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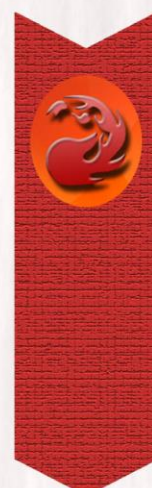
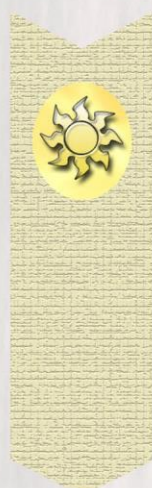
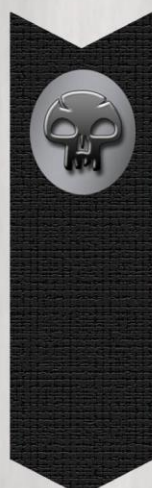
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TRAVEL GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION TO SEVILLE

Located in the south-west of Spain, Seville is the capital and largest city of Andalusia, and the fourth-largest city in Spain.



ALCAZAR

Seville was founded by the Romans, conquered by the Muslims and later incorporated into the Christian Kingdom of Castile. This is the reason why it has preserved so many different styles, from existing Roman features, like the remnants of an aqueduct, a temple in Mármoles Street, ... to Arabic style like the Moorish buildings, the Patio del Yeso in the Alcázar, the city walls, and the main section of the Giralda, bell tower of the Seville Cathedral.



PLAZA DE ESPAÑA

In 1992, coinciding with the fifth centenary of the Discovery of the Americas, the Universal Exposition was held for six months in Seville, on the occasion of which the local transportation infrastructure was greatly improved. Some of the installations remaining at the site after the exposition were converted into the Scientific and Technological Park Cartuja 93.

There is a Theme Park in Seville called "Isla Mágica" full of pirates and sailing thematic. Unfortunately, the park is closed in the winter season so the pirates and sailors have spread all the way through this guide, read on with care!

LANGUAGE

The official language is Spanish and sadly a lot of people will have trouble communicating in English.

Simple but Useful Spanish:

These words and phrases will certainly be helpful. They are pronounced exactly as written with the exception of letter "H", which isn't pronounced at all.

ENGLISH

Hello	Hola
Yes	Si
No	No
Please	Por favor
Thank you	Gracias
I don't understand	No entiendo
I don't speak Spanish	No hablo español
Excuse me	Disculpe
I like it	Me gusta
How much is it?	¿Cuánto cuesta?
Cheap	Barato
Expensive	Caro
Beer	Cerveza

SPANISH

Numbers are important too.

ENGLISH	SPANISH
1	Uno
2	Dos
3	Tres
4	Cuatro
5	Cinco
6	Seis
7	Siete
8	Ocho
9	Nueve
10	Diez
100	Cien
1000	Mil



TOURNAMENT VENUE

The Grand Prix is going to be held at FIBES, that is the Congress and Conference Centre in Seville.

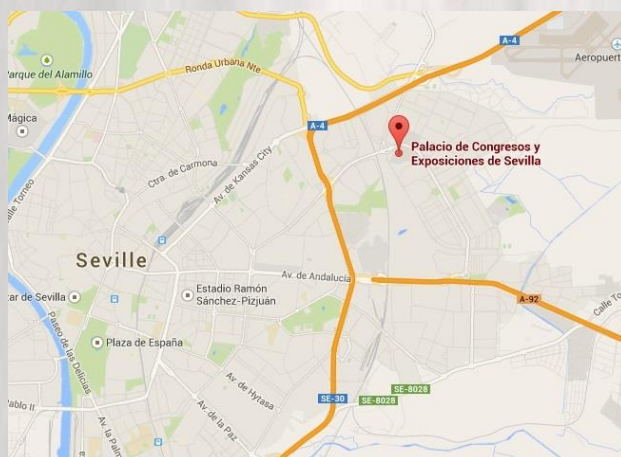
FIBES is composed of two buildings, FIBES I and FIBES II, which can be used as a single venue or as two independent premises, completely different in terms of style and function joint by an impressive footbridge.



It is located at the Northern-Eastern part of the city and its **address** is Avenida Alcalde Luis Uruñuela, 1 (41020 Sevilla).

