

Chapter 6: The Town of Aliaga in Teruel, Spain

It is believed that the name “Aliaga” derived from the name of the First Gobernadorcillo (Aliaga’s First Mayor) Aniceto Ferry’s hometown called Aliaga, Province of Teruel, Autonomous Community of Aragon, Eastern part of Spain.

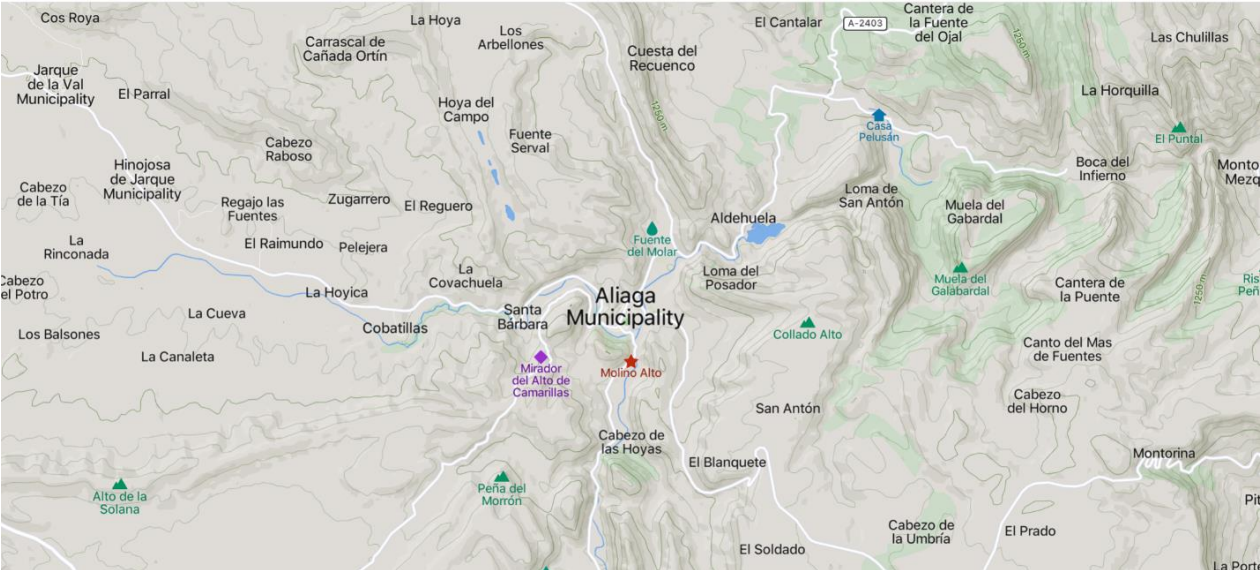
Based on research (Moreno 2023), discovery of Town’s Establishment (Archdiocese of Manila Archives 1849) and Parish Decree of Establishment (Archdiocese of Manila Archives 1849) showed that January 3, 1849 was Aliaga Foundation Day (not February 8, 1849) and that February 27, 1849 was the Parish Establishment date (not April 26, 1849).

The new discovery also showed that the first Gobernadorcillo (Town Mayor) was in fact, Aniceto Maria Muñoz (not Aniceto Ferry). The name Aliaga “perhaps” was given as a name recall from a town nearby Don Aniceto’s hometown in Los Navalucillos, Province of Toledo, Spain. Familiar town’s name in Spain are Aliaga, Zaragoza, Jaen, and Talavera which in fact are the towns next to Aliaga, situated in the province of Nueva Ecija, Philippines. Aliaga (Spain) is not Don Aniceto’s hometown as earlier recorded, proven by his birth record that he and his family came from Los Navalucillos, Toledo, Spain (Moreno 2023).

