



2026

GUIDE SIM WEEK

ECUADOR

November 16–20, 2026

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WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the Ecuadorian Standardization Service (INEN), I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to SIM Week 2026, an event that brings together representatives from the National Metrology Institutes and other organizations involved in the science of measurement across the Americas.

It is an honor for me, and for Ecuador, to host this important gathering, which strengthens regional cooperation, promotes the exchange of knowledge, and contributes to the advancement of metrology for the benefit of our countries. It also provides a valuable opportunity to further strengthen the metrological infrastructure of the region in support of trade, industry, innovation, health, safety, and consumer protection.

I hope your stay in Quito, the capital of Ecuador, will be both productive and enriching, professionally and culturally.

Mgs. Elizabeth Guerra
Executive Director - INEN



EVENT INFORMATION

HOTEL DANN CARLTON QUITO

Location:

Event Rooms at the Dann Carlton Hotel in Quito

Address:

34-377 República de El Salvador Avenue at
Irlanda, ZIP Code: 170135

Languages:

Spanish and English

Host organizer:

Servicio Ecuatoriano de Normalización – INEN



Quito - Ecuador

2026 Activity Calendar



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Normalización

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	2026-11-16	2026-11-17	2026-11-18	2026-11-19	2026-11-20
Morning session 1 08h00 - 10h15	QSTF	QSTF	09h00		
Morning break 10h15 - 10h45	Morning break		INEN Event	General Assembly (Open session)	General Assembly (Closed session)
Morning session 2 10h45 - 12h30	QSTF	QSTF		Morning break	
Lunch break 12h30 - 13h30	Lunch break				
Afternoon session 1 13h30 - 15h15	QSTF	QSTF	Council meeting	General Assembly (Open session)	General Assembly (Closed session)
Afternoon brake 15h15 - 15h45	Afternoon break				
Afternoon session 2 15h45 - 17h00	QSTF	QSTF	Council meeting	General Assembly (Open session)	General Assembly (Closed session)



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Quito - Ecuador

WELCOME TO QUITO, ECUADOR

Welcome to the middle of the world, a country where diversity can be experienced in every corner. From the peaks of the Andes to the Amazon, along the Pacific coast and the world-famous Galápagos Islands, Ecuador offers an exceptional blend of nature, history, cuisine, and culture, making it one of the most fascinating destinations in Latin America.

Capital: Quito

Official language: Spanish

Currency: U.S. Dollar (USD)

Time zone: GMT-5



DISCOVER QUITO

Quito is located 2,850 meters above sea level and was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978. The city combines tradition, culture, colonial architecture, and modernity.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIGH ALTITUDE

Stay hydrated, avoid strenuous physical activity on the first day, get plenty of rest, and eat light meals.

ESTIMATED WEATHER IN NOVEMBER

November in Quito is characterized by a mild and changeable climate, with temperatures ranging from 10 °C to 22 °C. During this month, you may experience cool mornings, sunny afternoons, and unexpected rain, so it is recommended that you pack comfortable, layered clothing, a light jacket, and an umbrella or raincoat for your comfort during your stay.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

DANN CARLTON HOTEL

The event will take place at the Dann Carlton Quito Hotel, a distinguished five-star hotel located in the financial and business heart of Quito. Renowned for its elegance, comfort, and excellent service, it features modern facilities, spacious event rooms, top-notch restaurants, and a strategic location just a short walk from La Carolina Park and the city's main shopping centers.

Contacts:



Address: Avenida República de El Salvador N34-377 e Irlanda / Quito – Ecuador



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USD 78.00
(Preferential rate under an event organization agreement for SIM WEEK 2026 attendees)



Website: <https://hotelesdann.com/dann-carlton-quito/>

HOTEL SHERATON

Sheraton Quito Hotel, a five-star hotel located in the financial and commercial heart of Quito, across from Quicentro Shopping and just a few minutes from La Carolina Park. Renowned for its elegance, comfort, and excellent service, it features modern facilities and a diverse range of dining options.

Contacts:



Address: Avenida Naciones Unidas y Avenida República de El Salvador (N36-212), Quito, Ecuador



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Preferential rate: USD 194.00 U.S. Dollars



<https://www.marriott.com/es/hotels/uiosi-sheraton-quito-hotel/overview/>

HOTEL LE PARC

Located in one of the most exclusive areas of the Ecuadorian capital, the Hotel Le Parc Quito combines exclusivity, innovation, and hospitality in a modern and sophisticated setting. Its versatile spaces, first-class service, and proximity to major business and commercial centers make it an ideal venue for corporate events and international meetings.

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Tarifa preferencial: USD 136.00 Dólares Americanos



<https://www.leparc.com.ec/es/>

HOTEL GO QUITO

With a concept that combines wellness, technology, and sustainability, GO Quito Hotel offers a contemporary experience in one of the city's fastest-growing neighborhoods. Its cutting-edge design, functional spaces, and welcoming atmosphere create the perfect setting to foster the exchange of ideas, networking, and the hosting of business events in a modern and dynamic environment.

Contacts:



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Preferential rate: USD 179.00 U.S. Dollars



<https://goquithotel.com/es/>

TRANSPORTATION IN QUITO

Mariscal Sucre International Airport (Tababela).

Estimated travel time to the city:

40 to 60 minutes.

Transportation options and estimated price per trip:

- Licensed taxis inside the airport: USD \$25 aprox.
- Mobile apps such as Uber and Didi: USD \$25 aprox.
- Transfer from the Dann Carlton Hotel: USD \$30



IMMIGRATION INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS



ENTRY INTO ECUADOR



Most citizens of the Americas can enter Ecuador without a visa for tourism and short-term visits.



Citizens of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay may enter with their valid national ID card or passport.



