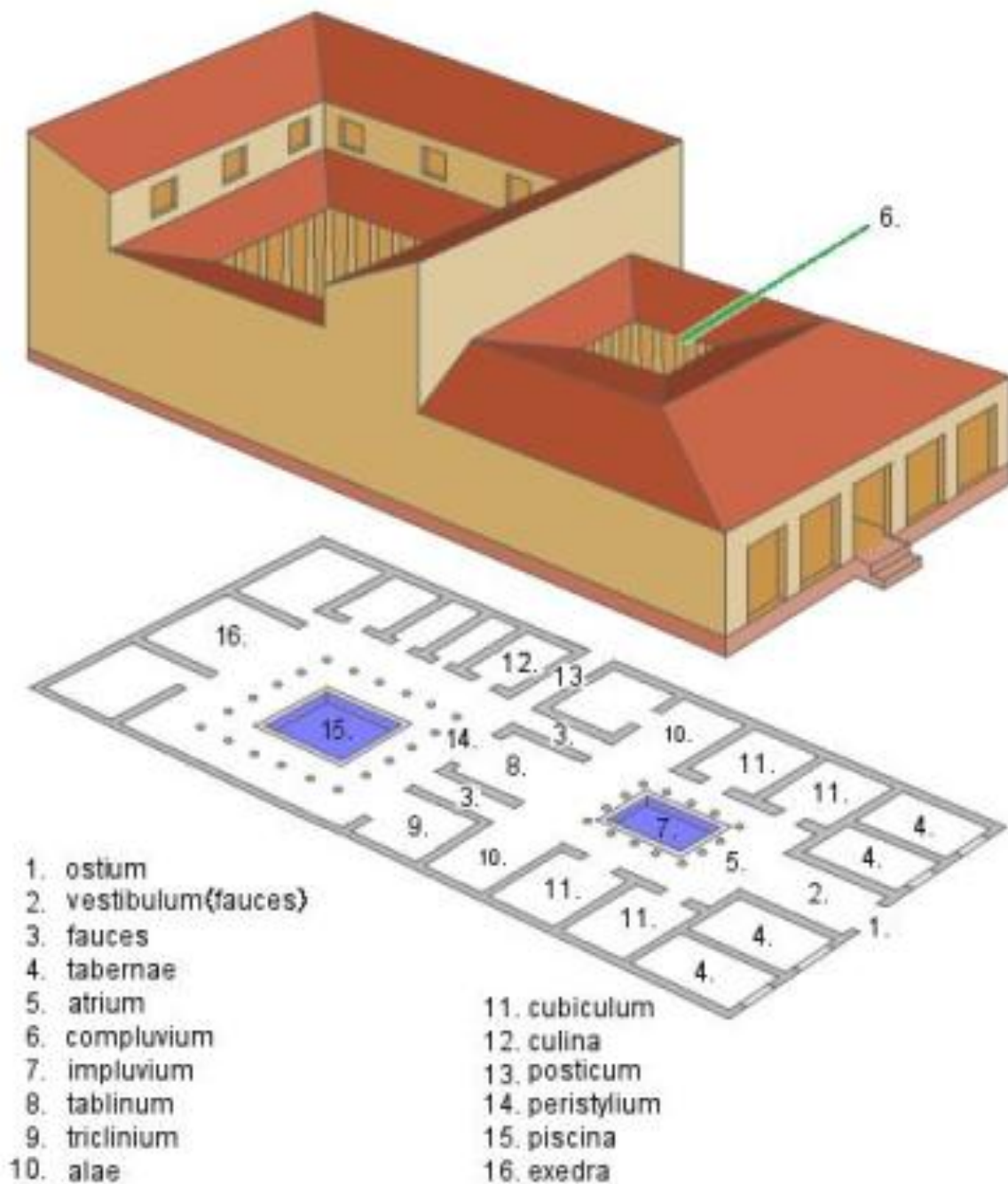


The wealthy elite lived in large single family homes called domus. These homes were much nicer than the insulae. Most Roman houses had similar features and rooms. There was an entryway that led to the main area of the house called the atrium. Other rooms such as bedrooms, dining room, and kitchen might be off to the sides of the atrium. Beyond the atrium was the office. In the back of the home was often an open garden.



Here are some of the rooms in a typical Roman house:

Vestibulum - A grand entrance hall to the house. On either side of the entrance hall might be rooms that housed small shops opening out to the street.

Atrium - An open room where guests were greeted. The atrium typically had an open roof and a small pool that was used to collect water.

Tablinum - The office or living room for the man of the house.

Triclinium - The dining room. This was often the most impressive and decorated room of the house in order to impress guests that were dining over.

Cubiculum - The bedroom.

Culina - The kitchen.