

BARBASTRO

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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.

BARBASTRO

Our story begins in Barbastro - the capital of Muslim Barbitania and of the Christian Somontano. A place rich in heritage, culture and cuisine that invites you to explore and enjoy the slow life. 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 www.prepirineoclandestino.prepyr365.com/Barbastro

THE HISTORY OF THE TREASURE: PETRONILA DE ARAGÓN

Petronila liked silence. Which is why was she alone all her life. She did not remember her parents. They left when she was still very young. She was not even two years old when they decided her destiny and left her. She was the first Queen of Aragon. A position that many would have liked. Queen without a kingdom, married at two years old, and alone. But feeling sorry for her would not please her. She descended from great kings: Sancho Ramírez, The Fighter. He had to overcome compassion and fight for his future.

He was told about Al-Muqtadir's treasure by his aunt Sancha de Castilla, who was obsessed with it and with raising funds for her return to Europe. Petronila's objective was more banal: survival. While it is true that she was the real queen of Aragon, it was also true that she seldom made a decision about anything. She remembered other queens who had ended up in small convents, with nothing. Petronila did not want to end up like that, she wanted comfort in her retirement and for that she needed money. When she started her search, she thought that perhaps it had never left Barbastro. She had been a part of this city, almost since her birth, so spent her time looking for it here.

Of the Barbastro in which they had betrothed her to the count of Barcelona, there is not much left. The clues that she had to follow have become blurred, but we have new clues that will guide you to the exact place where Petronila may have found the treasure. And who knows? It might still be there.

ROUTES AND CLUES

When you have all the clues, go to
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CATHEDRAL OF BARBASTRO

A XVI Century Selfie

In the sixteenth century they also made selfies. Of course not as quickly as now. Search the high altar for the selfie that the sculptors made of Master Formet and his wife. Count the number of angels around them. It will be your first clue to unlocking the treasure.



DIOCESAN MUSEUM

Fantastic animals.

Count the number of fantastic animals you find in the Museum. Manticores, dragons and defeated demons expressively representing evil. Don't forget to look at the ceiling. They can be anywhere.



MARKET SQUARE

Porticoed Market

There are no remains of the original 15th-century market except for some of the typical arched porticoes which have been maintained. Count how many columns there are in the square. Add up the number until there is only one digit left.



MAIN STREET

Pilgrimage to Santiago

In the main street many noble families had their homes. For example the Facetos, of Sin in the Gistau Valley. At number 6 you can see their noble shield. How many shells appear?



COSO

Trees, I love you so.

El Coso was built in 1848 over the towns main drainage culvert, converting a fetid ravine into the most bourgeois street of Barbastro. Trees were planted in it: identify them. Add the letters of their name until you have only one digit left.



THE COMPLEX OF SAN JULIÁN

Discover the local “Designation of Origin”. Somontano uses a great variety of grapes to make its wines. If you paid attention in the Wine Space, it would be clear. What number of varieties make up this Designation? Add the numbers until you have a single digit.



COMPLEX OF SAN FRANCISCO

Oil and water - a bad combination

How many parts of water are mixed with one part of oil to make the famous Castile Soap with which Petronila and also some very famous knights from Flanders, would wash themselves. Take only the second number of the ratio, and we will give you the geolocation of the treasure.



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.

Enter the password at:
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