



HUAIRASINCHI

**IAR**  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
2024 ECUADOR 

# NEWSLETTER 1



PROYECTO  
**AVENTURA**



## Welcome to Imptek Huairasinchi Adventure Racing World Championship 2024

Celebrating 21 years of adventure in Ecuador, one of the most biodiverse regions on the planet, we are coming back together for an Adventure Racing World Championship in Ecuador after 10 years.

Huairasinchi has hosted more ARWS qualifiers than any other event and has a reputation for being one of the most beautiful, diverse and challenging races in the series.

Teams will embark on an unforgettable journey of nearly 700 kilometers of magnificent biodiversity in the southern regions of Ecuador. The race will feature jungle, mountains, rivers and lakes, without any prolonged exposure to high altitude. This multi-day endurance event promises to take teams on a transformative experience, blending culture, competition and camaraderie in an unprecedented way.

We are delighted to organize a magnificent event with a totally new course in unexplored places in southern Ecuador. The experience gained in the past World Championship will help us create a dream event in one of the most diverse places on the planet. Culture, nature and wild terrain will be part of an expedition you will never forget.

Huairasinchi, one race, multiple worlds

Santiago Lopez, race director



This bulletin is mainly addressed to the racers who will participate, although it also contains information of interest for accompanying persons. If after reading it you have any doubts or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at

[info@proyectoaventura.com](mailto:info@proyectoaventura.com)





## Details of the host country, Ecuador

- OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: Spanish
- OFFICIAL CURRENCY: US Dollar (\$)
- TIME ZONE UTC/GMT-5
- VOLTAGE 110-220V/60Hz (Type A and Type B - US plugs)
- COUNTRY CODE + 593
- INTERNET CODE .ec
- Driving on the road: In Ecuador, drive on the RIGHT side of the road.
- Telephone and internet: In Ecuador, you can have access to the purchase of prepaid phone cards or eSims of the company Claro that has better coverage in the race area. If you buy prepaid you can only recharge in kiosks.
- Food shopping: In Cuenca there is a wide variety of supermarkets for all kinds of purchases.
- Outdoor and cycling stores: Our partner Explorer is based in Cuenca at Mall del Río and there you can find all kinds of equipment. There is also a great variety of cycling stores and bike mechanics.

## Race details

- **Organizer:** Proyecto Aventura ([www.proyectoaventura.com](http://www.proyectoaventura.com))
- **ARWS EXPEDITION DISTANCE:** about 700 kilometers / Winning Time: 100 hours / Open Course: 7 days
- **DISTANCE ADVENTURE:** 350 kilometers / Winning Time: 40 hours / Open Course: 4 days
- **Race territory partners:** Municipality of Cuenca and Prefecture of Azuay



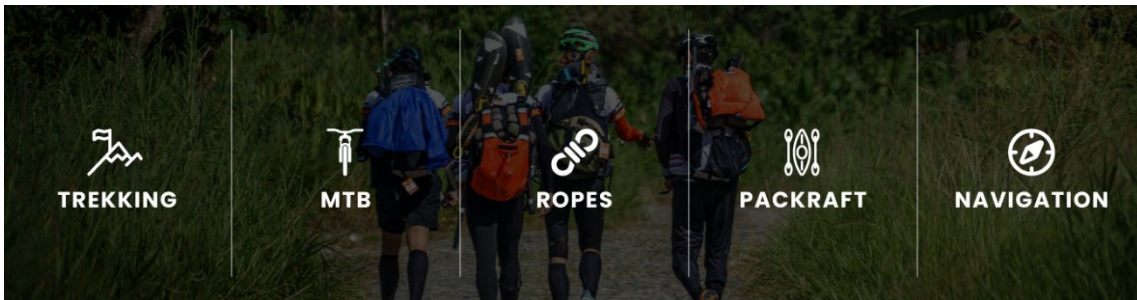
ALCALDÍA DE  
**CUENCA**  
2023 - 2027





## Disciplines:

- Navigation
- Trekking / Trail Running
- Mountain Biking
- Packraft
- Fixed ropes



## Schedule:

### November 26th

- Arrival of international teams in Cuenca

### November 27th and 28th

- Team registration
- Review of race material

### November 29th

- Opening Ceremony
- Race technical talk

### November 30th

- **Start of the Expedition and Adventure teams.**
- 1st day of the race

### December 1st

- 2nd day of the race

### December 2nd

- **Arrival of the first Adventure team**
- 3rd day of race

### December 3rd

- 4th day of the race

### December 4th

- **Arrival of the first Expedition team**
- 5th day of the race

### December 5th

- 6th day of the race

### December 6th

- 7th day of the race

### December 7th

- **Awards Ceremony**
- Awards Party

### December 8th

- Travel of the teams.



## List of teams

At the moment we have 75 teams confirmed for this World Championship. The list will be updated as teams confirm their participation.