Citizens of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, and most Caribbean countries must present a valid passport and, in general, do not need a tourist visa.



Citizens of Cuba and Haiti must obtain a visa in advance to enter Ecuador.



Check the current immigration requirements before traveling

RECOMMENDATION

All international participants are advised to check with the Ecuadorian embassy or consulate in their country of residence before traveling to confirm the immigration requirements applicable to their nationality.



All visitors entering Ecuador must have a passport that is valid for at least six months.

For more information, visit the link for the Ministry of the Interior of Ecuador:

<https://www.ministeriodegobierno.gob.ec/requisitos-para-ingresar-a-ecuador/>

If you need a personalized invitation letter, please send your request, including the required information, to the following contact:



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SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Use authorized transportation, keep your documents and belongings safe, and remember the single emergency number:



911

CURRENCY AND PAYMENT METHODS

Official currency:

U.S. dollar: We recommend using \$1, \$10, and \$20 bills.

Debit and credit cards:

In Ecuador, VISA, Mastercard, VISA Electron, Diners, and American Express cards are accepted.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

In Ecuador, the electrical system operates at 110 volts and 60 Hz. Both two-prong and three-prong plugs are used, so international visitors are advised to check the compatibility of their electronic devices and, if necessary, bring a power adapter and a voltage converter to ensure they work properly.



VACCINES AND HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS

Currently, Ecuador does not require mandatory vaccinations for most international visitors from the Americas. However, it is recommended that travelers keep their routine vaccinations up to date and consider getting the yellow fever vaccine, especially those planning to visit the country's Amazon region.

All participants are advised to consult with health authorities and the Ecuadorian embassy or consulate in their country of residence before traveling, in order to verify the current health requirements and recommendations for their nationality and itinerary.

INTERNET CONNECTIONS

Participants will have options for Internet access during their stay in Ecuador. Most hotels and event venues offer Wi-Fi service, and it is also possible to purchase mobile data plans from local carriers to maintain a constant connection.



LANGUAGE



Spanish is the official language of Ecuador and is spoken throughout the country. In Quito, especially in tourist areas, hotels, and service establishments, it is common to find staff who speak English, which makes it easier for international visitors to communicate.

SMOKERS

In accordance with Ecuadorian regulations, smoking is prohibited in enclosed spaces, public transportation vehicles, and covered areas intended for sports activities. Visitors are kindly requested to comply with these provisions to help protect the health and well-being of everyone.



TAXES



In Ecuador, purchases and services are subject to a 15% Value Added Tax (VAT). In most establishments, this tax is already included in the final amount shown on invoices, receipts, and payment slips.

PLACES OF INTEREST

HISTORIC CENTER OF QUITO

An excellent way to visit Quito's Historic Center is to take the Quito Metro, a modern, safe, and efficient transit system. For participants staying at the Dann Carlton Hotel or at accommodations near this area, the most convenient stations are La Carolina and La Pradera. From either station, you can easily reach the San Francisco station, located in the heart of the Historic Center and just a short walk from several of the city's main tourist attractions. The fare for the general public is USD 0.45 per trip and can be purchased at the ticket window.

In the historic district, you can visit:

- Plaza Grande
- Church of the Society of Jesus
- Plaza de San Francisco
- La Ronda Street
- Carondelet Palace

Recommended time:
3 to 4 hours



MIDPOINT OF THE WORLD

To visit the City of the Middle of the World, we recommend using authorized transportation services, ride-hailing apps such as Uber or DiDi, or licensed taxis. The estimated travel time from the city's financial and hotel districts is approximately 50 minutes, depending on traffic conditions, with a reference fare of USD 15 each way.

The City of the Middle of the World is one of Ecuador's most iconic tourist destinations. Here, visitors can see the monument marking the equator and experience standing on the 0° latitude line, which divides the planet's northern and southern hemispheres. In addition, the complex features museums, cultural exhibitions, dining options, and a variety of activities related to geography, history, and Ecuadorian identity.

Recommended time:

2 to 3 hours



QUITO CABLE CAR

The Quito Cable Car is one of the city's most visited tourist attractions and offers a unique experience for admiring the Andean landscapes. We recommend using authorized transportation services, ride-sharing apps such as Uber or DiDi, or licensed taxis. From the area where the Dann Carlton Hotel and other nearby hotels are located, the estimated travel time is 20 to 30 minutes, depending on traffic conditions, with a fare of approximately USD 6 to USD 9 each way.

Located on the slopes of the Pichincha volcano, the cable car ascends to 4,100 meters above sea level, making it one of the highest cable cars in South America. From its upper station, visitors can enjoy a spectacular panoramic view of Quito, the surrounding valleys, and the volcanoes that encircle the city. In addition, the site features hiking trails, recreational areas, and dining options, making it an excellent choice for exploring the natural beauty of Ecuador's capital.



NATIONAL VOW BASILICA

The Basilica del Voto Nacional is one of Quito's most important architectural landmarks and a must-see for anyone interested in exploring the city's historical and cultural heritage. We recommend taking the Quito Metro to the San Francisco station and continuing the journey on foot or by licensed taxi, Uber, or DiDi. From the area where the Dann Carlton Hotel and other nearby hotels are located, the estimated travel time is 20 to 30 minutes, depending on traffic, with an approximate fare of USD 7 each way.

Considered the most important Neo-Gothic building in Ecuador and one of the most representative in Latin America, the Basilica del Voto Nacional stands out for its imposing architecture, its stained-glass windows, and its unique gargoyles inspired by Ecuadorian wildlife. Visitors can explore its various levels and climb its towers and observation decks, which offer breathtaking panoramic views of the Historic Center and the city of Quito.

Recommended time:

2 hours





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