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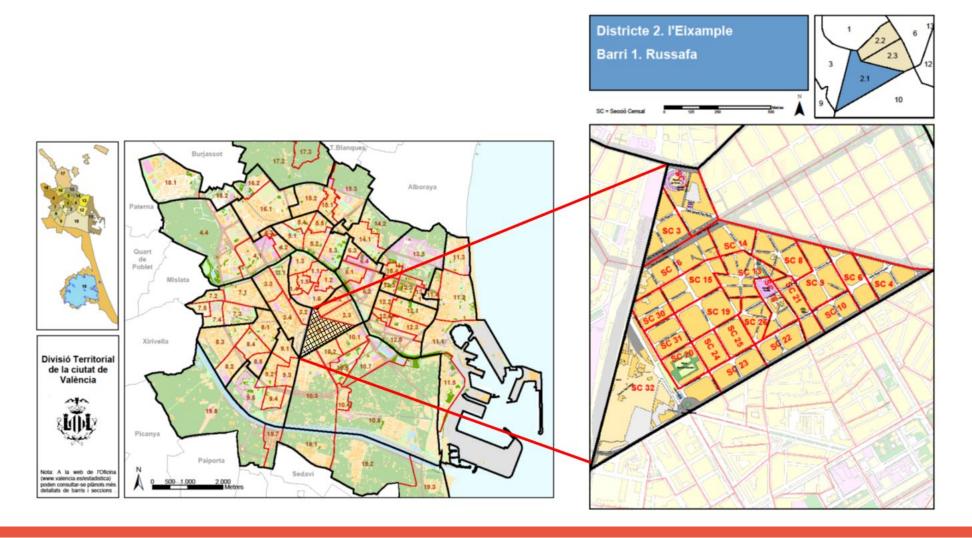






Russafa neighborhood



















Russafa case study: urban fabric and route







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Main landmarks of the Russafa neighborhood tour



- 1. Historic centre. San Valero church. Historic origins and urban fabric.
- 2. Pedestrianization process. Cura Femenia St.
- 3. A struggling neighborhood: finghting for a primary school (5 Puerto Rico St.)
- 4. A creative neighborhood: Cultural spaces: "la Escuela de Russafa" (32 Denia St.)
- 5. A creative neighborhood: new Theater spaces: "Sala Russafa" (55 Denia St.)
- **6. From deprivation to speculation:** Denia and Filipinas Streets
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- **8. From deprivation to real state speculation** ("Singular-Stays Parque Central, 31 Buenos Aires St. / Cowork Ruzafa 2, 23 Buenos Aires St.). Touristic Apartments and Airbnb
- **9. A struggling multicultural neighborhood:** "Jarit" (10 Buenos Aires St.)
- 10. Puerto Rico and Sueca St. / Nightlife and noise
- 11. Cuba St.: from Chinese bazars to bike rental shops
- **12: A struggling neighborhood:** The Manuel Granero Square.
- **13. Reusing old industrial spaces:** "The Demetrio Ribes industrial buildings". Neighbours vs. municipality visions and Green Gentrification















Multicultural neighborhood (2000 →)



Foreign population in Russafa				
Origin	2001	2006	2015	2022
Europe	259 (1,0%)	958 <mark>(3,7%)</mark>	1276 (5,3%)	1848 (7,8%)
North America	23 (0,1%)	68 (0,3%)	57 (0,2%)	246 (1,0%)
Africa	197 <mark>(0,8%)</mark>	566 <mark>(2,2%)</mark>	431 (1,8%)	244 (1,0%)
Central and South America	701 (2,8%)	2368 (9,3%)	922 <mark>(3,9%)</mark>	774 (3,8%)
Asia	114 (0,5%)	525 <mark>(2,1%)</mark>	405 (1,7%)	323 (1,4%)
Total foreign origin	1295 (5,1%)	4485 (17,5%)	3094 (13,0%)	3607 (15,2%)
Total inhab. Russafa	25357	25599	23855	23735

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Peak of the multicultural/multiethnic neighborhood

