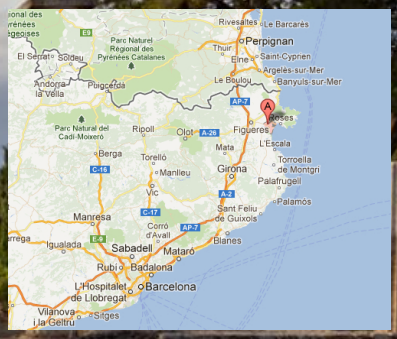
DOMUS ROMANA

Domus romana in Empúries(Catalonia)



the house of the two treasures (Alcúdia)

It is the typical Roman house, although only a minority of families could live in a house like that. The domus consisted of a single floor, or two maximum. It had the rectangular floor plan and was closed from the outside by uniform walls, with few windows. Lightening went through the center, through the atrium, or through the peristyle. It was the center of the primitive house and family life. It was a large space covered by a roof, except for a large opening (compluvium) that gave clearness and ventilation and dropped the rainwater in the impluuium, a rectangular pond that collected it and from which it passed into a cistern underground. The tablinum was located behind the atrium, It was the office of the father of the family. The cubicles or bedrooms were located at the sides of the atrium. Many houses had a garden (hortus) along the back wall.

Roman domus in the tourism museum of Cantabria.

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