

Ancient floor mosaics of Philippopolis: discovery and exploration, technique and preservation*

[Ancient synagogue](#) – Plovdiv Mosaic Tour's site

Mosaic layers: **one**, **two** or **more**

site/mosaic	discovered	2 nd c.		3 rd c.		4 th c.		5 th c.		6 th c.		mosaic technique and preservation status
Western thermae (Balkan Cinema) • first building period (I bath) • second building period (II bath)	1938-1939											<i>opus tessellatum</i> + <i>opus vermiculatum</i> detached, stored; centaurs' scene preserved <i>in situ</i>
Eastern thermae (Gruev Str. /Terter Str.)	1946; 1996											<i>opus tessellatum</i> detached, transferred, stored
Djambaz tepe (22-24, Ceretelev Str.)	1957											<i>opus tessellatum</i> detached
Nautical scene whit Eros ('Museum of Thracian Culture' archaeological site)	1976-1977											<i>opus tessellatum</i> + <i>opus vermiculatum</i> <i>in situ</i> sand protection
Ancient synagogue (Dimitrova Str., block 22) • first building period (Synagogue I) • second building period (Synagogue II)	1981-1982											<i>opus tessellatum</i> + <i>opus vermiculatum</i> detached, transferred, stored menorah displayed (Archaeological museum)
Narcissus building (Dimitrova Str., block 22)	1982											<i>opus tessellatum</i> + <i>opus vermiculatum</i> detached, transferred, stored emblem displayed (Archaeological museum)
Residential building's bath (<i>apodyterium</i>) (Dimitrova Str., block 21)	1983											<i>opus tessellatum</i> detached, transferred, stored fragments displayed (Archaeological museum, Trakart)
'Birds' mosaic (from a room encroached by the Residency as late as 4 th c.)	1983											partly detached, transferred, displayed (Archaeological museum)
Residency	1983											<i>opus tessellatum</i> detached, transferred, stored
Late Antique building "Eirene" • first building period (Eirene I) • second building period (Eirene II)	1983-1984											<i>opus tessellatum</i> + <i>opus vermiculatum</i> preserved <i>in situ</i>
Great basilica = Episcopal basilica of Philippopolis [see detailed chart]	1983-1986 2015-2020											<i>opus tessellatum</i> + <i>opus sectile</i> the upper mosaic excavated in 1980's (nave, southern aisle) is detached, transferred, displayed (Bishop's basilica visitor center) recently excavated mosaics are preserved <i>in situ</i>
Small basilica (Dimitrova Str., block 23) • first building period • second building period (baptistry)	1988-1998											<i>opus tessellatum</i> detached, transferred, re-laid <i>in situ</i>
Early Christian martyrium (Gidik Str. / Bozveli Str.)	1993, 1995											<i>opus tessellatum</i> detached, transferred, stored
Early Christian building (4, Pushkin Str.)	2005											<i>opus tessellatum</i> + <i>opus vermiculatum</i> detached, transferred, displayed (Archaeological museum)

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