

The necropolis

In accordance with Roman law, the necropolis was located outside the urban area. It covered 9 hectares to the south and south-west of the town.

During the Early Roman Empire, the most common practice was cremation; the burnt bones of the deceased were placed in glass or ceramic vases. Along with these urns, broken crockery, vases for offerings and personal belongings offer evidence of how funeral rituals were performed. Over the course of the second century, burials became more common. Recent excavations have shown that stone sarcophagi found in the necropolis were graves belonging to the upper classes.

In 1978, on the Rue des Cordiers, the GAM performed excavations of remains of the ancient necropolis threatened by the construction of new buildings.

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