



# 4. FARMHOUSE OF ALBA AND HERMITAGE

TOURIST ROUTE THROUGH SOUTHERN VILLAGES - LA TORRE-FAITANAR

## GENERAL MAP OF THE ROUTE



## LOCATION OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION



## HISTORY

The farmhouse of Alba is located at the boundary of the traditionally cultivated area belonging to La Torre, delineated by the path of the old road to Picassent and the Favara irrigation ditch, which separates it from the Faitanar orchard. Situated at the end of Alba Road (**photos 1 and 2**), this farmhouse is one of the most renowned in the area and features an attached hermitage (**photos 3 and 4**), where, as described in the itinerary at point 2, large festivities are held in June.

The farmhouse is situated near the area known as "els Quatre Camins" (the Four Crossroads), where Alba Road, the old Picassent road, the Tres Cruces Road, and l'Assagador de la Baixada dels Bous intersect. The Picassent road, historically one of the most significant in the orchard, retains some stretches paved with rodono (a reddish stone typical of the Calderona mountain range) and cobblestones.

Adjacent to this road, behind the Alquería de Alba, stands an old boundary cross, marking the jurisdiction of the city of Valencia, and a small bridge over the Favara irrigation ditch, now covered. Nearby are lush trees of various types, including olive, palm, fig, and bay trees (**photos 5 and 6**).

The farmhouse of Alba was owned by the Marquess of Llaneras and may have been one of the farmhouses already depicted on the Casaus map from 1695, although its current construction appears to date more from the 18th to 19th centuries.

Comprising three residences, it features a bell gable in the center with a small bell used to call for mass or to pray the Angelus when the hermitage was served by a priest attending to the local farming community. The priest could stay overnight in rooms within the farmhouse designated for residential use. This hermitage, attached to the oldest house, is dedicated to Our Lady of the Aurora, having previously been dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary.

The farmhouse of Alba is situated in a productive orchard environment that provides a picturesque landscape, where fields are still irrigated with water from the Favara irrigation ditch (**photos 7 and 8**).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Address:** Road to Alquería de Alba, alongside the old Picassent road and Alba Road.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Once you cross under the Alba Road via the CV-400 underpass, there is only a narrow sidewalk on one side of the road and not along its entire length. Pedestrians should take appropriate precautions when walking along this stretch.

There are no reduced mobility parking spaces nearby.





**PHOTO 1 and 2.** The Farmhouse of Alba



**PHOTO 3.** Access to the hermitage





**PHOTO 4.** Entrance door to the hermitage



**PHOTO 5 and 6.** Boundary cross on the old Picassent road and bridge over the Favara irrigation ditch





**PHOTO 7 and 8.** Surroundings of the Alquería de Alba. Horses training for "tiro y arrastre" (pull and drag competition).  
Irrigation ditch of the orchard.

