

UNCASTILLO

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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.

UNCASTILLO

Uncastillo is one of those places where you discover something new every time you visit. A charming town. Very charming. It is as if it had been planned from its very beginning in order to create a harmonious result in all its streets, squares and alleys.

Surprise yourself at every step and you will fall in love with Uncastillo: it's inevitable. We're going to give you some clues so that you can find the treasure that is spread around the town. 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 here: www.prepirineoclandestino.prepyr365.com/Uncastillo

THE HISTORY OF THE TREASURE: BLANCA DE NAVARRA

María de Luna was a great woman and a great strategist. Her legacy was profound for her descendants. Blanca de Navarra was María de Luna's daughter-in-law and wife of Martín el Joven (Martin the Young). Intrigued by Maria's story and seeing that she needed funds to continue ruling in Sicily after her husband's death, she looked for money wherever she could find it. Blanca recalled that there are two Aragonese towns very close to the Navarre border, that appear in Petronila's papers : Uncastillo and Sos.

She knew the area, which was very close to her house, and it would take little effort to send someone to search for the treasure. She focuses her search on Uncastillo, because it seems that the Arab or Jewish community there could easily have hidden the treasure without raising suspicion. Uncastillo was a busy commercial town in a flourishing area. An ideal place to store treasure.

ROUTES AND CLUES

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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN (IGLESIA DE SAN JUAN)

Holding up the door

At the door of San Juan, stone beams hold up a horizontal lintel. How many? That will be your clue.



SANTA MARIA

Marine Animals

Romanesque sculptors were fascinated by variety: dragons, lions, monkeys, women, birds, and a special friend... You will only see it when you go into the church and look up to heaven. What is it? How many letters does it have?



BARRIONUEVO STREET

Economical beauty

At number 18 of this street you have a beautiful example of traditional architecture. In this house, as in others in the city, you will see an unusual way to beautify the doors. This thing showed the quality and economic power of the householders. But of course, then you have to make doors that fit and that is more expensive. Which is why they were not too fussy about perfectly rectangular doors. If you know what we are talking about, write down: What shape is the thing that you are seeing? Count the letters. It will be your clue



CASTLE

Call to battle

During your visit to the Tower of Uncastillo they will teach you about an object that was used to give warning of danger. The one you'll see here is a copy of Gastón de Bearn's (1090-1131) original. He was Uncastillo's tenant Lord. The original is in the museum in Zaragoza. Do you know what object we are talking about? Add up the letters



SAN MARTIN DE TOURS

Fantasy a gogó

In the interior of San Martín de Tours you will be surprised by lots of things. But there is an access way to the chapel on the right side of the presbytery that deserves some extra time. Among the elephants, griffins, centaurs and lions, how many unicorns are there?



MARKET SQUARE AND THE FISH MARKET

Are you cheating me?

If you had any doubt about being cheated when buying fabric in the Uncastillo market, you had no problem. At the door of the fish market you will find a measuring rod carved in stone. Having a yardstick to measure length indicates the strong presence of the wool and cloth trade in the town. But how long is the Uncastillo measuring rod? Add the numbers until you have a single digit.



CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL (SAN MIGUEL)

Stonemasons marks

The facade of St. Michael's is full of stonemason's marks. What letter is it, and what place does it occupy in the alphabet? That's the Bonus clue. The writer scribbled his full name, but not everywhere. You will find the complete signature next to the access doorway of the house located on the south side of the first section of the nave, and on the lower part of the buttress that serves as the right side of the portal. Do you know what it says? We accept bets.



TOWN HALL

Hidden message on the façade.

In addition to the 7 virtues there are two sculptures on the façade of the Town Hall. It was not known who they represented until José Manuel López studied them. After analysing engravings of the time as well as other sculptural items, he concluded that they were Carlos V and Isabel de Portugal. The sculptors included them to epitomise an ideal of good and just government. But that is not the clue. At the entrance door, where the information panel is located, how many blowing angels can you see?



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