

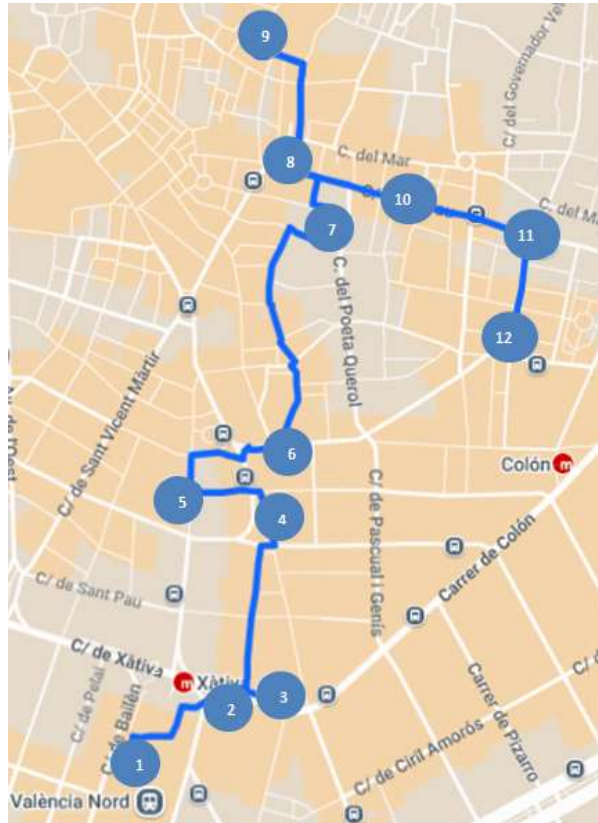


12. HOTEL ROYAL

ERNEST HEMINGWAY TOURIST ROUTE

GENERAL ROUTE PLAN

1. Estació del Nord
2. Plaça de Bous
3. Hotel Metropol
4. Edificio de Correos
5. Ajuntament de València
6. Hotel Reina Victoria
7. Hotel Inglés
8. Café El Siglo
9. El Micalet
10. Café Ideal
11. Hotel Vincci Palace
12. Hotel Royal



Hemingway was last in València in 1959, two years before he died from a gunshot wound at the age of 61 after years of depression and alcoholism (2 July at his home in Ketchum, Idaho). It was initially said to have been a 'gun accident' to protect his reputation, but his widow Mary Welsh (his fourth wife) confirmed that it was suicide. In the years before his death, he spent various periods in psychiatric hospitals receiving treatments such as electroshock.

On this last visit to València, accompanied by his friend Antonio Ordóñez, bullfighter and son of Cayetano Ordóñez, the journalist stayed at Hotel Royal, one of the city's most iconic establishments in the first half of the 20th century. This luxury hotel was designed by architect Luis Gay Ramos and was frequented by Valencian high society and distinguished visitors such as the most famous bullfighters of the time, hence it was considered to be a symbol of elegance and refinement.

One of the images preserved at the Bullfighting Museum of València shows Hemingway at this hotel next to bullfighter Antonio Ordoñez, a photograph taken by Paco Cano. After the war, the hotel continued operating for a few years but was demolished in the 1950s, with an office building erected in its place.

Only the façade remains in 2025.

Hemingway has also often been placed at the Hotel Excelsior (5 La Barcelonina Street), but this only happened on his last trip because the hotel was inaugurated in 1959. He may have stayed there or



visited a friend but there is no record or reference of this. At that time, it was a city hotel of functional design, typical of the architecture of Spanish hotels in the 1950s.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address: 23 El Pintor Sorolla Street.

ACCESSIBILITY

Access: Accessible via ramps and no steps.

Parking: No spots reserved for PRM nearby.

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