



Roman baths of Forum Traiani

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■ The Baths II

During the III sec. A.D. the baths grew considerably with the construction of a new, adjacent building on the north side, at a higher level than the previous one (fig. 1).

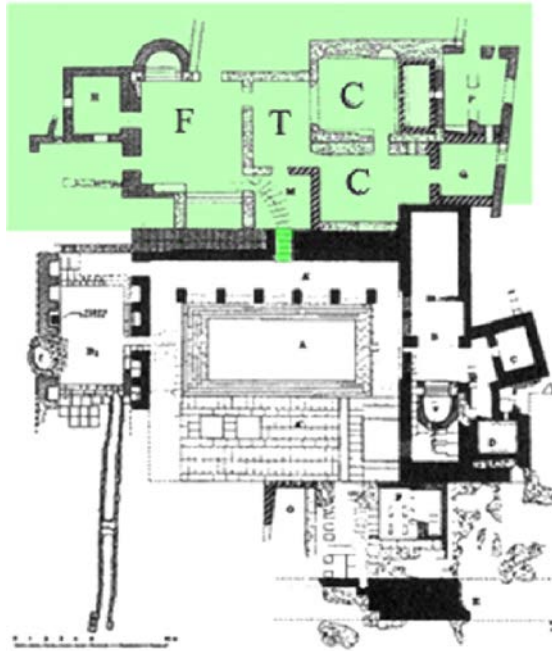


Fig. 1 - Baths II: in green the new building with indication of what the environments were for: F = *frigidarium*; T = *tepidarium*; C = *calidarium* (from Bacco, Serra 1998, p. 1220, re-worked by C. Tronchetti).

From an open air area of which only the foundations remain, you entered the *frigidarium* which had two baths for immersion in cold water (figs. 2-4).



Fig. 2 - Passage from the *frigidarium* to a space used for an unknown purpose, perhaps a changing room (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



Fig. 3 - Detail of the *frigidarium* of baths II, with a small apse tank (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).





Fig. 4 - Bath of the *frigidarium* in baths II (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

Then, through the *tepidarium*, you entered two *calidaria*, one of which equipped with a small bath with heated water (fig. 5). On the western side, the service areas with ovens.



Fig. 5 - Bath in the *calidarium* (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

It was undoubtedly possible to enter the first building and the *natatio*, but the room with stairs now connecting the two baths was built in a later period (fig. 6).

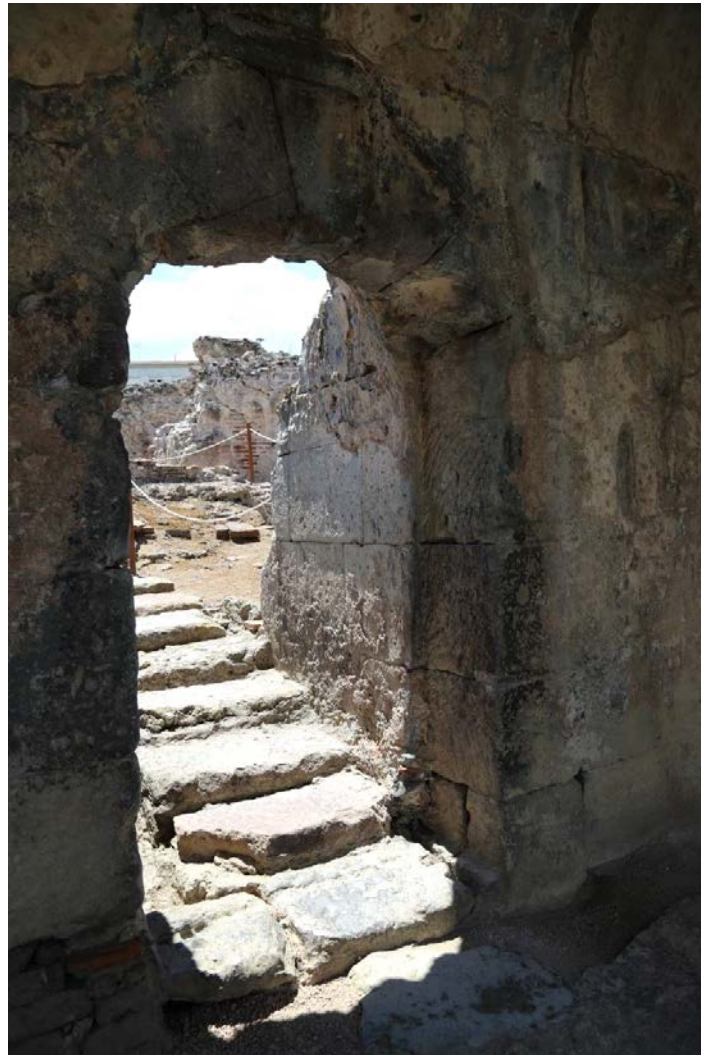


Fig. 6 - Late-Antiquity stairs so that one could go from Baths II to the *natatio* of Baths I
(photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



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