

VALENCIA

# SURVIVAL GUIDE

LUKE SKAIWALKER'S GUIDE:  
NAVIGATING THE PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT GALAXY!

# GREETINGS, FUTURE JEDI MASTERS AND PADAWANS!

WELCOME TO THE VIBRANT AND COSMIC REALM OF VALENCIA, WHERE THE FORCE IS STRONG, AND THE PAELLAS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD.

IN THIS INTERGALACTIC SURVIVAL GUIDE, WE'LL EQUIP YOU WITH THE WISDOM NEEDED TO NAVIGATE THE STARS, UNRAVEL THE MYSTERIES OF FALLAS, EMBRACE THE CELESTIAL WONDERS OF THE VALENCIANS, AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF SPANISH CULTURE.

AS YOU EMBARK ON THIS COSMIC ADVENTURE, MAY THE PAELLA BE WITH YOU, AND MAY THE FORCE GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE SUNNY SKIES OF VALENCIA!

-THE JED**AI**S



# SPANISH CULTURE

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# SPANISH CULTURE

## EPISODE 1

### GASTRONOMY:

Spanish gastronomy is not just about the food; it's a holistic experience. **Sobremesa**, the time spent lingering at the table after a meal, is an integral part of Spanish dining culture. Instead of rushing off, people engage in lively conversations, share stories, and savor the lingering flavors. It's a moment to connect with friends and family, making the meal more than just a physical necessity but a social event.



### FIESTAS:

Fiestas, or festivals, are deeply ingrained in Spanish culture, reflecting the country's rich history and diverse traditions. From the world-famous La Tomatina to local celebrations such as Fallas, Spain knows how to throw a party. Expect lively music, colorful parades, traditional dances, and, of course, fireworks. Participation is encouraged, so don't be shy – join in the festivities and immerse yourself in the joyous spirit of the event.

## ART AND HERITAGE:

Spain boasts an illustrious artistic legacy, from the amazing Sagrada Familia in Barcelona to the timeless tale of Don Quixote. With the world's third-largest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including breathtaking architectural wonders and cultural landmarks, Spain is a treasure trove of artistic and historical significance. Prepare to be mesmerized by the splendor of centuries-old masterpieces and immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Spain's cultural heritage.



## CULTURAL DIVERSITY:

Spain is a diverse country with distinct cultures and traditions across its regions, known as autonomous communities. Each community has its own language, traditions, and even cuisine. For instance, Valencia, the Basque Country, and Andalusia have unique identities that contribute to Spain's rich tapestry. Embracing and appreciating this diversity adds depth to your experience in Valencia and fosters a greater understanding of the country as a whole.

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# ABOUT VALENCIA

## EPISODE 2

ON LA PELLA ES UN ART I EL SÒL  
MAI FA SIESTA

(WHERE PELLA IS AN ART, AND THE SUN NEVER  
TAKES A SIESTA).





# FALLES: LA MILLOR FESTA DEL MÓN!

(FALLAS: THE BEST PARTY IN THE WORLD)

Fallas is an exuberant and lively festival celebrated in Valencia every March. The city transforms into a visual spectacle with firework shows, 'mascletàs' and gigantic sculptures, called "ninots," displayed throughout the streets. These elaborate and often satirical structures are made of combustible materials. The highlight of the festival is the "Oremà", where these sculptures are set ablaze in a spectacular display of controlled chaos, symbolizing the end of winter and the arrival of spring.



## HUMOROUS TWIST 😊:

**Valencian have a passion for setting things on fire** during Fallas. This tongue-in-cheek remark adds a touch of local humor to the cultural experience, emphasizing that the fiery displays are all in good fun and an integral part of the celebration.

