



CASA TORRE (TOWER HOUSE)*

* building totally or partially in ruins

You can find this point of interest in Ossuccio - Path 1 - Stage 2

INFORMATION

Location: the ruins of the Casa Torre (Tower House) stand on the hillside on the northern shore of the Comacina Island.

Paving: the footpath along the Casa Torre is unsurfaced in that particular section.

Architectural barriers: information on accessibility is available in the description of Stage 2.

Access: it is an archaeological site, it is therefore advisable to observe it from the outside.

Services: -

Leisure and food: a bar and a restaurant are available on the Island.

DESCRIPTION

(Drawn from the descriptive panel on site)

«The best preserved example of the buildings used for housing or public use in the Island is the so-called Tower house. The remains of the Tower house stand 3 meters high. The building is almost square in plan (5×5 m). Approximately one third of the southern wall is cut into the rock, while the other three walls were built of ashlar masonry bonded with mortar. On the eastern side of the building there is a splayed door-jamb and a small slit window. On the lakeside wall there is a second slit window.

Though the structure of the building is very simple, as it was built in order to take advantage of the slope and the rock face, the dating is extremely uncertain. Similar structures have been built almost up to present day. However, the first settlement of the island was probably made between Late Roman times and the twelfth century».