



SES 2026 TRAVEL GUIDE FOR DELEGATES

Read below for essential information for planning your visit to Manaus, Brazil for SES 2026, including arrival details, accommodation, and local logistics. Review carefully to ensure a smooth and efficient experience.

1. EVENT OVERVIEW

Event Dates: February 18–21, 2026 (February 18th is categorized as an “Arrival Day” and the majority of Summit programming will be held on February 19-21).

Location: Manaus, Brazil

Main Venue: Amazon Convention Center Vasco Vasques

Accommodation: Delegates will be staying in hotels in central Manaus. The exact hotel will be communicated to each delegate shortly after acceptance.

2. VISA INFORMATION

Your visa is the document granted by Consular Representations of Brazil abroad that allows the expectation of admission and stay of foreigners in the national territory, provided that the conditions established by law have been met.

To apply for a visa, foreigners must submit a complete **visa application form**, a valid travel document, proof of payment of consular fees, International Certificate of Immunization, when necessary and other specific documents for the type of visa requested. Some countries will be eligible for an e-visa, while others will need to submit documents by mail or in person.

Where do I apply for a visa?

Itamaraty (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) is the body of the Brazilian government responsible for granting visas, which occurs through the [Embassies, General Consulates, Consulates and Vice consulates of Brazil abroad](#).

Take note that the Brazilian visa will never be granted in Brazilian territory. Therefore, **it is not possible to obtain your visa in airports**, ports of entry or any other point of the Brazilian border. Itamaraty and the Federal Police (agency responsible for immigration control in Brazilian borders) cannot and will not authorize the entry of foreign nationals who do not have the proper visa.

[Information on your visa requirements and the process can be found here.](#)



- **Countries Requiring a Visa:** It is important to check official Brazilian visa requirements online or consult the nearest consulate.
- **Visa Application Process:**
 - Necessary documents include:
 - ☑ A valid passport
 - ☑ Proof of accommodation
 - ☑ An invitation letter from SES 2026
 - ☑ Travel and health insurance (recommended but not required)
 - It is advisable to start your visa process as early as possible, as processing times can vary by country. Average processing times are 10 business days but can take longer if additional documents are requested.
 - Always make sure that you are using a verified government platform if accessing information or applying for a visa online. Brazil government websites will use the URL www.gov.br and may use VFS Global (<https://visa.vfsglobal.com/ago/en/bra>) as a third-party contractor for some visa services. Any other URLs or organizations **cannot be reasonably verified by SES and may include scams**. Exercise caution when entering any personal identification or when asked to pay fees, and when in doubt reach out directly to your closest Brazil consulate or high commission.

3. ARRIVAL IN MANAUS

Airport Information

- **Eduardo Gomes International Airport (MAO):**
 - The primary airport for Manaus, located approximately 15 km from the city center.
 - Travel time to SES partner hotels is about 15-20 minutes by car.

Airport Transfers

- **Taxi and Ride-Hailing Options:** Taxis and ride-hailing apps like Uber and [99](#) are available at the airport. Estimated costs to hotels range between BRL 30-40 (approximately \$6-7 USD).

4. TRANSPORTATION IN MANAUS

Event Shuttles: SES will provide daily shuttle buses between your hotel and the event venues. Shuttle schedules will be provided prior to the event.

Taxi & Ride-Hailing Services: Taxis are available across the city, and ride-hailing apps like Uber and 99 are widely used in Manaus.



Public Transportation: While public buses are available, using shuttle services or ride-hailing apps is recommended for convenience. **Do not** take public transportation at night as this is a higher risk for your safety.

5. CURRENCY AND ATMS

Currency:

- The official currency is the **Brazilian Real (BRL)**. As of December 2025, the exchange rate is approximately 1 USD = 5.30 BRL, but rates may fluctuate.

ATMs and Currency Exchange:

- **ATMs:** Widely available in Manaus, including at the airport and major hotels. Most international cards (Visa, MasterCard) are accepted.
- If possible, bring more than one banking card with you and some cash (general guidance is USD\$40) to ensure you have backup options if you encounter challenges with your cards while traveling abroad. Keep your cash in a different location than your card(s) to ensure you have emergency funds if the need arises.
- **Currency Exchange:** Available at the airport and in major hotels. It is advisable to exchange some money upon arrival or use ATMs to withdraw cash in BRL. Exercise good judgement and caution when withdrawing cash, especially in public places and at different times of the day.

6. HEALTH AND VACCINES

- **Yellow Fever vaccination:** Required or recommended for many countries entering Brazil; check country-specific requirements.
- **Malaria risk:** Low in urban Manaus, but still recommend mosquito avoidance measures.
- **Dengue precautions:** Use repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or IR3535; wear long sleeves at dawn/dusk.
- **Heat & hydration:** The humidity is extreme, we advise electrolytes and frequent water breaks especially if you are prone to dehydration.
- **Pharmacies:** “Farmácias” (e.g., Drogasil, Pague Menos) are common and reliable for over-the-counter medicines.



7. LOCAL ATTRACTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS – MORE WILL BE INCLUDED IN YOUR DETAILED DELEGATE PACKAGE TO COME

Amazon Theatre:

A historical gem, this iconic venue is a must-visit. The theater represents the grandeur of Manaus during the rubber boom era.

Meeting of the Waters:

A natural phenomenon where the dark waters of the Rio Negro and the sandy-colored Amazon River flow side by side without mixing for several kilometers.

Adolpho Lisboa Municipal Market:

For an authentic experience of Manaus, visit this market, which offers local handicrafts, Amazonian foods, and unique souvenirs.

8. USEFUL INFORMATION, TRAVEL TIPS

Weather in February: Manaus experiences warm, humid weather in February, with temperatures ranging from 26°C to 36°C (73°F to 88°F). Warm and humid with a chance of rain showers.

Health & Safety: It is recommended to use mosquito repellent, stay hydrated, and avoid drinking tap water. Stick to bottled water for drinking purposes. Lightweight, breathable clothing is recommended. Avoid walking alone at night; stay in groups, especially around the city center.

Local Customs: Tipping is customary but not mandatory. It is common to round up the bill or leave a small tip (10%).

E-sims: We recommend doing research on what e-sim or alternative (roaming, etc.) will work best for your trip to Manaus, to ensure you can stay connected. The hotel and conference will have wi-fi, however, we recommend investing in mobile connectivity while you're there for safety and convenience. Many local providers will require a Brazilian national identification, so international providers are likely to be more accessible. Download this before traveling to avoid arriving with no connection.

9. FAQs

1. **What transportation options are available from the airport to the hotel?**

Shuttle services organized by SES will be provided. Taxis and ride-hailing apps like Uber and 99 are also available for those preferring a private transfer, at the expense of the delegate.



2. **Where can currency be exchanged upon arrival?**

Currency exchange services are available at Eduardo Gomes International Airport and selected hotels in Manaus.

3. **Are there ATMs near the hotels?**

Yes, ATMs can be found at the airport, major hotels, and shopping centers in Manaus.

4. **How will transportation to the venues be handled?**

Shuttle services will operate between the partner hotels and event venues. A detailed schedule will be provided closer to the event.

Additional Information: A local tourism expert from Manaus is being recruited to join the team to enhance local insights and support.

Convenient Portuguese Language Phrases 💡

- Olá / Oi – Hello
- Obrigado/a – Thank you
- Por favor – Please
- Quanto custa? – How much does it cost?
- Pode me ajudar? – Can you help me?
- Eu não falo português – I don't speak Portuguese