**A FORUM**WAS **THE MAIN CENTRE** OF ROMAN CITY. IT SERVED AS A PUBLIC AREA IN WHICH **COMMERCIAL, RELIGIOUS, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** OCCURRED. FORA WERE COMMON IN ALL ROMAN CITIES.

(forum=singular, fora=plural)

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Roman forum and Imperial Fora

# ROMAN FORUM

THE MAIN FORUM OF THE CITY OF ROME WAS **THE FORUM ROMANUM** LOCATED BETWEEN THE PALATINE HILL AND THE CAPITOLINE HILL. IT DATES BACK TO THE TIME OF THE TARQUIN KINGS



THE NEED TO RENEW THE MOST ANCIENT ADMINISTRATIVE AND LAW STRUCTURES AND TO ADAPT THEM TO THE CITY’S NEW DIMENSION WAS THE PRETEXT THAT **JULIUS CAESAR** USED TO FINISH A BRILLIANT INITIATIVE OF SELF-REPRESENTATION BY **CREATING** ONE OF THE BIGGEST ARCHITECTURAL COMPLEXES OF THAT TIME: **THE FORUM OF CAESAR**. HIS PROJECT REQUIRED THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AT THE FLANK OF THE CAPITOLINE HILL

AFTER THIS, **EACH EMPEROR ADDED HIS PERSONAL TOUCH, BUILDING NEW AREAS** (NEW FORA), TRYING TO CONSTRUCT STATUARIES AND TEMPLES AND OTHER PUBLIC WORKS BY WHICH HE MIGHT BE REMEMBERED ( E.G. NERVA, VESPASIAN, TRAJAN)

Archaeological area of the Imperial Fora

# SOME BUILDING YOU CAN FIND IN THE ROMAN FORUM AND IN THE IMPERIAL FORA ARE:

## CURIA

The Meeting-Place of The Roman Senate

## BASILICA

In Ancient Rome, basilicas were the site for legal matters and a place for business transactions

## ARCH

The triumphal arch was a type of roman architectural monument built all over the empire *to commemorate* military triumphs and other significant events

## THE TRIUMPHAL COLUMN

The triumphal column was a type of roman architectural monument built *to commemorate* the emperor’s military victories.

**TEMPLE**

From the Early Republican period the forum space saw the construction of key temples, which housed the state treasury.

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