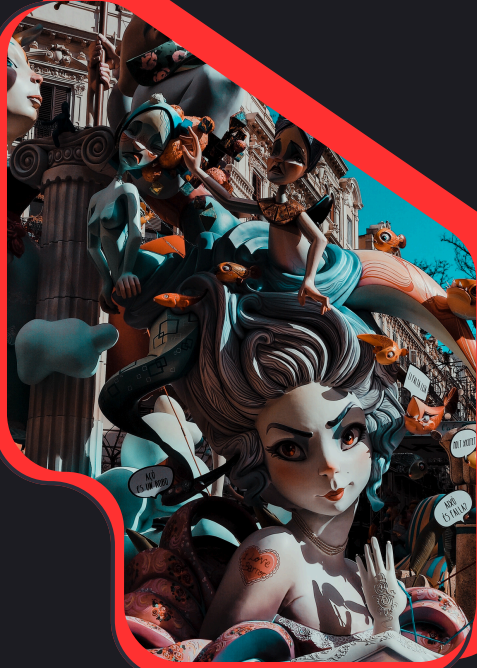


IT'S NOT THAT WE ARE PYROMANIACS...  
BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT WE DO LIKE TO  
SET THINGS ON FIRE...





# FALLAS IN PHOTOS



## VALENCIAN LANGUAGE:

Valencian, along with Spanish, is one of the co-official languages of the Valencian Community. While Spanish is widely spoken and understood, particularly in urban areas, learning a few basic Valencian phrases can enhance the cultural experience. Locals appreciate the effort, and it adds a layer of connection with the regional identity.

ENGLISH	VALENCIAN	SPANISH
HELLO!	HOLA!	¡HOLA!
GOOD BYE!	ADEU!	¡ADIOS!
HOW MUCH IS THIS?	¿QUANT COSTA AÇÒ?	¿CUÁNTO CUESTA ESTO?
I NEED TO GET TO VALENCIA	NECESSITE ARRIBAR A VALÈNCIA	NECESITO LLEGAR A VALENCIA
WHERE IS THE BATHROOM?	¿ON ESTÀ EL BANY?	¿DÓNDE ESTÁ EL BAÑO?
A BEER, PLEASE!	UNA CERVESSA, PER FAVOR!	UNA CERVEZA, POR FAVOR
COFFEE WITH MILK	CAFÉ AMB LLET	CAFÉ CON LECHE
YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL/HANDSOME	QUE BONICA/BONIC ERES	QUE GUAPA/O ERES
I'M SORRY	HO SENT	LO SIENTO
"BON APPÉTIT"	BON PROFIT	QUÉ APROVECHE



## BEST SIGHTS

### CIUDAD DE LAS ARTES Y LAS CIENCIAS:

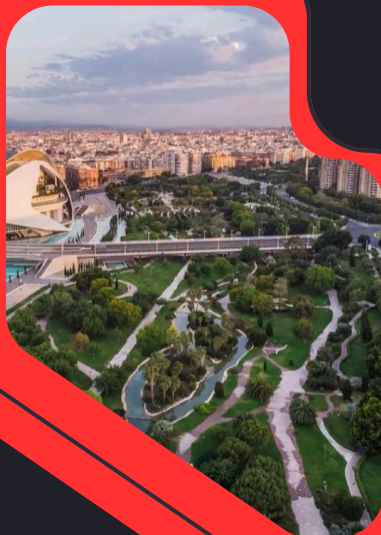
This architectural marvel is a futuristic complex that houses a planetarium, an opera house, and a science museum. The tip encourages participants to embrace the "future is now" vibe of this landmark, inviting them to explore and appreciate the cutting-edge design and cultural significance.

**Fun fact: some Star Wars scenes were filmed here!**



### TURIA:

The Turia River is a unique feature of Valencia, but it's not your typical river – it's been transformed into a beautiful park. Emphasize the unconventional nature of the Turia, which flows through the heart of the city, providing an urban oasis for recreation and relaxation.



## TORRES DE SERRANO:

These medieval towers are not just historical landmarks; they offer breathtaking panoramic views of Valencia. Encourage participants to climb to the top for a unique perspective of the city's rich history and modern charm.

## MERCADO CENTRAL, MERCADO DE COLÓN, LA LONJA:

Markets are not merely places to shop; they are cultural experiences. Highlight the vibrant atmosphere, diverse offerings, and architectural beauty of these markets, emphasizing the importance of immersing oneself in the local lifestyle.





## WEATHER

Valencia is known for its Mediterranean climate and its 300 sunny days a year, characterized by **hot summers** and mild winters.

