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Roman baths of Forum Traiani

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■ The portico

The baths *natatio* is bordered on its long sides by five arches opening towards the pool (fig. 1), while the two side arches lead to a corridor running along the short side.

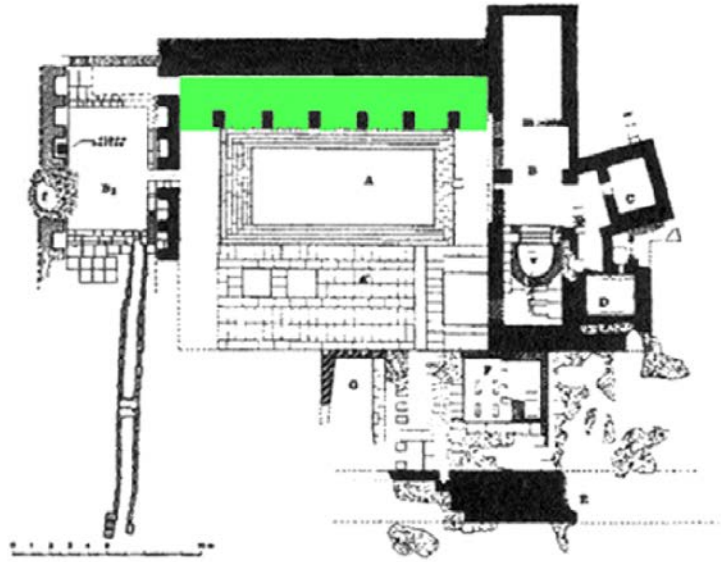


Fig. 1 – Baths I; in green the portico (from Bacco-Serra 1998).

The portico, in *opus quadratum* covered by a barrel vault, has only been preserved on its southern side (figs. 2-4), while the remaining parts have been lost; but what is left at a planimetry level, the ideal continuation of the barrel vault covering the *natatio* and comparisons that can be made with other, better preserved baths buildings make that reconstruction a certainty. The preserved portico part gets light from three skylights open in the roof (fig. 4) and this can be hypothesised for the other part on the northern side.



Fig. 2 - The southern portico of the pool (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

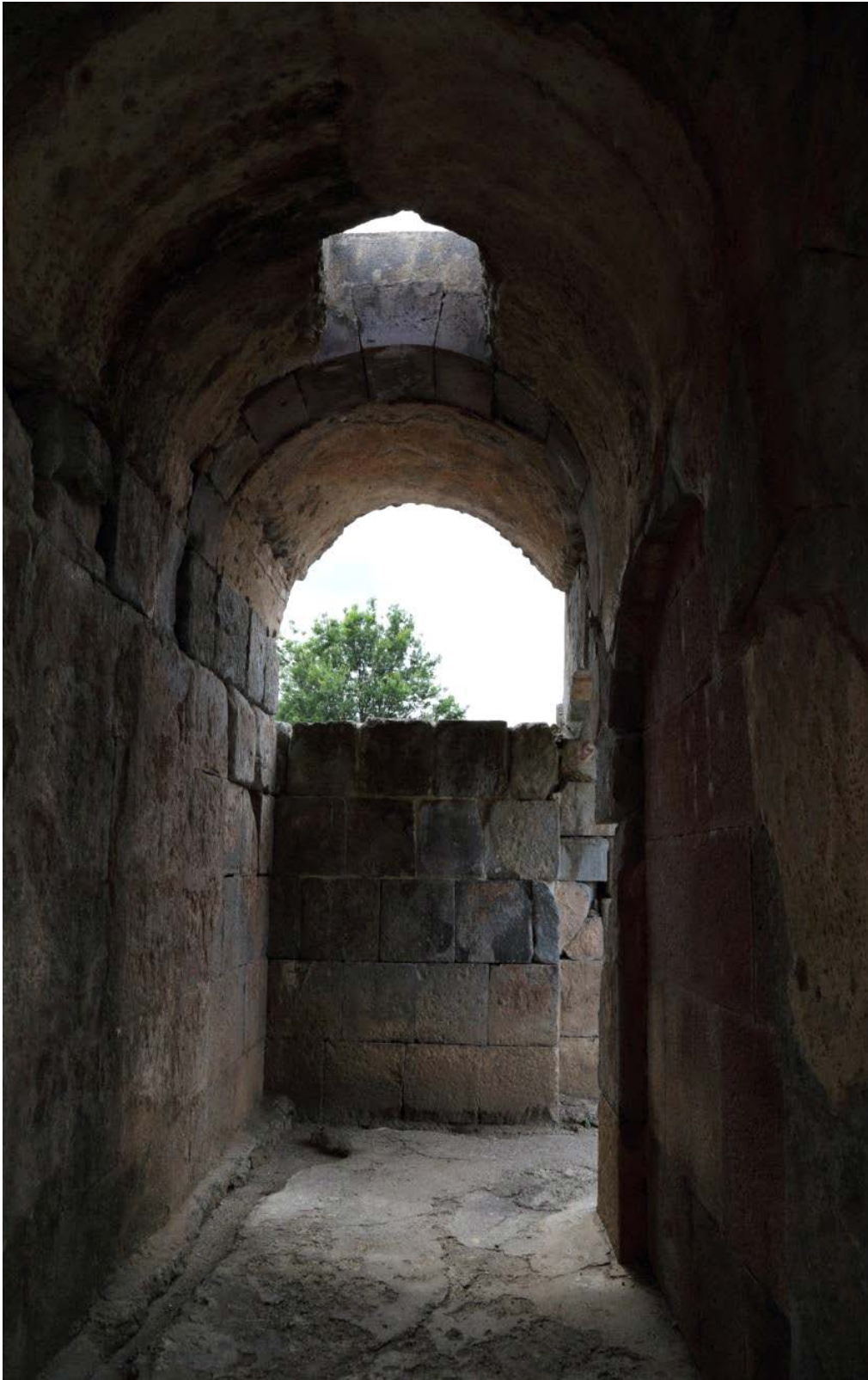


Fig. 3 - Inside the southern portico (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



Fig. 4 - View of the portico from the East (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



Fig. 5 - Portico roof with skylights for lighting (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

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