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## Archaeologists discover Byzantine monastic complex in Istanbul

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**Aerial view of Monastic Complex from South (2009 Season)**

The Küçükalyalı Arkeopark, a large archaeological area on the Asian side of Istanbul, hosts the only surviving Byzantine monastic complex in the city, the head of the excavation team says. The 9th-century complex contains gorgeous marble floors, valuable mosaics and beautiful art objects that she hopes to see in a museum someday

The only surviving Byzantine monastic complex from 9th-century Constantinople has been uncovered in the Küçükalyalı Arkeopark, located on the Anatolian side of Istanbul, the Italian head of the excavation team said Thursday.

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