

# Al-Franj: the Crusaders in the Levant | Culture in the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem

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Another contemporary historian and traveller, al-Hurawy (d. 611 / 1215) recalls seeing the Crusader metal grille around the rock: ‘I saw this rock at the time of the Franks; it was north of this dome [of the Aqsa Mosque] and was surrounded by an iron fence like a house is. The height of this iron fence which encloses the rock is two fathoms’.



**Name:**  
Metal grille/enclosure

**Dynasty:**  
Hegira 6th century / AD 12th century Crusader

**Details:**  
Islamic Museum, al-Aqsa Mosque / al-Haram al-Sharif  
Jerusalem

**Justification:**  
An example of ironwork imported from Europe, this grille once formed a fence around the venerated Rock located at the centre of the Dome of the Rock.

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