You can easily get there by using Bus Lines 27 or B4.

Phone: +34 954 47 87 00



There are some interesting links for information about the venue:

- About FIBES: <http://www.fibes.es/en/premises/>
- Venue information about the event: <http://www.fibes.es/en/events/magic-the-gathering/>
- Downloadable plan of the venue: <http://www.fibes.es/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/ACCESOS-FIBES.pdf>



STAFF HOTEL



Staff Hotel

Hotel San Pablo Sevilla * (450 m- 6min walking)**

Avenida de la Innovación, 10

Tel: +34 954252325

Email: reservas@hotelsanpablosevilla.es

Price: 50€ double room/night

Link: <http://www.hotelsanpablosevilla.es/?lang=en>

Arriving from the Airport

(Taxi 8 min; bus + walking 35min)

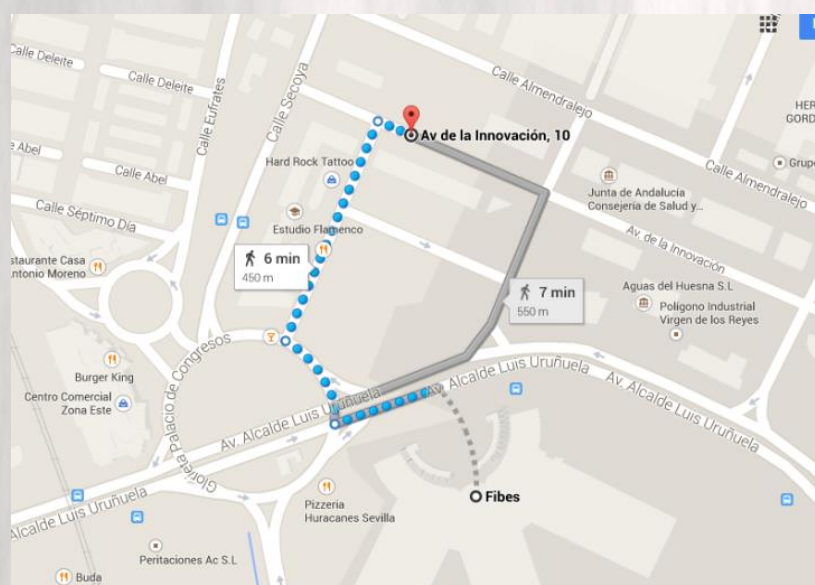
Going from the airport to the hotel is almost the same as going to the venue. The best way is to take a taxi (8min) but if you have 35min you can take the bus (2 buses, actually) and walk a little:

- Take the Bus EA at the exit of the airport in direction to “Plaza de Armas” (1 bus stop, 18 min)
- Exit at bus stop “Talbot”
- Walk to the other side of “Autovía Madrid” to the bus stop “Urbanización Huarte”
- Take the bus A28 in direction to “Parque Alcosa” (2 bus stop, 6 min)
- Exit at bus stop “Jardines del Edén”
- Walk north-east in “Calle Tigris” in direction to “Calle Eufrates” (55 m)
- Turn right in “Calle Eufrates” (350 m)
- Turn left in “Calle Casuarina” (76 m)
- Turn right in “Calle Secoya” (85 m)
- Turn left in “Av. de la Innovación”
- The hotel is at your right

Going from the staff hotel to the Venue

(Walking 6 min)

- Walk nordest in “Av. de la Innovación” in direction to “Calle Administrador Gutierrez Anaya” (34 m)
- Turn left in “Calle Administrador Gutierrez Anaya” (220 m)
- Turn left in “Glorieta Palacio de Congresos” (94 m)
- Turn left in “Av. Alcalde Luis Uruñuela”
- The venue is at your right



SEVILLE SAFETY TIPS

The main threat to tourists visiting Seville is pickpockets and bag snatchers who are very expert at what they do and tend to catch out unsuspecting tourists. Keep all money, wallets and purses concealed, flashy jewellery out of sight, and hired cars parked in hotel car parks at night.

Keep your belongings always with you and in sight.

- Don't leave your belongings aside while you talk to somebody.
- Don't hang a bag on a chair when you are in a restaurant.
- Always keep money in wallets and bags.

Be very careful when getting on a full Metro car, particularly when carrying something. After some confusing jostling you might find your wallet missing!

