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## Exploring South America's gems at upcoming UTMB World Series events

### Ecuador's bustling capital promises unforgettable first edition at Quito Trail by UTMB



UTMB® World Series heads to one of the most biodiverse ecosystems on earth, ready to celebrate the inaugural Quito Trail by UTMB® on 2-4 August.

As the capital of Ecuador and a UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Quito promises an unforgettable atmosphere as over **2,600 runners** discover the Andes mountains, Chirinchos waterfall and Pichincha Volcano via forest trails and farm roads.

RACE	DISTANCE	START DATE	START TIME	START LOCATION
100K	100KM	02 AUGUST 2024	06:00	QUITO
50K	50KM	03 AUGUST 2024	06:00	QUITO
20K	20KM	04 AUGUST 2024	06:00	QUITO
100M	100M	02 AUGUST 2024	06:00	QUITO

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With over **80% of participants deriving from Ecuador**, locals have seized the opportunity to be part of an unforgettable first edition, discover the best of their country and go head-to-head with international competition, all while collecting Running Stones to go towards the 2025 UTMB® World Series Finals lottery.

**Joaquin Lopez** (ECU, [UTMB Index 862](#)) enters the race as the home favourite and local hero. Having already secured a UTMB World Series podium earlier this year at Trail 100 Andorra™ by UTMB® (100M), Lopez looks to be the man to beat to the finish line in Quito.

He said, *"It is a dream come true to have a UTMB World Series race come to Ecuador. Since I started running 12 years ago, my dream was to compete at the famous UTMB World Series Finals. After I accomplished that dream in 2019, I dreamt that people in my country could live the same life changing experience that I had. Quito Trail by UTMB will be the first chance for many Ecuadorians and South Americans to be part of a world class event, and have a more tangible path collecting Running Stones towards reaching one day the UTMB World Series Finals."*

*"Ecuador is a natural playground of outdoor sports. Having the opportunity to have a point-to-point race, starting in deep cloud forest where you can see beautiful wildlife such as the spectacled bear or toucans, and then in a matter of hours find yourself 3,400m above sea level near the summit of Pichincha Volcano, then to drop drastically to the historic centre of Quito is just something I don't think you can find anywhere else in the world. Honestly, runners can expect a real adventure and a wild experience that combines everything you want for a race"*

Other top athletes looking to make their mark at a new South American event include Valhäll Argentina by UTMB® 100K winner, **Remigio Huaman Quispe** (PER, [UTMB Index 828](#)), four-time UTMB World Series podium finisher, **Fernanda Maciel** (BRA, [UTMB Index 585](#)) in the women's race, plus international competitor and multiple world-record holder, **Tyler Andrews** (USA, [UTMB Index 753](#)).

Fernanda Maciel said, *"The race looks wild and it is in high altitude. I have taken part in the UTMB Finals nine times, but I really want to run in a new environment, discover different mountains and be beside runners from Latin America. I am super excited to race in Ecuador! Having more events like this in Latin America will set good standards and I am happy to see our sport growing here."*

With five race distances on offer, from **8 km to 78 km**, the event promises an incredible atmosphere and celebration as the local community and trail running community come together in the vibrant and cultural city.



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### Jungle mountains meet charming coastal town at Paraty Brazil by UTMB



Paraty Brazil by UTMB® returns for its second edition on September 19-22, ready to welcome **3,000 runners** to its charming and historic town on Brazil's southeastern coast.

The event once again proves to be a favourite amongst locals, with **85% of runners coming from Brazil**, ready to enjoy the best of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Serra da Bocaina National Park and its native Atlantic Forest via one of the four race distances on offer.

RACE	DISTANCE	START DATE	START TIME	START LOCATION
100K	100KM	19 SEPT 2024	06:00	PARATY
50K	50KM	20 SEPT 2024	06:00	PARATY
20K	20KM	21 SEPT 2024	06:00	PARATY
100M	100M	19 SEPT 2024	06:00	PARATY

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Goosebumps, adrenaline and pure excitement will be high as runners head out via the cobbled streets, **historic buildings and scenic beaches of Paraty**. The challenge steps up, as 100K and 50K runners tick off the highest ascent of the race at Pedra da Macela (1,840m) before descending via the technical Trilha do Ouro - a trail used by the Portuguese during the mining period to transport gold from the interior of Brazil to Portugal.

One of the local legends taking on the race is **Rogério Silvestrin** (BRA, [UTMB Index 856](#)), defending champion in the 100K race.

The who's who of top-ranked Brazilian runners continues, including **Wellington Roberto Noronha** ([UTMB Index 828](#)), **Celio Augusto Rosa** ([UTMB Index 824](#)), **Leticia Saltori** ([UTMB Index 696](#)) and Fernanda Maciel who is also taking on Quito Trail by UTMB in August.

She said, *"This race is special for me for many reasons. Running in the Atlantic Forest is magical and I am passionate about its formation, its different shades of green and types of trails within the forest. For me, it feels like going back to my childhood and running without ever wanting to stop."*

24-year-old **Ayslan Miragaia** (BRA, [UTMB Index 773](#)) is also back for more, having won the 20K race in 2023 and proving himself amongst international competition. Taking on his debut 50K race for this edition, he said, *"I hope to have a good race with a calm mindset, as it will be my first time running 55km. I am planning a solid race strategy to perform well during the event and it is my dream to win, especially as it is an incredible event that attracts many people from many countries."*



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Follow all the action from both Quito by UTMB and Paraty Brazil by UTMB [here](#).

### Upcoming events on UTMB World Series international circuit:

- 1-3 August: KATI00™ by UTMB® - Austria
- 26 August - 1st September: HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc - France, Italy, Switzerland
- 12 - 15 September: Wildstrubel by UTMB® - Switzerland
- 20 - 22 September: Grindstone Trail Running Festival™ by UTMB® - USA
- 20-22 September: Julian Alps Trail Run by UTMB® - Slovenia
- 28 - 29 September: Ultra Trail Whistler™ by UTMB® - Canada

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UTMB® World Series is the world's ultimate trail-running circuit that unites the sport's biggest stars and passionate runners through the best, leading international events in the most stunning locations. Built on a passion for the mountains with sustainability at its heart, UTMB® World Series gives all trail runners the chance to experience the UTMB® adventure across the world, with events taking place across Asia, Oceania, Europe, Africa, and the Americas. It is the only place where runners can begin their quest to HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc, where the prestigious UTMB® World Series Finals will be held. Launched in May 2021 through the collaboration between the UTMB Group and The IRONMAN Group, the UTMB World Series circuit brings together many of the best international trail-running events on the planet. For more information, visit <https://utmb.world>.

##### About UTMB Group

Since the creation of HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc in 2003 by a group of passionate friends, UTMB Group has been the driving force behind the development of trail running. The HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc is the sports pinnacle event, and every year, 10,000 runners earn their place on the start line. UTMB Group also pioneered the LiveTrail™ technology, an innovative digital service that supports the management of endurance races. Revered by hundreds of thousands of athletes, UTMB® has become a global, premium, and leading brand. In May 2021, UTMB Group partnered with The IRONMAN Group to launch the UTMB® World Series, which brings together many of the best international events on the planet to provide exclusive access to the sport's pinnacle event, HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc. The UTMB® World Series is built on the founding principles of HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc: surpassing oneself; fair-play; respect for people and the environment; and solidarity. Find out more at <https://utmb.world>.

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