

## Baths of Diocletian

Built at the end of the third century by the Emperor Diocletian and his brother Maximian, the baths were the largest in Rome and could hold more than 3,000 people. The Romans, apart from the wealthy ones, did not have running water in their homes, thus by necessity they had to use the thermal baths.

The baths provided facilities for group and individual bathing, saunas, gyms, massage rooms, and libraries. All around the complex, then as now, were porticoes. Entrance was free and both sexes were allowed, but, except for a few Emperors who permitted common use, men and women had to take their baths at different scheduled times.

### Museo Nazionale Romano Terme di Diocleziano

- Address:** Via E. De Nicola, 78      **Tel:** (+39) 06 477881; (+39) 06 39967700
- Open:** Tues - Sun 9.00 - 19.45 (Last entrance @ 18.45)  
24 & 31 Dec 9.00 - 17.00 (Last entrance @ 16.00)
- Cost:** General Admission: € 5,00. Free entry for those under 18 y.o.
- Closed:** Monday, 1 Jan, 25 Dec
- Metro:** Line A: Repubblica-Teatro dell'Opera, Termini
- Bus:** H, 16, 36, 60, 61, 62, 84, 90, 175, 492, 910
- Useful Info:** Guided visits €3.50 per person. For reservations call (+39) 06 39967700.

## Palazzo Massimo alle Terme

The palace was built between 1883 and 1887, designed by Camillo Pristucci on the ruins of Villa Peretti, built by Sisto V and owned by the Massimo family.

Villa Peretti was first damaged by the construction of Termini station and in 1883 was demolished. For almost a century, the palace was a prestigious college run by the Jesuits. Nowadays it houses the Museo Nazionale Romano.

- Address:** Largo di Villa Peretti, 1      **Tel:** (+39) 06 6872719; (+39) 06 39967700
- Open:** Tues - Sun 9.00 - 19.45 (Last entrance @ 18.45)  
24 & 31 Dec 9.00 - 17.00 (Last entrance @ 16.00)
- Cost:** General Admission: € 6,00. Reduced: € 3,00 for EU citizens between 18 - 25. Free entrance for EU citizens under 18 and over 65 years old.
- Closed:** Monday, 1 Jan, 25 Dec
- Metro:** Line A: Repubblica-Teatro dell'Opera, Termini
- Bus:** C,H, 16, 36, 38, 40, 64, 86, 90, 92, 105, 157, 170, 175, 204, 217, 310, 360, 492, 590, 649, 714, 910
- Useful Info:** Advance ticket reservation: € 1.50. Reservations recommended for groups over 12 people at a cost of € 25,00.

## Santa Maria degli Angeli

The church overlooking Piazza della Repubblica is Santa Maria degli Angeli, designed by Michelangelo, who made use of the main hall of the Baths of Diocletian.

Inside there is a large 18th century sundial used until the middle of the following century, when it begun the practice of marking the time with the cannon on the Janiculum hill. This cannon is still working today to indicate midday.

- Address:** Piazza della Repubblica
- Open:** 7.00 - 18.00

## **Piazza della Repubblica**

Romans call it Piazza Esedra because of the exedra of the Baths of Diocletian, on the foundations of which rose, at the end of the 19th century, the two semicircular palaces with colonnades designed by Gaetano Koch.

In the center of the square stands the 19th century fountain by Alessandro Guerrieri, decorated at the beginning of the 20th century with bronze sculptures by Mario Rutelli.