The neighborhood today, in process of gentrification















Multicultural carnival

- Since 2011
- Vindicative













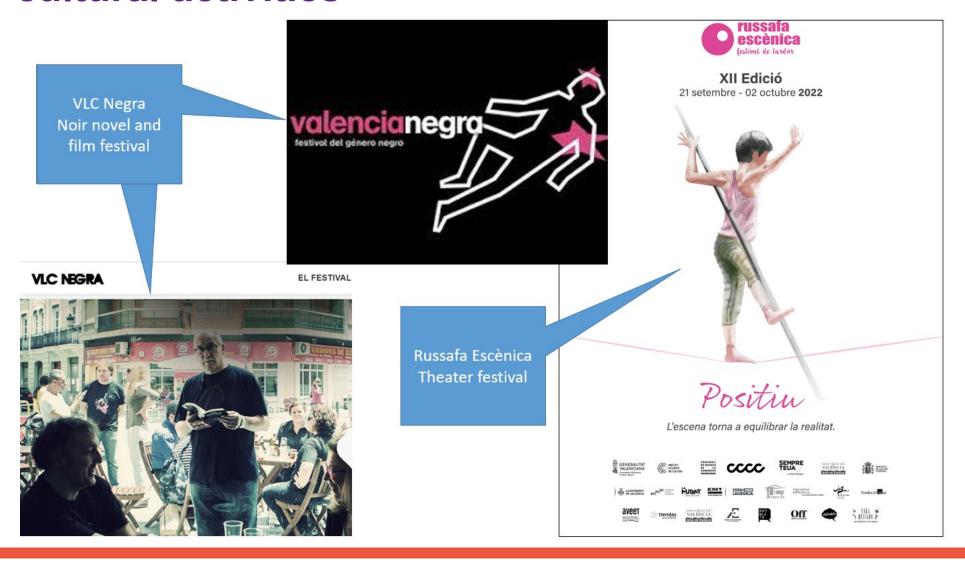






Other cultural activities



















RussafArt

3rd-5th juny 2022



Biennale event

Open house days

Arts workshops

Successful initiative

2008

22 Artist workshops 8 Exhibition spaces 69 Artists

2022

48 Artist Workshops 24 Exhibition spaces 240 Artists









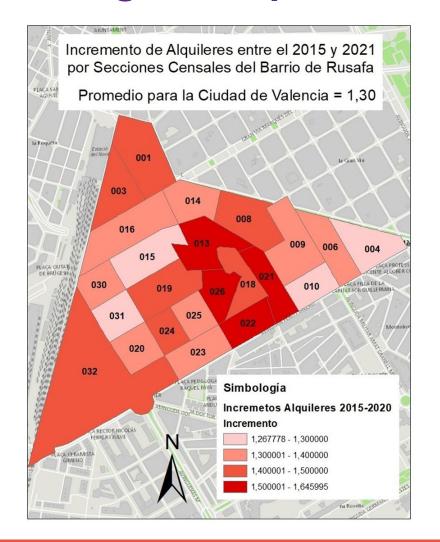




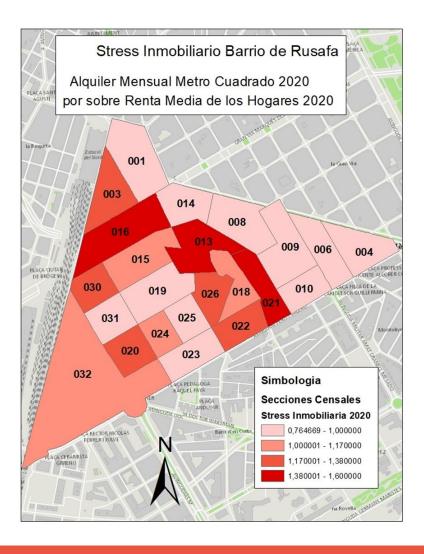




Housing rental price

















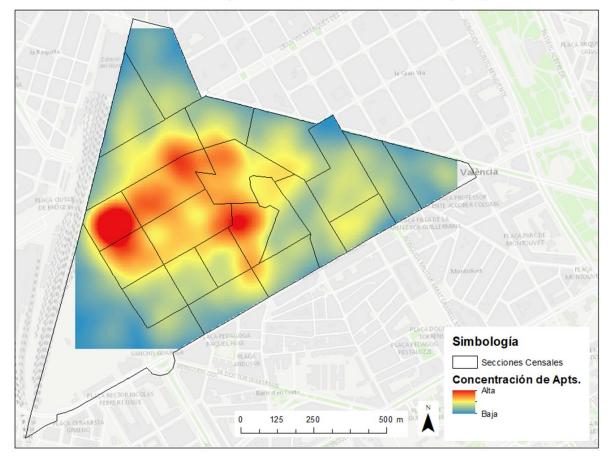




Density of touristic apartments in Russafa. 2018



Concentración de Apartamentos Turísticos en Russafa (2018)









