

Torre de Alfarp, Alfarp

Ribera Alta, Valencia, Comunitat Valenciana, Spain
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The Torre de Alfarp is part of the Muslim defensive network of the Valencian farmhouses of La Ribera del Xúquer.

The Alfarp Tower is a 12th century Almohad construction built on Roman remains. Its purpose was to protect the population from Christian incursions into the rural farmhouse, which took refuge there in case of danger, and to safeguard the livestock in an enclosure attached to the tower called the albacar. In addition, the towers of the Ribera Alta communicated with smoke signals between them, thus forming a defensive cordon. With the Christian conquest, the tower was integrated into the manor house. Throughout the centuries the Arab tower has been and still is a symbol for the population, marking its identity and landscape, as reflected in the coat of arms of Alfarp.



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