

The Atabegs and Ayyubids | Travelling and Trading

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Under the leadership of the Atabegs and Ayyubids, cities in Syria and Jazira became important political, economic and cultural centres. Soldiers, scholars, traders and craftsmen were all attracted to the region making it a vibrant social hub for Arabs, Persians, Turks and Kurds. This resulted in a rich multi-ethnic and multi-lingual society.



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Ewer (ibrik)

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Hegira 627 / AD 1229 Zangid (Atabeg)

Details:

Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts
Sultanahmet, Istanbul, Turkey

Justification:

An example of inlaid metalwork produced in Mosul in the early 7th / 13th century. A much prized technique, the craftsman of this vessel probably came from Khurasan in flight from the Mongol invasions.
