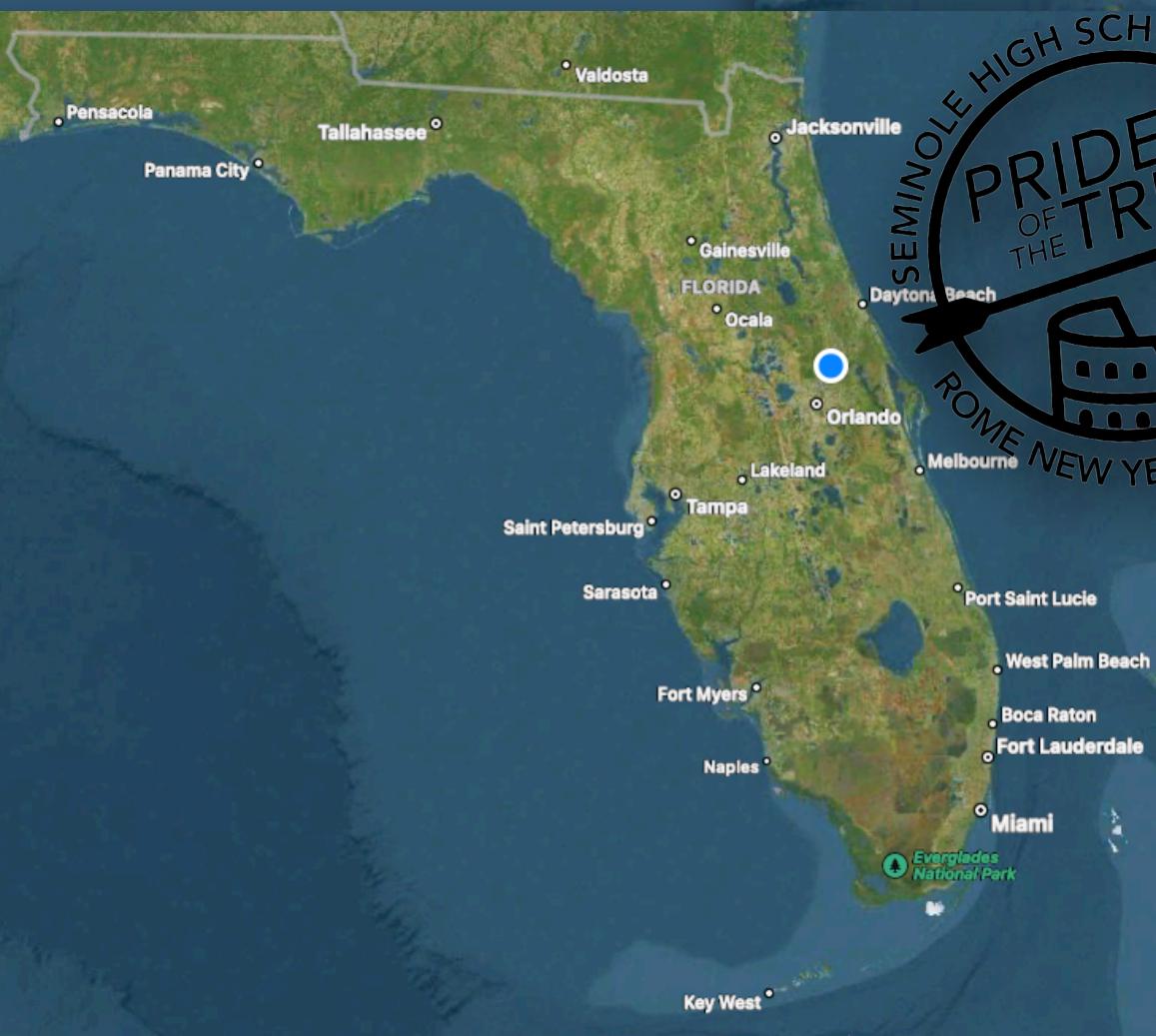


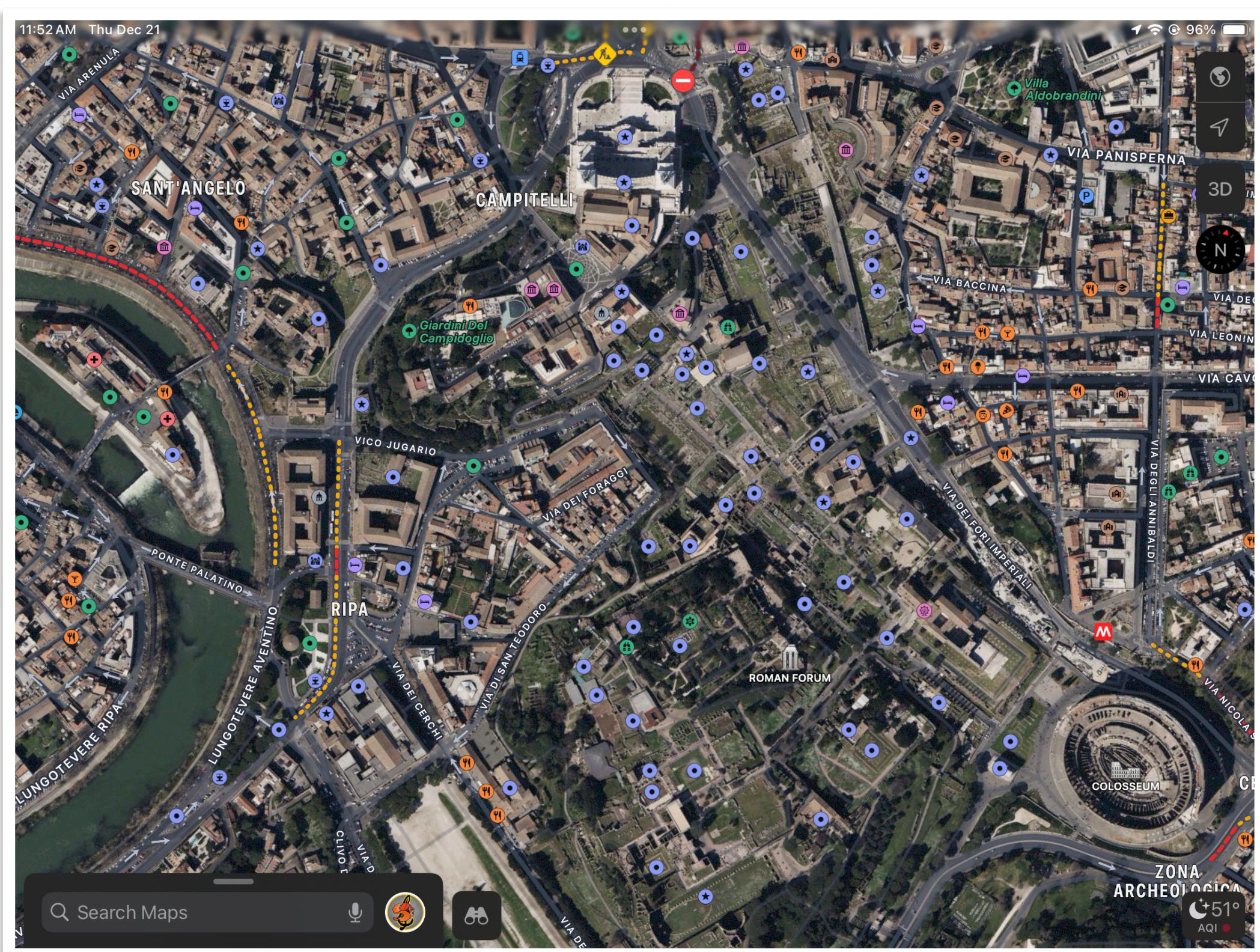
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PART III
THE COLOSSEUM