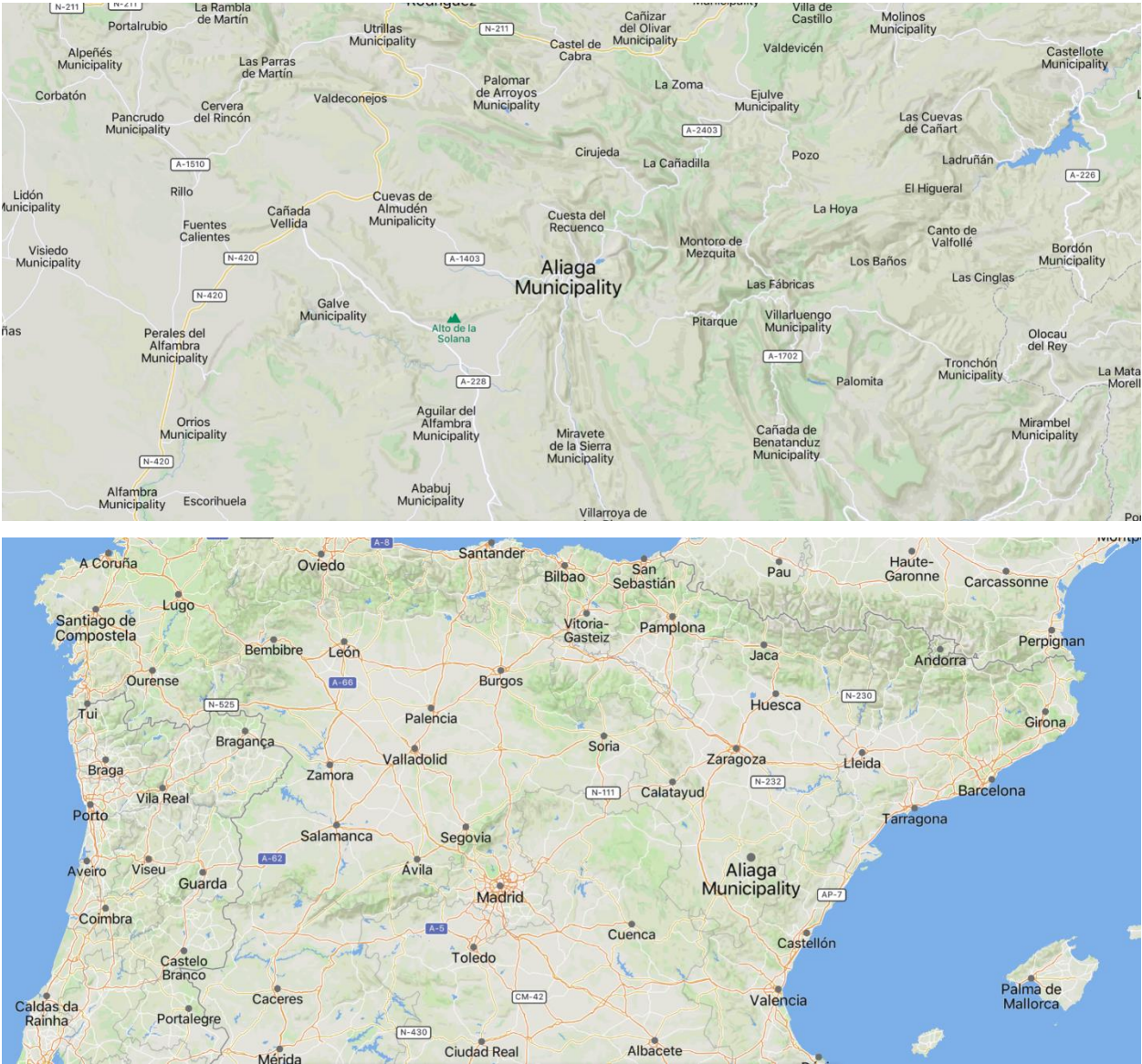
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Aliaga (Spain) is a Municipality located in the Province of Teruel, Autonomous Community of Aragon, Eastern Spain. Teruel is bordered by provinces of Tarragona, Catellon, Valencia, Cuenca, Guadalajara, and Zaragoza. Its population (Municipal Register of Spain 2018) is 134,572. Aragon is an Autonomous Community in Spain, coextensive with the medieval Kingdom of Aragon. It comprises of 3 provinces: Huesca, Zaragoza, and Teruel; with Zaragoza as its Capital.

Map1-3: Municipality of Aliaga, Toledo, Spain.



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Statute of Autonomy declares Aragon a historic nationality of Spain. According to Hudson Institute of Mineralogy (2023), Aliaga is located in the area that consists of the group of mines namely: Sedimentary Rocks of Cretaceous, Jurassic, and Tertiary Age. The mine area is known for “**Lignite**” the brown coal used in the boiler to generate electricity.

Image 1: Lignite (Brown Coal)



The region of Cuencas Mineras is located in the north of the province of Teruel. This geotourism paradise with a strong and deep-rooted mining identity has the First Geological Park of Spain in the town of Aliaga. Geological Park of Aliaga has formations almost unique in the world; where the layers stacked one on top of the other. Cuencas Mineras also reserves a space for culture and history with one of the most beautiful Mudejar churches in Aragon.

This has proven that Aliaga, Teruel, Spain ***does not have Salt Mine***. The geographical feature in Aliaga (Spain) has Lignite Mine or Coal Mine (Moreno 2023).

Image 2: Geological formations in the Aliaga Geological Park (Go Aragon 2022)



Image 3: Interior of the Mining Museum of Escucha (Go Aragon 2022)



Image 4: Entrance to the mine in the Mining Museum of Escucha (Go Aragon 2022)