There will be a lot of heat in summer, perhaps more than usual for you. But don't worry, we will make sure you stay hydrated and as cool as possible.

The advantage of the warm weather is that we also have the **beach next door**, so we will enjoy it!

The Mediterranean lifestyle is synonymous with sunny days and outdoor living, making Valencia an ideal destination for those who love basking in the sun.

## POSSIBLE WEATHER FORECAST:

24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						
31° / 21°	31° / 21°	31° / 21°	30° / 21°	32° / 22°	32° / 22°	30° / 21°



# FOOD

## PAELLA (DOS AND DONT'S)

### ◦ DO

- Put bunny
- Make vegan paella
- Use our own type of rice
- Put the rice in cross shape

### ◦ DON'T

- Put chorizo in the paella
- Drop the paella on the floor
- Set the paella on fire



## MORE LOCAL FOOD:



ARROZ AL  
HORNO



HORCHATA Y  
FARTONS



TORTILLA DE  
PATATA



JAMÓN  
SERRANO



ESMORZARET



TAPAS



AGUA DE  
VALENCIA Y  
SANGRÍA



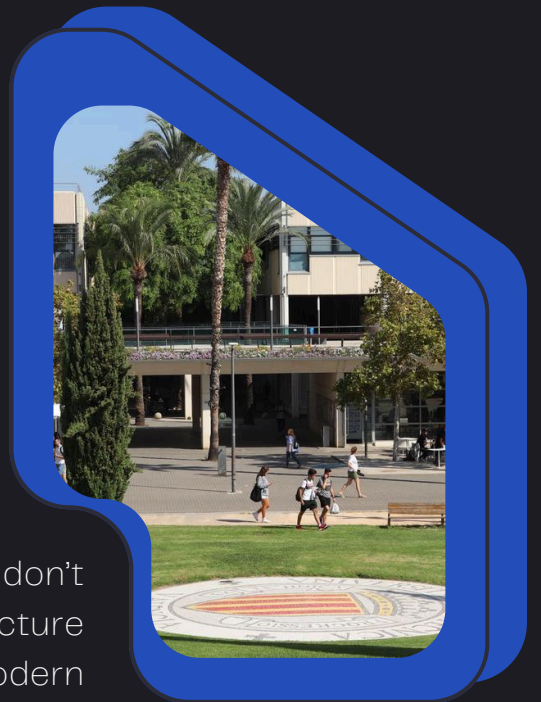
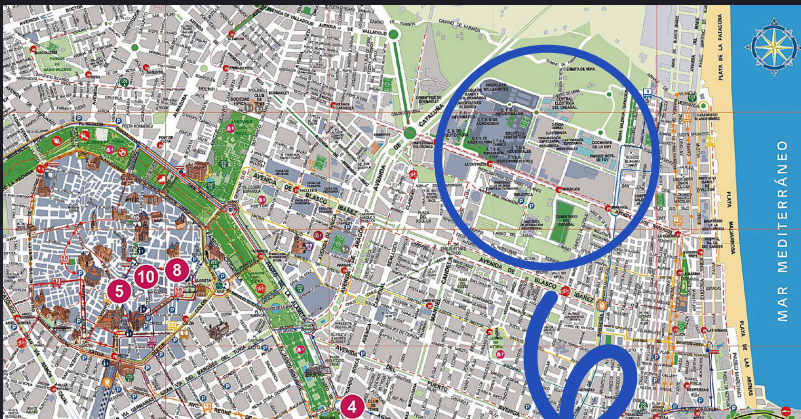
CHURROS



# **ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY**

## **EPISODE 3**

**THE POLITECHNICAL UNIVERSITY  
OF VALENCIA IS THE CENTER OF  
TECHNOLOGY IN THE CITY**



The UPV is a young university, so don't expect huge classes and architecture full of history. It is rather a modern campus with industrial facilities and lots of labs for investigation.

It is located between the city center and the beach, which makes it the perfect spot for students.