Beware of any character that comes up to you to sell a scarf, flower, tell your fortune, give you an herb, etc. If you take out your wallet to buy or give money, you will be amazed to be told "no, not necessary" as their hand zips or shuts your wallet for you. Later, of course, you will find your money is gone and again be amazed by this skillfull character's sleight of hand.

Be alert if coins or other objects are accidentally dropped in front of you. (As you assist in picking them up, another person might be assisting in the removal of your wallet while you are off guard).

Pay extreme attention if groups of individuals (usually women or kids) suddenly surround you, sometimes holding a paper in front of your view.



EASIEST WAY TO FLY INTO THE CITY

Seville is a city internationally well connected with the rest of Europe. Whether by plane or high speed train, is comfortable to get directions.

Seville has the San Pablo Airport which is just 10 minutes from the venue on the outskirts of the city. It has a public bus system that could be used to reach the city. Also if you want taxi service available to go directly to the event site but at a higher price.

It also has one of the most important railway stations in Spain, the railway station of Santa Justa, which is located in the heart of Seville. This season get high-speed trains from Madrid, a very fast and convenient way to get after a flight from outside the continent.

There is also the possibility of road transport. There are several bus companies that offer this service from Madrid, Valencia and Barcelona as a cheaper option, but also often travel much longer duration and probably less desirable.



ARRIVING FROM THE AIRPORT



Unfortunately, there's no metro option to go from the airport to the venue, neither a direct bus. So, for a cheap way to go there you must take a bus and walk. Think of it as a little training for the GP while you can have a taste of the city!

Bus (24 min) + Walking (20 min)

- Take the Bus EA at the exit of the airport in direction to "Plaza de Armas" (1 bus stop, 18 min)
- Exit at bus stop "Talbot"
- Walk to the other side of "Autovía Madrid" to the bus stop "Urbanización Huarte"
- Take the bus A28 in direction to "Parque Alcosa" (2 bus stop, 6 min)
- Exit at bus stop "Jardines del Edén"
- Walk northeast in "Calle Tigris" in direction to "Calle Eufrates" (55 m)
- Turn right in "Calle Eufrates" (650 m)
- At the roundabout, take the first exit to Calle Tigris (73 m)
- Turn right at "Glorieta Palacio de Congresos" (180 m)
- Turn left at "Av. Alcalde Luis Uruñuela" (100 m)
- The venue Palacio de Congresos e Exposiciones on your right

A single ticket for the Bus EA is 4€ and a single ticket for the bus A28 is 1,40€. Booth can be purchased at the bus.

Timetable of the EA bus:

To Sevilla: from 05:20 to 01:15.

To the airport: from 4:30 to 00:30.

Informations: +34 902 459 954

Taxi (9 minutes)

If you don't want, or you cannot walk, the easy way to go to the venue, is by taxi. The trip will take you just 9 minutes and there is a flat fare to and from the airport of 22,20€, (Monday to Friday, 7h00-21h00) or of 24,75€ (from 21h00-7h00 and in Saturday and Sunday). You can take a taxi just in the exit of the airport.



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

There are several ways for moving around the city, we'll guide you through all of them and hope you choose the one that suits you best.

UNDERGROUND (METRO)

Seville has an underground, yes, but all the stations are in one single line. This means two things: it is impossible to choose an incorrect line, but it is likely that the metro won't suit all your needs. Sadly, it is not even close to the GP venue.



The line is divided into three zones, a single ticket costs 1,35€ for one zone, 1,60€ for two and 1,80€ if you move through all three zones.

You can get a daily ticket for 4,50€ with no zone limit.

If you are planning on using the metro a lot, there are cheaper fares if you purchase a travelcard, starting from 0,82€/trip in a single zone, but the minimum you must buy is a 10€ travelcard.

All the information can be found here: <http://www.metro-sevilla.es/en/tickets-fares>

CITY BUS

The city buses are probably the best way of moving around Seville, counting more than 40 lines and a variety of timetables. There are so many lines that we can't get too much into detail here, just to have the GP covered, lines 27 and B4 stop next to the venue. Both operate approximately from 6:30 to 23:00. The average frequency is 15 minutes.

