

Under 101 Lower Thames Street lies **Billingsgate Roman House and Baths**. First discovered in 1848, with further excavations since, it was built in the late 2nd century around a courtyard with a north and an east wing (with underfloor heating). There was probably also a west wing. At this time the house was on the waterfront of the Thames. The bath house was added around the 3rd century. The building was in use until the start of the 5th century.



From the viewing platform: looking across the east wing towards the bath house



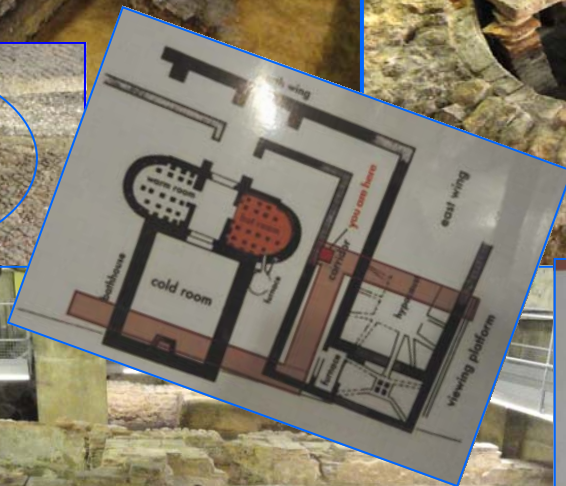
Furnace



Tiles supported on pilae as part of the underfloor heating system in the tepid room

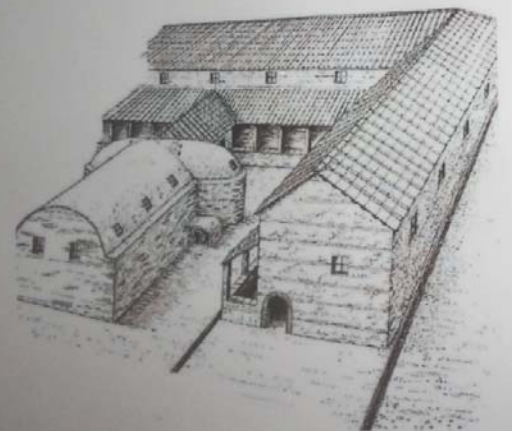


Tessellated floor in the cold room



Cold room

The bath house is built into the courtyard space of the house.



Free drawing of the excavated parts of Billingsgate house and bathhouse. © Museum of London

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