Parthenope reached the rocks of Magaride, later found by the sailors, who venerated her, as a goddess. Today we know that Parthenope's body has taken the morphology of its splendid landscape, and the citizens of Naples are still used to be called "Partenopei".



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