If you are still at the venue after that, there are three more buses you can catch, at 00:00, 01:00 and 02:00. It is night line A3.

A single trip costs 1,40€ and can be purchased right in the bus.

There are, of course, special fares and travelcards for this as well:

- A daily card costs 5€
- A three days card costs 10€
- A rechargeable card can be purchased with a 7€ minimum amount. In this case, each single trip will cost just 0,69€ or 0,76€ with a transfer.

All travelcards require to pay a 1,50€ deposit.

You can see the lines here in a useful web app:

<http://www.infobustussam.com:9005/TGO/main2.jsf>

Or download the mobile app here: <http://www.tussam.es/index.php?id=495>



TRAM

For using the tram you can use the very same ticket as for the bus, but it has the same downfall as the metro: there is only one line and it is quite far away from the tournament venue. Do not use unless you're using bus tickets with transfer.



TAXI

Tired of waiting? You can always call for a cab!
The phone number is

Tele Taxis

•954 62 22 22

Radio Taxis

•954 58 00 00

Eurotaxis de Sevilla

•954 47 60 60



HOTELS NEAR THE EVENT

If you don't mind to loosen the purse strings to sleep in the neighborhood of the venue, you are lucky because there's a lot of choices and the most interesting is that you can just walk! Yes, more time to sleep (well, let's be honest, for a lot of judges the saved time will not be wasted sleeping)!



Hotel M.A. Sevilla Congresos **** (300 m-4min walking)

Avenida Alcalde Luis Uruñuela, 2, Este
Tel: +34 954259000 Price: 60€ double room/night
Link: <http://www.hotelsevillacongresos.com/en/>

Hotel San Pablo Sevilla *** (450 m- 6min walking)

Avenida de la Innovación, 10
Tel: +34 954252325
Email: reservas@hotelsanpablosevilla.es
Price: 50€ double room/night
Link: <http://www.hotelsanpablosevilla.es/en-GB/index.aspx>

**STAFF
HOTEL**

AC Hotel Sevilla Forum By Marriot **** (1,6 km-20min walking)

Luis Fuentes Bejarano, 45
Tel: +34 954260690 Price: 50€ double room/night
Link: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/svqju-ac-hotel-sevilla-forum/>

Hotel Vértice Sevilla **** (2,4 km- 29min walking)

Avenida de la Aeronáutica
Tel: +34 954 475847 Price: 45€ double room/night
Email: reservas.sevilla@verticehoteles.com
Link: <http://www.verticehoteles.com/en/hotels/hotel-vertice-sevilla/>

Hotel Ibis Sevilla *** (2,9 km- 36min walking)

Cale Aviación 12
Tel: +34 9544361839 Price: 47€ double room/night
Email: H3207@accor.com
Link: <http://www.ibis.com/en/hotel-3207-ibis-sevilla/index.shtml>

Hotel Ibis Budget Sevilla *** (2,9 km- 36min walking)

Cale Aviación 8
Tel: +34 954367796 Price: 31€ double room/night
Link: <http://www.ibis.com/en/hotel-7846-ibis-budget-sevilla/index.shtml>

Cheap accommodation

If you prefer cheaper accommodation, there are a lot of Hostals and "Pensions" in the old part of the city, where you can stay for from 25€ double room/night.

But you must be aware that they are all far away from the venue so you must take a bus or a taxi to get there. The travel will take between 35 min and more or less one hour, depending on the location.

You can easily find them in the mayor hostel searching websites: www.booking.com, www.hostels.com



TOURISM

Seville is a historical city that has remnants of a lot of different cultures. Romans, Muslims, Jews, ancient civilizations, and have lived historical developments that marked the city as the discovery of America or the epoch of the Spanish Inquisition. (Nobody expects them!)

Popular tourism spots

Monuments

The majority of the monuments and areas of interest of the city are located in a small radius along the downtown, so you can visit them with only a walk.



- **The Cathedral and the Giralda.**

Gothic cathedral finished in 1506 ac. over the remnants of the mosque that was left by the Muslims when the Catholics Kings took the city in 1248 ac. The Giralda is its bell tower, and former minaret of the original mosque. It is the tallest building in Seville, as laws prohibit building anything that could cover the vision of the Giralda from any point of the city.

Tickets: 8€.