### [Teams](#)

## Destination and location:

The official venue will be the city of Cuenca, located in the central Andes in the southern part of the country. We chose Cuenca as the meeting point for the Adventure Racing World Championship 2024 for several reasons, the main ones being its natural and architectural beauty, its tourist, sports and hotel infrastructure and its incredible gastronomy.

In addition, Cuenca is the safest city in the country, and all the territory we will cover during the race will be far away from the hot spots of insecurity.

Below, we present several details and recommendations so that you can have a smooth and safe trip to Cuenca.

### **Travel to Cuenca:**

We strongly recommend that all international teams coming by plane arrive at Mariscal Sucre International Airport in the city of Quito.

Depending on your flight schedule, you may be able to take a short connecting flight from Quito to Cuenca (approximately 40 minutes). There are two international companies that cover this route with various schedules from morning to evening hours.

**LATAM:** <https://www.latamairlines.com>

**AVIANCA:** <https://www.avianca.com>

For teams that due to the time of arrival at the international airport in Quito cannot take their connecting flight to Cuenca the same day, we recommend booking accommodation at the Wyndham Quito Airport Hotel, they have made available to all racers and companions traveling to Huairasinchi a super special rate, plus transfer to and from the





airport and storage of their race equipment during their stay. If you want to book at the Wyndham Quito Airport you must contact the email below and mention that you are part of the Huairasinchi ARWC 2024, reference #1792017092001.

- reservas@wyndhamquito.com
- mercadeo@wyndhamquito.com
- Whatsaap: +593967285242

For all teams arriving to the city of Cuenca on November 26th and 27th, the Huairasinchi team will be waiting for you at the Mariscal Lamar airport in Cuenca.

In order for Huairasinchi to make your transfers it is important that you confirm your travel itineraries and place of lodging until October 30 in this form.

**<http://tiny.cc/InfoTeams>**

*After this date the teams that do not send their information will have to organize their transfers on their own.*

From here a private transport will receive your bicycle boxes to take them directly to the place of registration of the competition that will be in the sports complex La Gloria.

In this place each team will have a delimited space to have their race equipment and to be able to organize their boxes.

All teams will also be taken from the airport to their hotels (as long as their hotel is located in the center or urban area of Cuenca).

### **Arriving by car:**

For international or national teams traveling to Cuenca by land, we recommend using the Highway Panamericana E35, Troncal de la sierra. The distance between Quito's Sucre International Airport and Cuenca is 480 kilometers and the approximate time is 8 hours and 30 minutes.

Avoid traveling at night.

In case you want to rent a car in Quito and drive to Cuenca, we have an alliance with Enterprise that offers a special discount to all racers and companions of the Huairasinchi



ARWC 2024. We introduce you to Ecuatraveling: Local Travel Agency and Tour Operator that offers logistic and touristic services in Ecuador.

To rent a car please contact [tatiana.villacis@ehiglobal.ec](mailto:tatiana.villacis@ehiglobal.ec) <https://enterprise.ec>

[Download the road map of Ecuador here](#)

## Ecuatraveling

ECUATRAVELING offers the following services for Imptek Huairasinchi ARWC 2024 racers:

- Specialized tours for acclimatization prior to the race.
- Touristic tours in Quito: Mitad del Mundo, Ruco Pichincha cable car, Mindo, Papallacta hot springs, etc.
- Round trip transportation service from Guayaquil airport to the race venue in Cuenca.
- \*Round trip transportation service from Quito to the race venue in Cuenca
- Trips to different tourist areas of the country before and after the race including Galapagos and other incredible destinations in Ecuador.

Contact +593 987053367

Email: [pablo@ecuatraveling.com](mailto:pablo@ecuatraveling.com)



Official Hotel

## FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON OFFICIAL HOTEL OF HUAIRASINCHI ARWC 2024

We are pleased to confirm that the Four Points by Sheraton will be the official hotel for the **Huairasinchi ARWC 2024 Adventure Racing World Championship**.



Strategically located just minutes from the main tourist and commercial areas of Cuenca, the Four Points by Sheraton will welcome the participants, offering them an unforgettable experience during this great adventure. Additionally, it is a key location for connecting with the registration site at the La Gloria Complex and with the city center, where several pre- and post-race events will take place.

The hotel will offer excellent rates for teams and accompanying persons attending the Huairasinchi ARWC 2024 and will provide several additional services to support the participating teams.

All teams wishing to stay at the official hotel must make their reservations by contacting the following email addresses and mentioning that they are part of the Huairasinchi ARWC 2024:

- [reservas@fourpointscuenca.com](mailto:reservas@fourpointscuenca.com)
- [jonathan.yanez@fourpointscuenca.com](mailto:jonathan.yanez@fourpointscuenca.com)

To receive the hotel's preferred rates, reservations must be made by **October 20, 2024**.







