

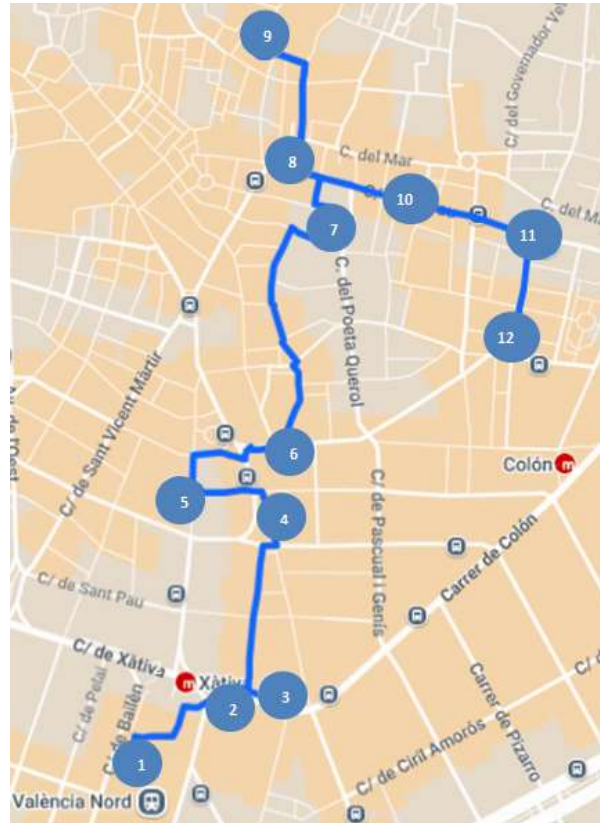


8. CAFÉ EL SIGLO

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



On the corner of La Pau Street and La Reina Square, this literary leftist was a popular meeting spot for left-wing Valencian authors of the time. Inaugurated in 1885 by Julián Urgell and Enrique Pastor, it was the first establishment in València to have electricity installed.

An Erard grand piano and billiard tables gave it a touch of distinction that led it to become one of the most exclusive social spots in the city.

Even though the café no longer exists, its legacy lives on as its sign can still be seen on the building façade, although the inside is very different.

Hemingway liked to soak up everything before putting it down on paper, as he notes in one of his early works, *Death in the Afternoon*. 'Now I know all about this and will write about it', he typed. And there's no better place to learn about society today than cafés. 'The café where they say you get your education learning who owed who money [...], who had children by who and who married who', he describes in the last chapter of the book in which he narrates his fascination for the art of bullfighting and the intensity and passion surrounding the spectacle, seasoned with reflections on violence, death, courage and traditions.

The chronicler ultimately turned his life into a perpetual victory within his defeat. Hence the core theme of his work was testing his own weakness to challenge it and end up feeling superior.



Hemingway acknowledged that he liked to walk around the 'labyrinthine' streets of El Carme, admiring the Torres de Quart and Serrans and enjoying the 'bustle of El Mercat Central'.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address: Corner of La Pau Street with La Reina Square.

ACCESSIBILITY

Access: Accessible via ramps and no steps.

Parking: Spot reserved for PRM at 28 Les Avellanes Street.

IMAGES



Café El Siglo façade in 2025.