Address: Av. De la Constitución s/n. 41001, Seville.

<http://www.catedraldesevilla.es/>

- **The Royal Alcazar of Seville.**

Is one of the palaces of the Kings of Spain. It was built before the Reconquista, and is originally a Moorish Fort. Inside you can find beautiful rooms and an enormous garden.

Tickets: 9.50€. Supplement for visiting the Royal Chamber: 4.50€

Address: Patio de Banderas s/n. 41004, Seville.

<http://www.alcazarsevilla.org/>



- **The Golden Tower (Torre del oro)**

Military watchtower built by the Muslims on 1220. It used to be a control point that watched the access to the city via the Guadalquivir river.

Address: Paseo de Cristobal Colón s/n. 41001, Seville.



Places to visit

- **Maria Luisa's Park and Plaza España**

This park was donated to the city in the late 1800s, and prepared along the Plaza España for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929. In the park are located some museums. Plaza España has also been used as a location of lots of films. For example, is the Palace of Naboo at Star Wars Episode II.
Address: Av. De María Luisa s/n. 41013, Seville.

- **The Jewry (Barrio de Santa Cruz)**

The Jewry is the most famous district in Seville. Is composed of very small streets, and have beautiful squares full of vegetation and flowers.
Address: Plaza de Santa Cruz, 41004, Seville.

- **Metropol Parasol ("Las setas" as called commonly)**

The newest monumental construction of Seville, build full in wood, is a modern square prepared for spectacles and usually full of life. In its underground there's a museum with a Roman excavation, and in the top is a restaurant and one of the most beautiful views of Seville.
Tickets (for visiting the top floor): 3€.
Address: Plaza de la Encarnación s/n, 41003, Seville
<http://www.setasdesevilla.com/>

- **University of Seville (Old Tobacco Factory)**

While the University of Seville is placed all along the city, making it a university city, its main building is an old tobacco factory near the main historical places of the city. Make sure to visit its insides.
Address: Calle San Fernando, 4, 41004, Seville.
<http://www.us.es>



Museums

- **Fine Arts Museum**

Once a convent, in 1835 its building was converted into a museum. Right now it has the second biggest painting collection of Spain, mainly with works from the 17th to the 19th century.

Tickets: UE citizens: free. Other countries: 1.50€.

Address: Plaza del Museo, 9, 41005, Seville.

<http://www.museodebellasartesevilla.es/>

- **Archeological Museum of Seville**

The museum is located at the Pavilion of the Renaissance, built for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929. The building itself is a work designed by Anibal González, a famous architect of the 20th century. Its main collections are from Italica, a Roman city near Seville; and “El Carambolo” treasure, found near Seville, from the Tartessian.

Tickets: UE citizens: free. Other countries: 1.50€.

Address: Plaza de América s/n, 41013, Seville.

- **Aquarium of Seville**

Recently opened, is the newest place to visit in Seville. Offers a special night with sharks.

Tickets: General: 15€. Night with sharks: 50€.

<http://www.acuariosevilla.es/>

Recommended “To do” list:

- Have a walk by the shore of the river.
- Climb to the top of the Giralda and admire the sights.
- Wander among the Jewry and the gardens of the Royal Alcazar.
- Have a drink at the bars of the “Alameda de Hércules”, a big avenue full of life at night.



FOOD AND DRINK

Seville is a place of great gastronomic tradition. From the famous "tapas" to michellin star restaurants, it is a place of mergers and plenty of places to enjoy a pleasant prune and enjoyable food.

The place where the event is held is surrounded by a wide gastronomic offer will try describe here.

Recommended place

Bilio's
Avenida de la Innovación, 3
41020 Sevilla

It is the closest and best valued restaurant area. Menu very complete. All types of meals. Pasta, burgers, sandwiches, pizzas, salads, etc ... Affordable price and high quality food.

Restaurante Las Especias
Edificio Apartclub Este
Calle Administrador Gutierrez Anaya, 4
41020 Sevilla

Moroccan cuisine with Mediterranean touches. Good references, but somewhat high price.

Burger King
C.C. Zona Este
Avenida Alcalde Luis Uruñuela, s/n
41020 Sevilla

Company fast food restaurants

Sloppy Joe's de Sevilla Este
Av de las Ciencias, 6
41020 Sevilla

The best homemade pizzas and pastas in the area. 10 Food and affordable prices.