# BEFORE YOU GO

## EPISODE 4

### IDENTIFICATION

- ☐ ID card or passport
- ☐ VISA (if needed)
- ☐ Pocket money (EUR) (we will provide everything you need, but you may want to buy some souvenirs)

### HEALTH

- ☐ European Health Insurance Card or other insurance (necessary)
- ☐ Medicine (if needed)
- ☐ Toiletries

### CLOTHING

- ☐ House slippers
- ☐ Lightweight clothing
- ☐ Clothes for the parties
- ☐ Clothes that you don't mind getting dirty (you'll see why)
- ☐ Fancy clothes for one of the parties
- ☐ Fancy clothes for the closing ceremony
- ☐ Swimming suit & sunglasses

### OTHERS

- ☐ Beach towel and regular towel
- ☐ Sunscreen (very important)
- ☐ Flag from your country
- ☐ Food and drinks from your country or city
- ☐ Laptop

\*You **don't have to** bring bed sheets

# BEFORE YOU GO

## EPISODE 4

### ELECTRICITY

Connector type f



### EMERGENCY

- 112
- 091 (police)
- 080 (Firefighters)
- +34 963 079 800 foreign office information in English
- +34 900 22 11 22 (Red Cross)

### CURRENCY AND PRICES

- currency: €
- can use credit card
- prices of everyday items
  - coffee: 1.2€ to 2.2€
  - soft drinks: 0.75€ to 1.2€
  - bottle of water (small): from 0.35€
  - beer: from 1.25€
  - sangría: it is usually at 5€ in pubs. (It's usually expensive but coming to the course will make it cheaper 😊)
  - bus ticket: 1.50 to 2€
  - 10 metro/bus journeys: 5€
  - breakfast: from 2€
  - condoms: from 7€
  - sunscreen: from 5€



## TRAVELLING TO VALENCIA



### VALENCIA AIRPORT

(You can also arrive to Madrid or Barcelona airport and take a train or a bus (from 9 to 30€))



### ESTACIÓ DEL NORD

or

### ESTACIÓN JOAQUIN SOROLLA



### ESTACIÓN DE AUTOBUSES

## TO THE CITY CENTER

- **FROM AIRPORT**

- Line 3 or 5
- 3,90€ single pass
  - 20 mins aprox

- **FROM TRAIN STATION**

- You are in the City Center!
- To university: take metro to Benimaclet and then tram to La Carrasca
  - 20 mins

- **FROM BUS STATION**

- Walk 6 mins and take 28 line bus
- Walk 8 mins and take line 1 or 2 metro. In Àngel Guimerà take 3 or 5 line until Colón.

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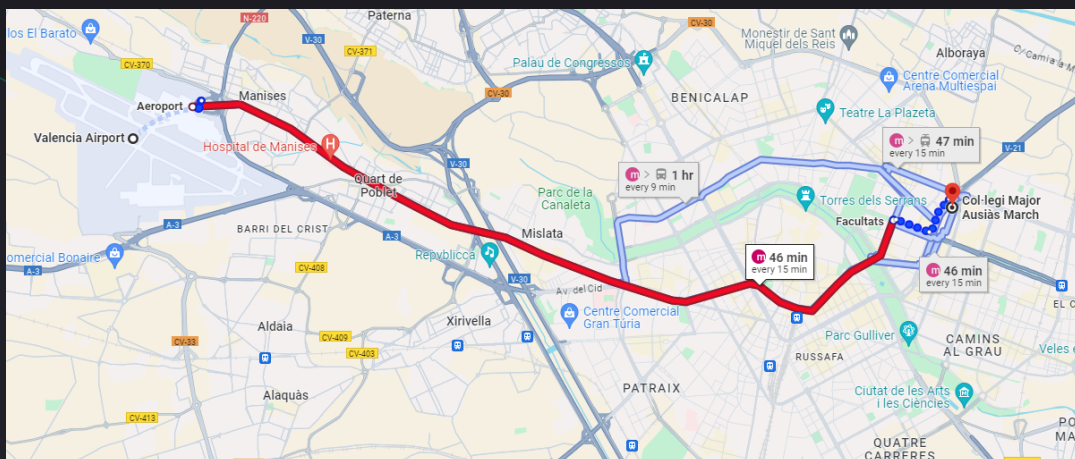
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## TO THE ACCOMMODATION (MEETING POINT) COLEGIO MAYOR AUSIAS MARCH

