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Find the lost treasure of Al-Muqtadir: 50,000 gold coins that never reached their destination. From Ramiro I to Juana Enriquez, all the Aragonese kings and queens have tried to find the treasure. But is it real or just a legend?

The route runs through Sos del Rey Católico, Uncastillo, Bolea, Loarre, Huesca, Barbastro and Alquézar. You can follow this route on foot, by bike, on horseback or by doing it in several different stages. In each of the stages, you have other great treasures to discover: Romanesque, medieval architecture, magnificent buildings and wonderful memories.

The treasure is in one of the towns, or perhaps in all of them. We've left clues to help you to find it. Remember, all the clues and hints are in the Geocaching app. Turn on your GPS and begin the search!

## THE HISTORY OF THE TREASURE

Finally, the town of Barbastro falls! Al Muqtadir and his followers thought we would never take it back. Us! A handful of mountain folk, without the riches of Denia or Valencia - yet we have snatched it back from you.

A glorious campaign. God protect all those who have helped us: Ramiro I for taking this city from the infidel. All have been great companions. From my brother-in-law the Count of Urgell to the Bishop of Vic, the Baron of Lower Normandy, the Count of Poitiers and the Duke of Aquitaine. All Christians against the Muslims. But in the final accounting, damn our luck, there has been a treasure that we have not found - the sacks of 50,000 gold coins that the Lord of Zaragoza had to pay to the Lord of Lérida for his protection. We had sent a dozen men to guard the gold on its journey. I know that they entered Barbastro and that, except for one of the men guarding the sacks, all have died.

Where can those sacks be? One of the guards was carrying a document. But they are just unconnected words, gibberish. They name several cities: Barbastro, Alquézar, Bolea, Loarre, Huesca, Uncastillo and Sos.

I must recover the booty. In Barbastro there was plenty, but we had to share it between all of us. But with those 50,000 coins, I can build a house and make my lineage great. For Aragon! I must find the treasure.

# ALQUÉZAR

Alquézar the irregular, the adventurous, the beautiful. It is one of the most beautiful cities in Aragón. The charm of Alquézar lies in the irregularity of its layout, its construction method and its colour. Alquézar is like a siren. When you see her, you are lost. You can not do anything but love her.

We're going to give you some clues so that you can find the treasure. They are spread throughout the city. Remember to bring paper and pen. When you have them all you will have the key to unlock the location of the treasure.

You must enter it in

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## THE HISTORY OF THE TREASURE: SANCHA D'ARAGON

Petronila was not the first to look for the treasure. Not at all! Before her, her aunt Sancha de Aragón, her father's sister, desperately searched for it.

Sancha had been present at the fall of Barbastro. She was the wife of the liberator of the city, the Count of Urgell. She knew every blow, every sword thrust and the desperation of the battle; and she also knew the story of the secret from beginning to end.

Doña Sancha knew that the treasure was not in Barbastro. How could it be there if they had turned everything upside down! There was not another millimetre to search. No. It could not be in Barbastro. But yes, very close... Alquézar Her brother had conquered the town a few years before Barbastro, and although it was now under Catholic control, Muslim people still lived there. Surely they had been welcomed, and surely she would find the treasure there.

# ROUTES AND CLUES

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## THE SMILE OF THE WIND

One of the first things that attract your attention when you get to Alquézar is its location - At the top of the cliff, with long slopes and divided by a river. Do you know what river it is? How many letters does it have?



## PORTALÓN AND THE HOUSE OF THE DOCTOR

On the wall of the doctor's house, you will see the name of the street. It is dedicated to one of the most famous inhabitants of Alquézar: Pedro Arnal Caveró. Do you know what he did? Count the letters of his profession.



## RAFAEL AYERBE SQUARE

Alquézar has been Muslim, Christian and also something magical. When you walk through the square, you will see amulets hanging on the lintels - things like wild boar feet or dried plants. They are there to ward off evil spirits and attract fertility to the lands and the farm animals.

How many boar's feet are there? That will be your clue.



## COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SANTA MARÍA LA MAYOR

In the cloister of the College, at the top of one of the column "capitals", you will see a female dancer. We only ask you for the number of letters in her name. It is easy. This dancer is biblical, and if you look, they are giving her a head on a silver platter.



## BARRANCO DE LA FUENTE

When the monumental fountain was built, a cross was engraved on the stone. They hoped it would protect the water from poisoning, tainting and drought. You will also see a shield. It has the year of construction on it. Add up the numbers until there is only one digit left. Save the clue.

# WHERE IS THE TREASURE?

Remember that the results of the clues are numeric keys that must be in the same sequence as the route that we give here.

When you unlock it, you will find the treasure.



## BRIDGE OF VILLACANTAL

The Romans were great builders, so much so that many bridges built centuries later are also said to be Roman. This is the case of this bridge at Villacantal that is from the XVI century, although "popular opinion" says that the Romans built it.

How many eyes does the bridge have?



## TREASURE

The treasure really exists. And it is waiting for you to find it. For the game to continue, sign on the signature sheets, and if you want, you can swap the contents of the treasure. But do not take it or the game will end.



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