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Roman baths of Forum Traiani

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■ The square

To the South and West of Baths II there is a large paved square (figs. 1-2).

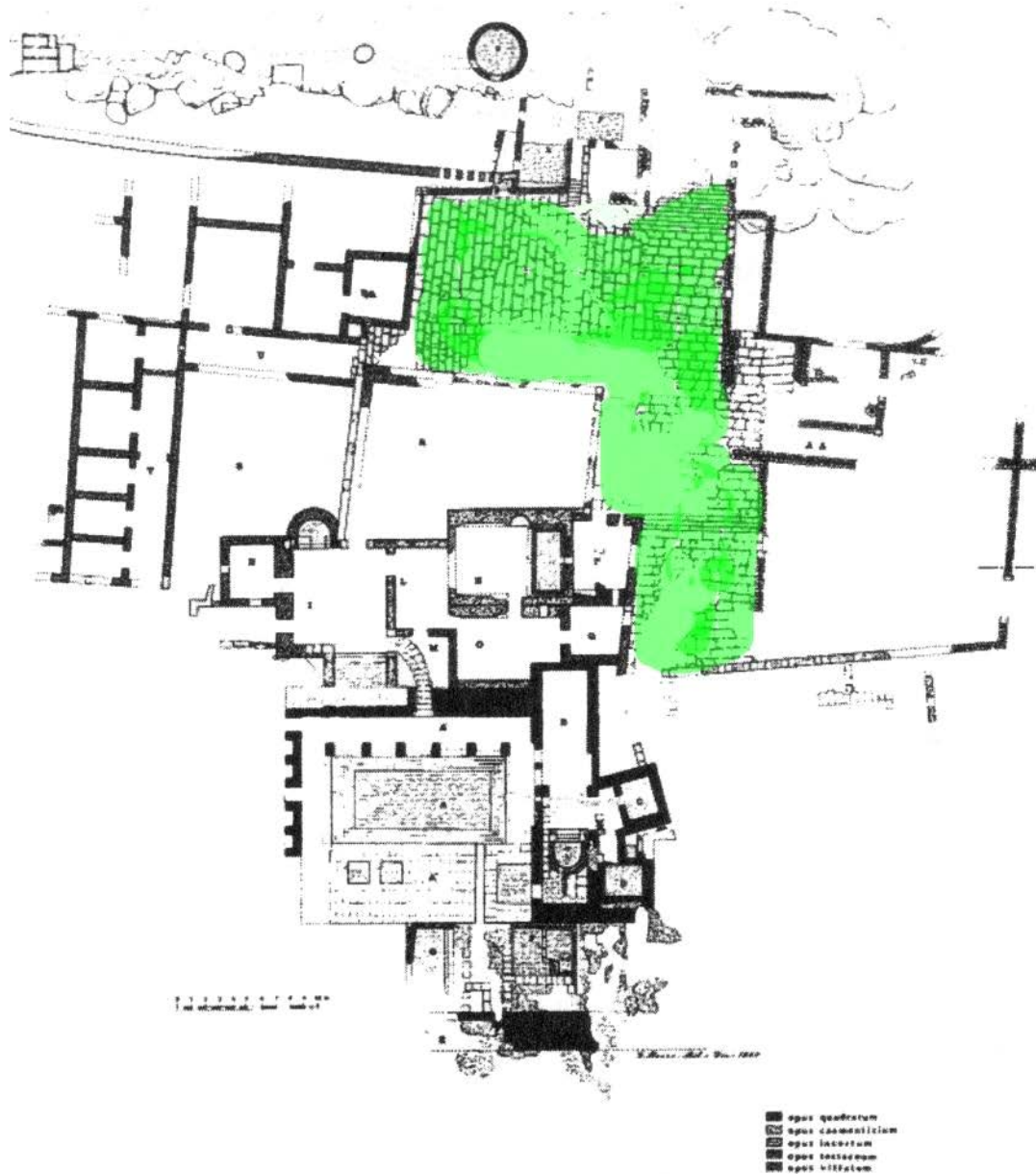


Fig. 1 - The square to the South of the Baths complex highlighted in green (from Bacco, Serra 1998; re-worked by C. Tronchetti).