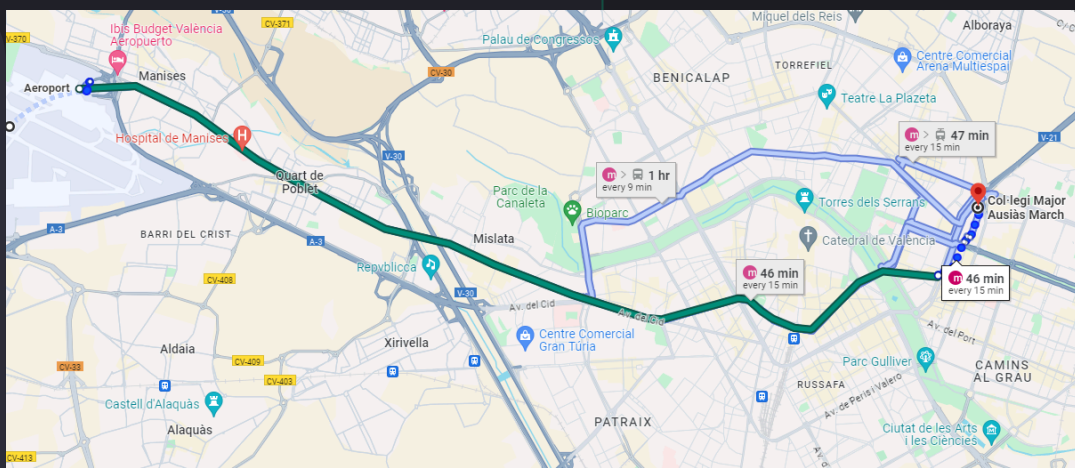
(Av. de Catalunya, 30, Algirós, 46021 València, Valencia)

### OPTION 1: SUBWAY (AREA AB) 3,90€

You can take line 3 (destination Rafaelbunyol) to the stop Facultats (there are 14 stops) and then you walk about 16 minutes.



You can also take line 5 (destination Martí Serrera) to the stop Aragó (there are 14 stops) and then you walk about 15 minutes.



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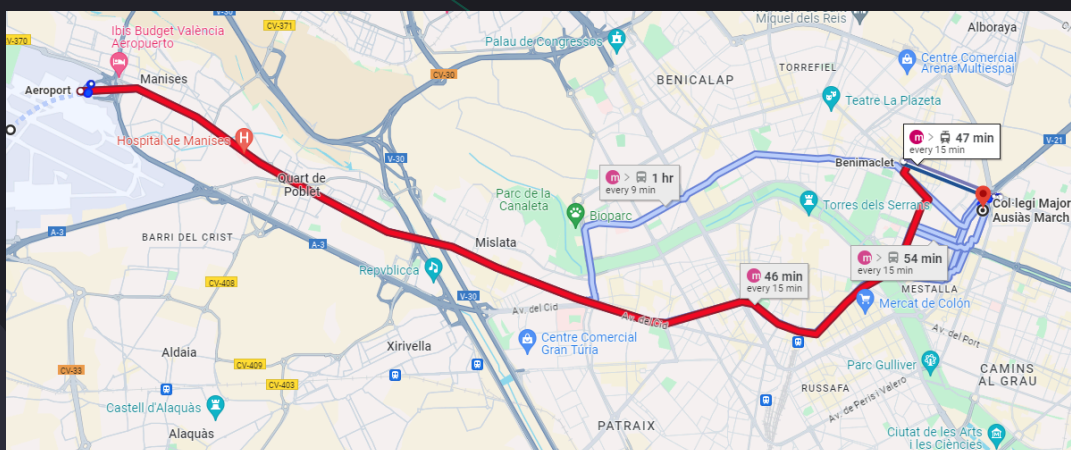
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### OPTION 2: SUBWAY (AREA AB) 3,90€ AND TRAM (AREA A) 1,50€

You can take line 3 (destination Rafaelbunyol) to the stop Benimaclet (there are 15 stops) and then you take the tram 6 (destination Marítim) or tram 4 (destination Dr. Lluch) to the stop Universidad Politécnica (there are 2 stops). Then you have to walk about 4 minutes.