Foster's Hollywood Portasevilla
C/Donantes de Sangre.
Edificio Portasevilla. Local. Nº 15.
41020 Seville

Meat and burgers first American style. You buy a drink and get to refill it for free as many times as you wish.

Restaurant chinese Buda
Glorieta Palacio de Congresos, 3 A
(Edificio Apartclub Este, Local B)
41020 Sevilla

Very complete menus at very affordable prices. They serve fast food and not bad.



LOCAL GAMES STORES

Magic in Seville is more than alive!

Near the city center you can find three stores “Mikami”, “Evolution” and “Agora”. And if you stay near the GP venue you have the store “Zona 84” just one kilometer away.

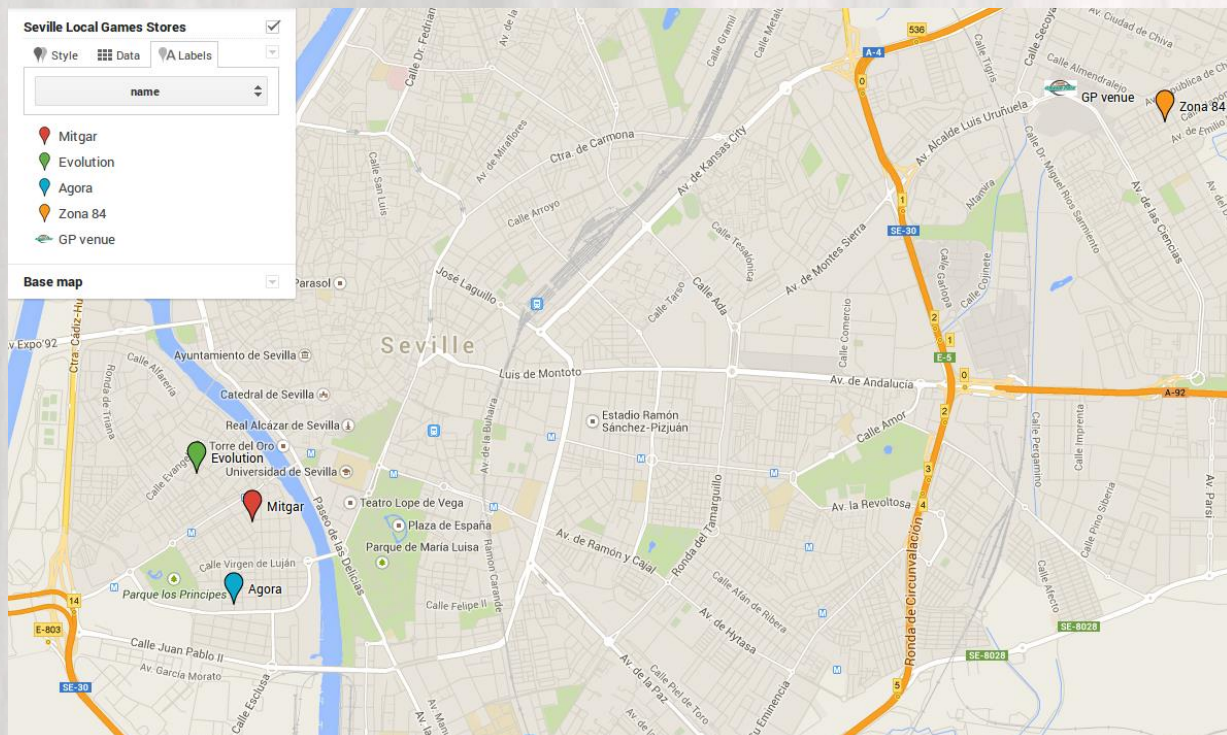
Their addresses and phone numbers are the following:

Mikami comics
C/ Virgen de Regla 22
41011 Sevilla
34 954 278 417

Evolution
c/ Febo, 15 (local)
41010 Sevilla
34 954 337 532

Agora
C/ Cristobal Sanchez Fuentes s/n
41011 Sevilla
955092336

Zona 84
C/ Taegu, Local 1
41020 Sevilla
Spain
0034 955286296



Contact Information

If you need help you can contact either of these judges:

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