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but it was still a Roman and Early Christian landscape when the French arrived. In the space of two generations, this was destroyed, just as

were many ancient remains in France, in part because "real" architecture was Greek, not Roman.