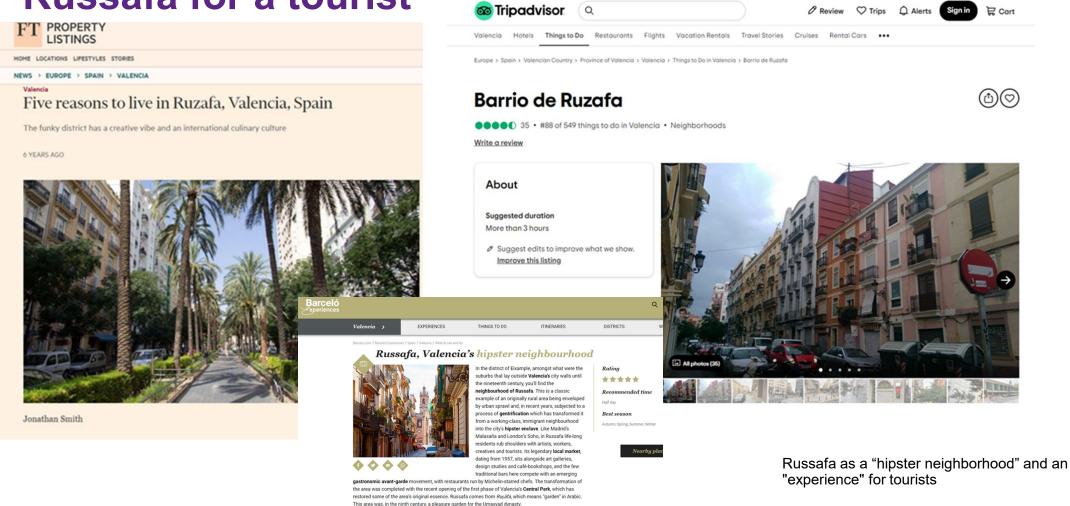








Russafa for a tourist









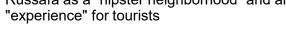


From Moorish gardens to a 19th-century independent municipality: Russafa's origins In the ninth century, Prince Abd-Allah Al-Balansi "the Valencian" ordered the planting of an ornamental garden modelled on that of his father, the Caliph Abd al-Rahman I, at his residence in Cordoba. He chose a location two kilometres from Valencia and gave it the same name: al-Russafa. Before long, the gardens









Impact of tourism in the neighborhood













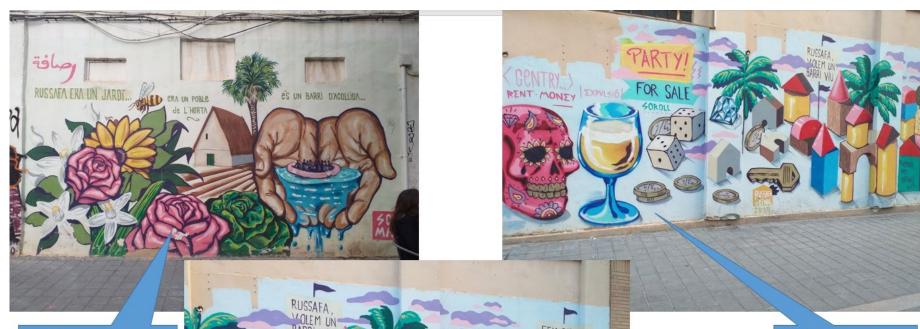






Tourismphobia?





Russafa was a garden, a village in the orchards. It is a welcoming neighborhood. It is now a place for sale ruled by money and speculation

We want a lively neighborhood
Let's make neighborhood
Let's make community















¿Green gentrification?



















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