



ROME AND THE BAY OF NAPLES

A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS OF
CLASSICAL CIVILISATION



BATHS OF CARACALLA

Built 212-217AD

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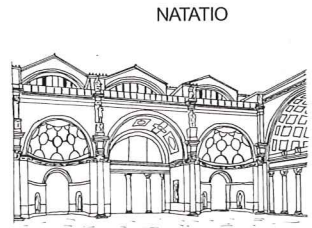
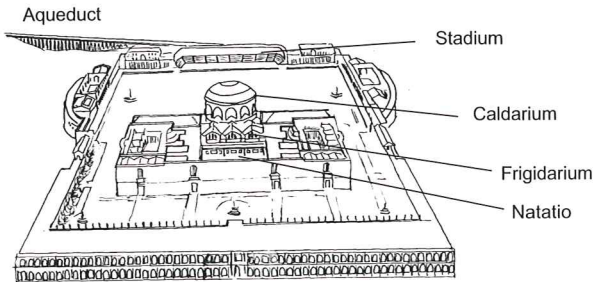
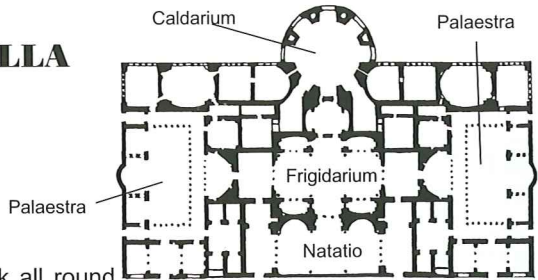
Huge size
Gardens/park all round
Remains of central dome of caldarium

REMEMBER

The central block is bigger than the British Museum
Pool of the frigidarium is as big as an Olympic swimming pool
Underneath were miles of vaulted stores, furnaces, corridors etc.

IMAGINE

Sculptures adorning rooms including the Farnese Hercules & the Farnese bull (now in Archaeological Museum in Naples)



As you return from the Baths of Caracalla to the Colosseum

NOTICE

The remains of an extension to the Aqua Claudia which supplied the huge quantities of water required by the palaces of the Palatine hill

ARCH OF CONSTANTINE

Dedicated in 315AD - celebrated the battle of the Milvian Bridge.
Incorporating various sculptural pieces from earlier monuments

LOOK AT

Dacian prisoners (at the top) from a building of Trajan's time
Panels from the time of Marcus Aurelius between the prisoners
Round panels from Hadrian's reign

THE VATICAN CITY

ST PETER'S

The church was said to have been built over the tomb of St Peter about 90AD close to the Circus of Nero - there is an early cemetery below it.
Constantine began the first basilica here.

LOOK AT

Bernini's piazza with its four rows of columns
The obelisk brought to Rome from Alexandria for Circus of Nero
The dome built by Michelangelo in the 16th century
The façade added in the 17th century



THE VATICAN MUSEUMS

Any student of Classical Civilisation could spend hours in the museum so it is not possible in a small space to do more than mention a few possible things to look for:

Sculpture

In Room 15

In the Octagonal courtyard

In the Hall of the Muses

In Braccio Nuovo

Apoxyomenos

Apollo Belvedere

Laocoon

Belvedere torso

Augustus of Prima Porta

Doryphorus (the Spear bearer)

Greek vases

Ajax and Achilles playing a game (Exekias)

Mosaics

and, of course, the Sistine chapel.

8 * HOUSE OF SMALL FOUNTAIN (Reg VI, Ins 8, 23)

LOOK FOR Fountain decorated with shells & mosaic
Wall paintings - sea scenes

HOUSE OF ASELLINUS (Reg VI, Ins 8)

NOTICE Painting of Adonis & Venus in peristyle

9 HOUSE OF CASTOR & POLLUX (Reg VI, Ins 9, 6) (probably shut)

NOTICE Corinthian atrium (i.e. with columns supporting roof)
Kitchen in far left corner
4th style paintings
Lararium in peristyle 1
Fishpond in peristyle 2

HOUSE OF MELEAGER (Reg VI, Ins 9,2) (probably shut)

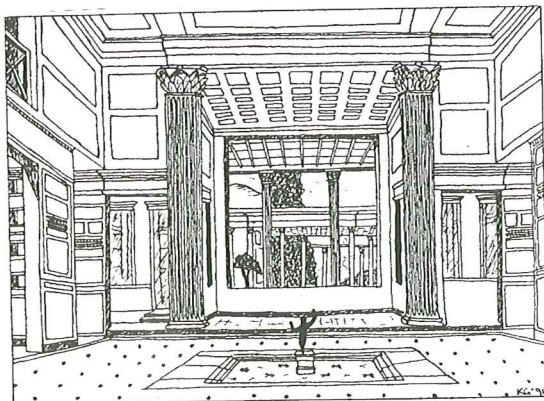
LOOK FOR Atrium with marble table
Tablinum behind
Peristyle to side with fountain

10 TOWER OF MERCURY

Part of fortified walls of city
Originally a gate, remodelled into tower with two floors above ground level

11 * HOUSE OF THE FAUN (Reg VI, Ins 12,2)

This is a good house to study in detail - its plan is quite easy to follow
One of the early houses, it fills the whole block
It belonged to Saturninus Cassius



*The House
of the
faun*