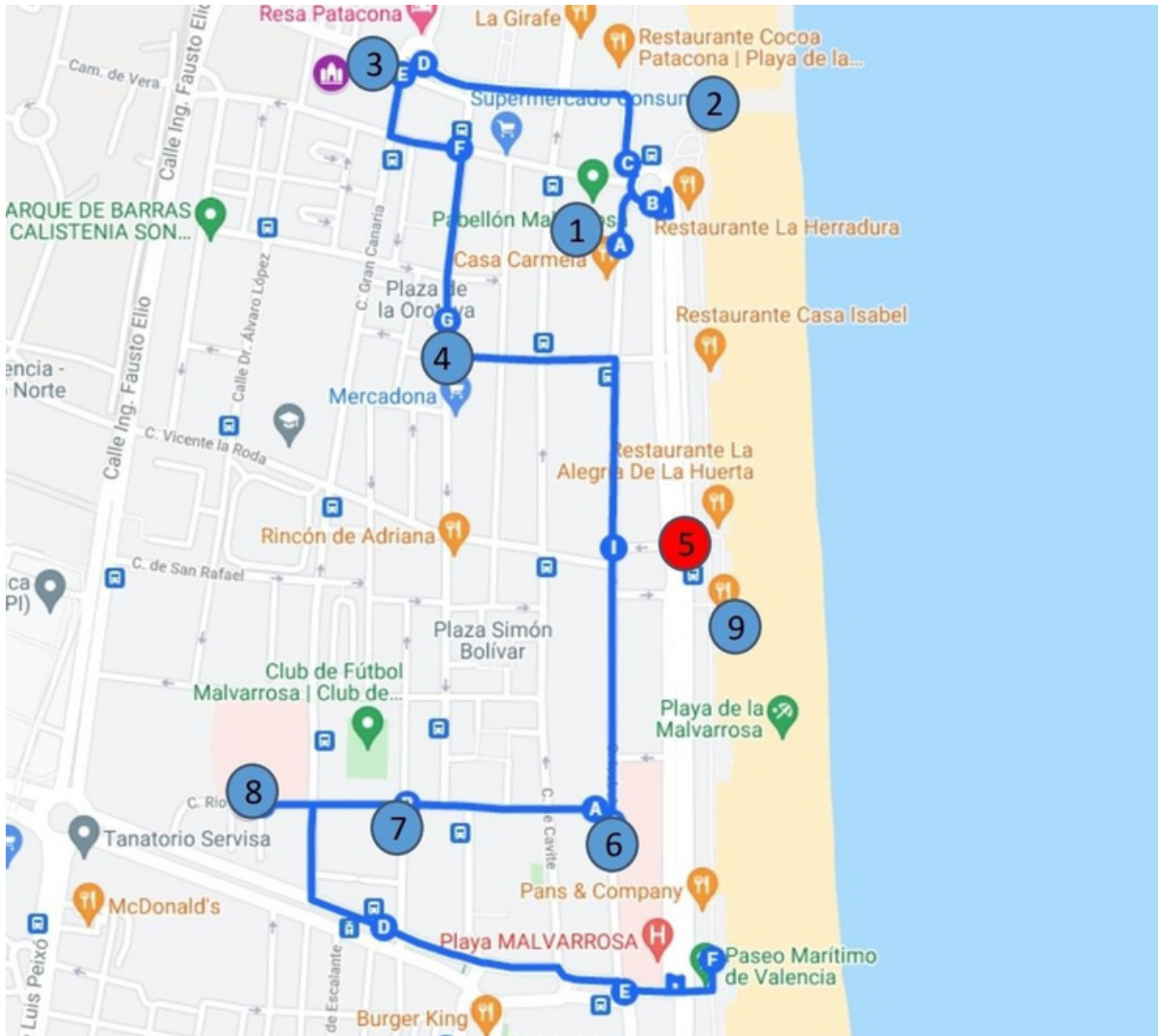


5. Old La Malvarrosa Aerodrome



La Malvarrosa was a **testing ground** for the development of **the new science of aerial navigation**.

The first **aviation competitions** were mainly held during the July festival.

The old Malvarrosa aerodrome was also used as **the landing strip of the French company “La Tecuere”**, for the first airmail planes from Africa, and as an **aviation practice area**.

In 1927, approval was granted for the construction of a new airport and in 1932 the first aircraft landed at Manises, Valencia’s current airport.

This space is currently occupied by the Blasco Ibáñez Public School.

The Eagle Patrol continues to conduct aeronautical demonstrations at the Malvarrosa air festivals.