

Santa Maria Maggiore Church



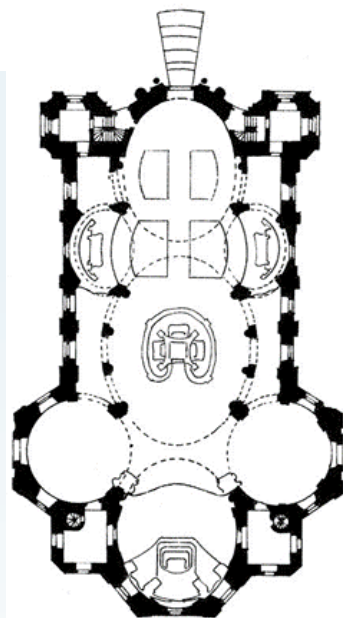
The date of construction refers to the 12th century but it was completed and rebuilt in the 16th century after the seismic events.

The façade

Characterized by a large staircase, it is combined into two parts:

its lower part has three stone portals decorated by short pilaster and half columns and two eye-windows standing above the side entrances.

The bigger central portal presents two side small columns standing up a stone base decorated with allegoric embellishments. In the superior part there is a beautiful tufaceous rose window.



Map of **Santa Maria Maggiore**

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Rende

Rende has a population of over 35.000 inhabitants and it's in constant expansion.

Rende has its various neighbours: **Quattromiglia, Roges, Saporito, Commenda and Arcavacata.**

Several service industries are based here and at Arcavacata, stands the modern University complex designed by *Vittorio Gregotti*. A number of multinational buildings are linked together by a series of internal walking areas and large open spaces designed for aggregation. The university is also residential, organized on the lines of the American campus.



The **Historic Centre of Rende** deserves a visit. Apart from the "Museo Civico", which houses interesting works by *Mattia Preti, Cristoforo Santanna, Francesco De Mura and Teodoro D'Errico* and which is to be found with the folklore museum in the 18th century "Palazzo Zagarese", we also recommend a visit to the "Church of the Rosario" and the "Church of Santa Maria Maggiore". In the charming historic centre with its ancient buildings we find the Church of Santa Maria di Costantinopoli", which, contains beautiful paintings by *Cristoforo Santanna* from RENDE. Particularly interesting is the "Church of San Francesco", another 16th century building that houses interesting works of art.

The Norman Castle



The Norman Castle devoted to the Byzantines, was useful to defend themselves from Saraceni's attacks.

Location: Rende, Dei Mille Street.

Date of construction: 937 B. C.

Brief History: The Norman Castle was rebuilt in the 1132, because of an earthquake.

Its origins are uncertain; the building is attributed to the Byzantines but later it was conquered by the Arabs and after them, by Ruggiero II of Sicily in 1132.

In 1184 the castle was damaged and Frederick of Sweden rebuilt it, so it was named "Norman Sweden Castle". In 1459 the Spanish used it as a military place. After many other earthquakes the Borbons used it as a prison.