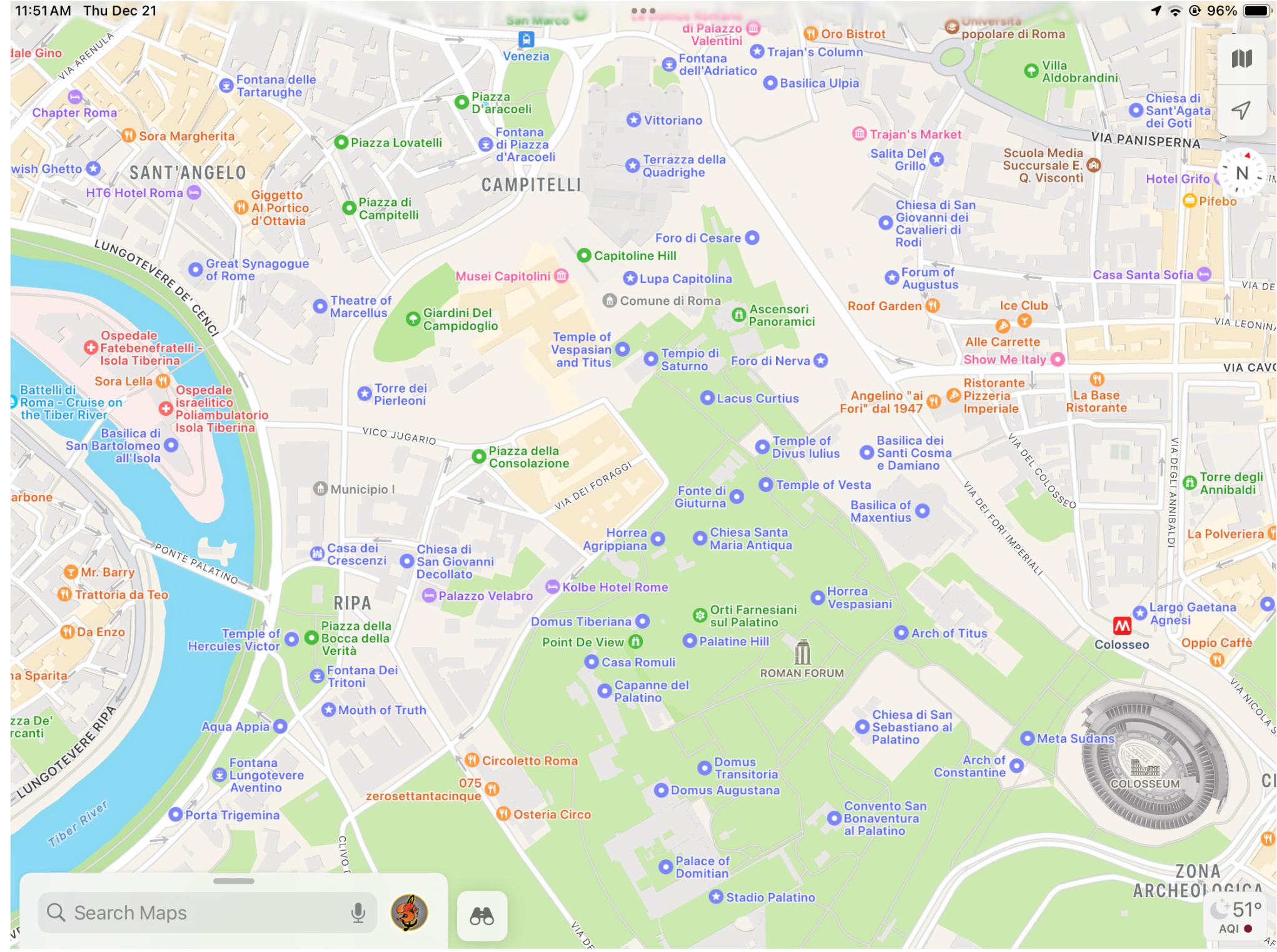
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The Colosseum

The Colosseum in Rome was the Empire's biggest amphitheatre, a building for open-air shows. It seated 50,000 visitors, who came to watch men, called gladiators, and wild animals fighting and being killed for entertainment.

WHAT'S IN THE COLOSSEUM?

- A **Imperial box** The emperor and his family sat in a big box in the front row.
- B **Lowest level** The richest male citizens sat in the lowest level, where they had the best view.
- C **Middle level** Ordinary male citizens sat in the second level.
- D **Highest level** The highest level was for women and foreign visitors to Rome.
- E **Arena** The arena, or fighting area, had a wooden floor covered with sand to soak up blood.
- F **Gladiators' entrance** The show began with a parade by the gladiators, who entered through this gateway.
- G **Statues** The outer walls were decorated with statues of gods and emperors.

