

NORTH BUILDING

This building is the large chapterhouse from the priory era, modified by the alterations undertaken in the mid-15th century.

This space, which was originally constructed with three arches of large dimensions, was divided into compartments in the 15th century, when a new room was created. All we can say about this room, which was created during the mid-century alterations, is that it was made with abundant re-used construction materials.



This large room has been subject to intense structural deterioration, and of the priory era only the perimeter walls and the bottoms of the 6 arch bases remain. The general appearance of this room would have been that of a very large wide-open space. To gain an idea of the chapterhouse we should study the church, which must have been similar.

Of the monastery, the entrance door remains, located on the west side of the room. On either side one can also see the bases that held up the large archways, which would have been integrated into walls constructed later that made the space smaller.

In the north perimeter wall several small rectangular openings can also be seen, which we have interpreted as overflow drains. Were they really for drainage? Most probably, since the terrain of the main courtyard would make the water of the entire complex circulate towards the north of the constructions, causing the water to accumulate on this large room.

The two rooms to the east of the large hall may have been used as a service, kitchen or pantry area during the monastic era.