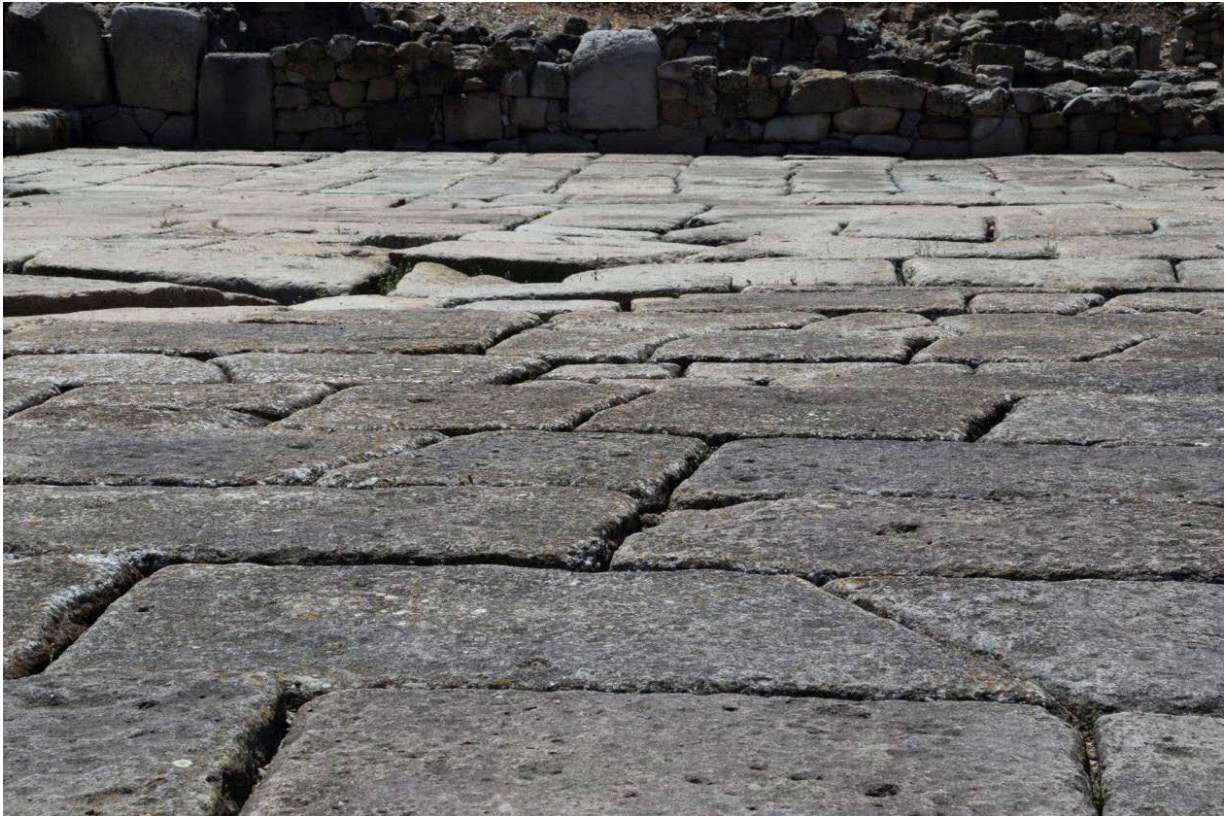


Fig. 2 - The square paving (photo by Unicity S.p.A.)

On the northern side you have a wide staircase up to the upper level (fig. 3), the one in the other village, where the remains of an ancient habitat were found.





Fig. 3 - The square and stairs leading to the habitat (photo by Unicity S.p.A.)

To the West, the square narrows and lengthens; here too some steps get over the difference in level going down towards the river (fig. 4).



Fig. 4 - Western sector of the square, with a short flight of steps going towards the level of the Tirso river
(photo by Unicity S.p.A.)

Canals carrying hot and cold water towards the Baths run in the paved flooring.

In the southern part, where the ground tends to climb, you have a strong containment wall (fig. 5) next to the steps and, further up, water cisterns (fig. 6).





Fig. 5 - The wall closing the square on the southern side (photo by Unicity S.p.A.)



Fig. 6 - Large cistern above the square (photo by Unicity S.p.A.)

This square, considering its size and the care taken over building it, is hypothesised as the *forum* of *Forum Traiani*.

■ Credits

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