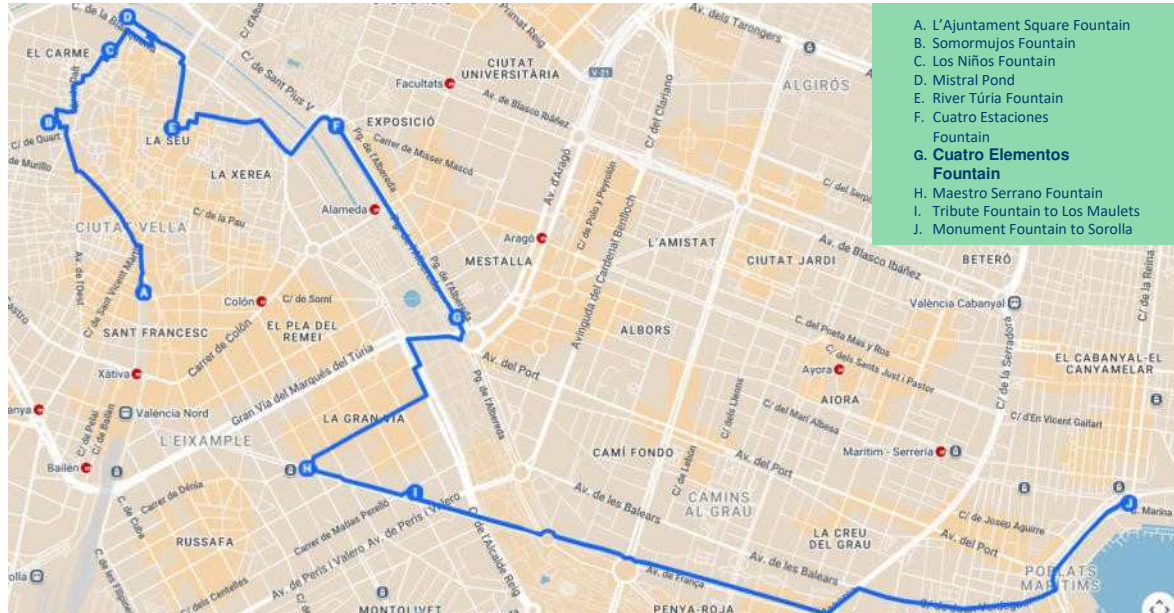




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GENERAL ROUTE PLAN



On L'Albereda promenade, you can find what was known as the fountain of El Mercat Square, where it was installed in 1852. It was cast in Paris according to plans submitted that year by the Royal Academy of Fine Arts of San Carlos.

In 1878, it was moved to the end of the promenade, close to La Mar bridge, for the July Fair; it was not installed at its current location on L'Albereda until 1934.

It was modernised in 1875 by adding figures of four children. The figures were commissioned from the Societ  Anonyme des Hautes-Forneaux, Les Fonderies du Val D'Osne and were created by sculptor Mathurin Moreau.

This fountain represents the Four Elements: Water, Air, Fire and Earth. According to many ancient doctrines, this group of elements was used to explain patterns in nature. The word element refers to the state of matter: solid (earth), liquid (water), gas (air) and plasma (fire).

Each child figure holds an object representing the element in their hands. The main body consists of an octagonal pedestal; the lower part features frames decorated with a scallop, a shield and a mask. In this middle of this fountain you can see children blowing their horns and several dolphins between the children.

It was last restored in July 2025. This involved cleaning the central monument and basin, inspecting and repairing the light fixtures,

pipes and external hydraulics, and painting the ensemble white.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address: El Pla del Real

ACCESSIBILITY

Access: Non-accessible square; it is a roundabout.

Parking: No PRM spots reserved nearby, the closest are at Jacinto Benavente Avenue and Sorní Street.