You can buy the tram ticket at the airport or the stop Benimaclet.



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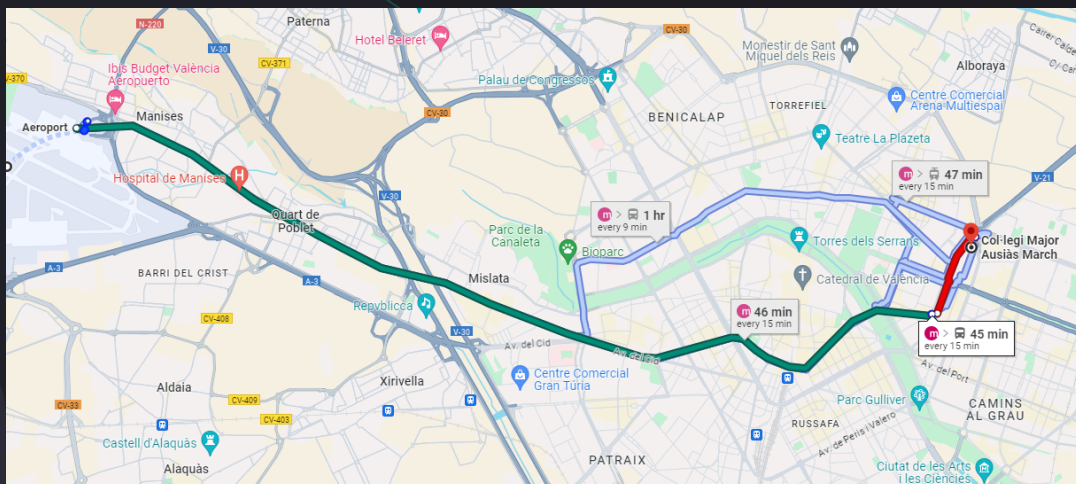
## TO THE ACCOMMODATION

### COLEGIO MAYOR AUSIAS MARCH

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### OPTION 3: SUBWAY (AREA AB) 3,90€ AND BUS 1,50€

You can also take line 5 (destination Martí Serrera) to the stop Aragó (there are 14 stops), then walk 1 minute and take the bus 93 (destination Passeig Marítim) to the stop Catalunya-Clariano (there are 3 stops, and keep in mind that you have to press the stop button). After that you need to walk about 2 minutes.





# TRAVELLING TO VALENCIA



## ESTACIÓN DEL NORTE

(Just in case you came by  
train from other city)

