

# The Normans in Sicily | Royal Art and Architecture

'Some royal Norman churches were built on the remains of Islamic sites.'

The religious architecture of the Norman court can be seen in a number of churches that were built around existing structures from the Islamic period.



**Name:**

Remains of an Islamic building in the complex of the church of San Giovanni degli Eremiti

**Dynasty:**

Fatimid

**Details:**

Palermo, Sicily, Italy

**Justification:**

Structural remains from the Islamic period can be seen in the south wall of the church, which was used as a burial place for court dignitaries.

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The first church built by the Norman conquerors in Palermo, probably on the site of a wing of an existing Arabic castle described as being surrounded by a palm grove.

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