



A distinctive and admirable kind of traditional architecture, which reflects the need for defense during a very turbulent era of the period 1770 - 1830, are the towers and the tower-houses, projects of Varvarita builders. They have three floors and defensive use is evident with battlements and ramparts.



In most cases, a central tall building is the core fortress, surrounded by smaller ancillary buildings. Typical examples are found in Soudena, Solo, Agia Varvara, Zarouchla, Kertezi, Kerpini, the home of the Pasha of Vrostena and Paleologinas Palace at Kalavrita.



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