## TO THE ACCOMMODATION

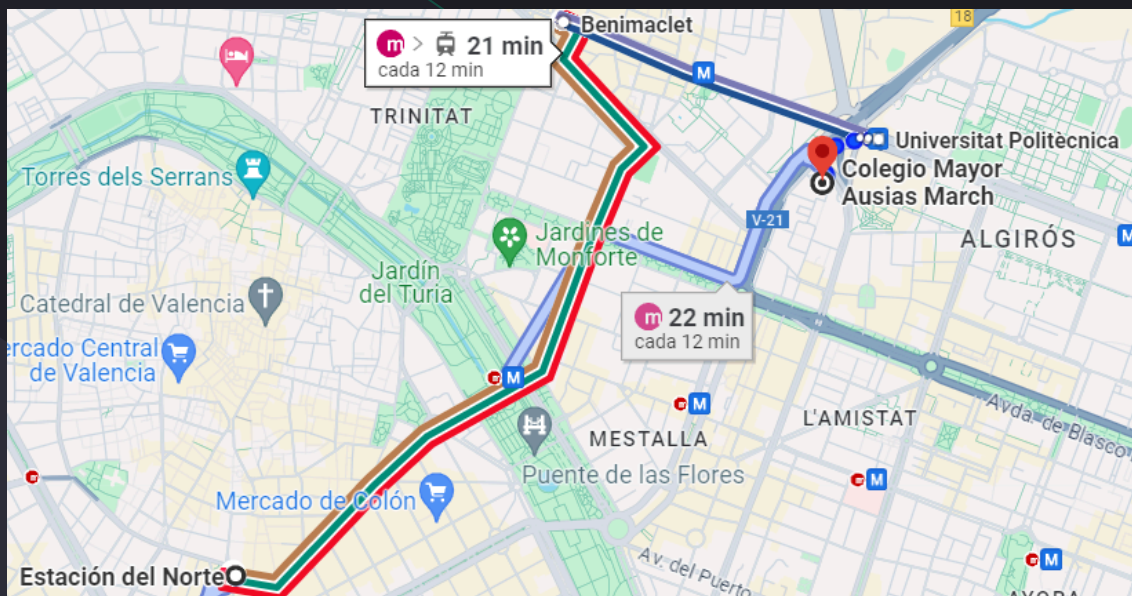
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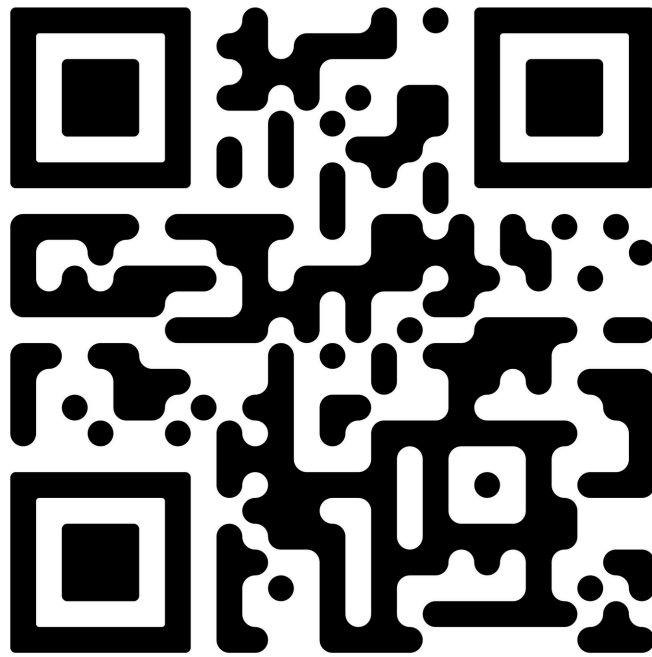
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You can take line 3 or 9 (destination Machado or Rafelbunyol) to the stop Benimaclet (there are 4 stops), then you take the tram 6 (destination Marítim) or tram 4 (destination Dr. Lluch) to the stop Universidad Politécnica (there are 2 stops). Then you have to walk about 4 minutes.

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METRO VALENCIA



Metro Valencia map

# EMBASSY

## EPISODE 5



### NORTH MACEDONIA

Avda. de San José de la Montaña 14

(+34) 963 230 601 and (+34) 695 575 845



### POLAND

Avda. Corts Valencianes 26

(+34) 963 580 002



### CZECH REPUBLIC

Calle Ibiza 15, Benidorms

(+34) 965 853 824 and (+34) 965 866 447



### SLOVAKIA

Calle Pinar 20, Madrid

(+34) 915 903 861



### HUNGARY

Calle Alvaro de Balzán 3

(+34) 963 933 631



### SERBIA

Calle Velázquez 3, Madrid

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### TÜRKKEY

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# EMBASSY

## EPISODE 5



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### PORTUGAL

Calle Lagasca 88, Madrid  
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### RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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### ITALY

Calle Dalt 37  
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### BELGIUM

Paseo de la Castellana 18, Madrid  
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### GERMANY

Avda. Marqués de Sotelo 3  
(+34) 963 106 253



### FINLAND

Conde Salvatierra de Alava 11  
(+34) 963 525 250



# EMBASSY

## EPISODE 5

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- ☐ ANDORRA  
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(+34) 914 317 453
- ☐ SLOVENIA  
Avda. Marqués de Sotelo 4  
(+34) 963 944 028
- ☐ FRANCE  
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- ☐ GREECE  
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  - From the main staircase, last door on the right.



# THE JEDAIS

## EPISODE 6



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*SEE YOU IN JUNE!*