### SPECIAL RATES

Room type	Normal rate without tax.	Huairasinchi ARWC rate without tax.
Classic Room King/Queen (Mountain View/Lower Floors) 1 Adlt	\$ 180.00	\$ 80.00
Classic Room King/Queen (Mountain View/Lower Floors) 2 Adlt	\$ 220.00	\$ 100.00
Junior Suite (King Size Bed) (1 – 2 pax)	\$ 300.00	\$ 160.00
Master Suite (King Size Bed) (1 – 2 pax)	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00

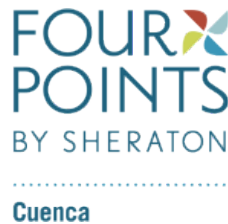
\*Rates subject to 15% VAT, 10% service, \$1.54 + 15% VAT Hotel insurance per night per room.

\*RATES ELIGIBLE subject to availability and prior reservation.

\*Double room rate applies up to 2 adults and 2 children under 12 years of age.

\*\* City view room surcharge (\$100.00/plus tax).

For all foreign participants (tourists), non-residents in Ecuador and who will stay in the country for less than 90 days, they can request VAT exemption on their lodging rate. This benefit must be requested at the time of booking.



Registration, equipment check-in, material check.

Team registration, equipment check and box check in will take place at the La Gloria Sports Complex on November 27th and 28th.

This will also be the meeting place for transportation to the start line on Saturday, November 30.

The Complejo Deportivo La Gloria de Cuenca is a modern sports facility that opened its doors to the public in May 2022. This complex was built to provide a quality space for the practice of various sports disciplines and recreational activities.

[View Location Here](#)



## Weather

In November, the weather in Cuenca, Ecuador, is relatively cool. Daily maximum temperatures usually hover around 18 °C, rarely dropping below 13 °C or exceeding 20 °C. Daily minimum temperatures hover around 9 °C, rarely fall below 7 °C or exceed 11 °C.

On the course the weather and temperature can vary greatly depending on the altitude of each location. There will be a lot of elevation gain along the course. Areas with high humidity and high heat that can reach 25 to 28°C at peak hours.

At high altitudes during the night it can even drop to 2°C.

## Important information about the disciplines

### About the stages:

Detailed summary of stages and distances: The preliminary stage and distance chart will be published 30 days prior to the race with the detailed summary for your logistics.

### Ropes

The organization will provide the ropes and systems enabled in the ropes sections.

This could include:

- *Descents (rappel)*
- *Via ferrata, and/or*
- *Tyrolean traverse.*

Therefore, teams must have knowledge of these rope systems, and also know techniques of descending using an ATC, the use of pulleys, via ferrata handling, and a basic knowledge of knots.





### Packraft:

Teams must have their own Packrafts, which must have the following characteristics:

- They must be commercial Packrafts (regardless of brand).
- Resistant and repairable material.
- Repair kit.
- Quantity: for teams of 4 members, 2 packrafts of 2 people.



In addition, teams must have their own paddles and life jackets.

Each team must have at least:

- **2 certified racers** with whitewater training (2+ or 3-).

These certificates must be valid for the dates of the race and not have been issued more than two years ago.

There will be stages where you will need to carry your packraft equipment during the hike, so it is important to have a good backpack to carry it in. More information on distances will be provided at a later date.

Huairasinchi does not have packrafts available for rent, each team must obtain this material.

If you would like to purchase Packrafts in Ecuador, please contact:

- Mateo Ponce +593 98 453 4145
- Óscar Álvarez +593 98 701 3645





## Mandatory Material

The following is the list of mandatory material (to date) for the Imptek Huairasinchi ARWC 2024.

Please note that this is not a list of the only items to bring. It contains the mandatory material that each competitor and team must carry with them, during the entire race or at specific times, either to meet minimum safety requirements, to avoid and/or treat some possible injuries or to perform short-term survival actions.

In addition to the mandatory material, there are recommended items such as the following:

- Backpacks and containers to carry water.
- Sufficient food and supplies to reach the next supply point, including quantities in case of emergency.
- Personal clothing and footwear appropriate for extreme conditions (including accessories such as hats and gloves, eye protection, watch/altimeter, and clothing for water activities).
- Bike repair kit (including an air pump, tubes, tools, and spare parts).
- Drybags to keep personal and team items dry.
- Water purification devices or chemicals to prevent illness.
- Permitted medications and painkillers, therapeutic medicines, medical insurance certificates.
- Allergy or illness identification and/or sunscreen.
- Cash/credit card, ID card/passport copy, immigration/visa certificates.
- Recommended additional and spare items in the supply boxes.

Each competitor and his or her team are jointly responsible for bringing adequate and appropriate equipment, clothing, supplies according to the weather, conditions and activities of the event.

This list may undergo some changes before the race.

Huairasinchi or ARWS judges may perform mandatory equipment checks during the race and missing any item may result in penalty or even disqualification, according to the race rules. If an item is used consumed/lost during a section of the race, it has to be replaced at the next transition zone.

[View document here](#)





## Maps

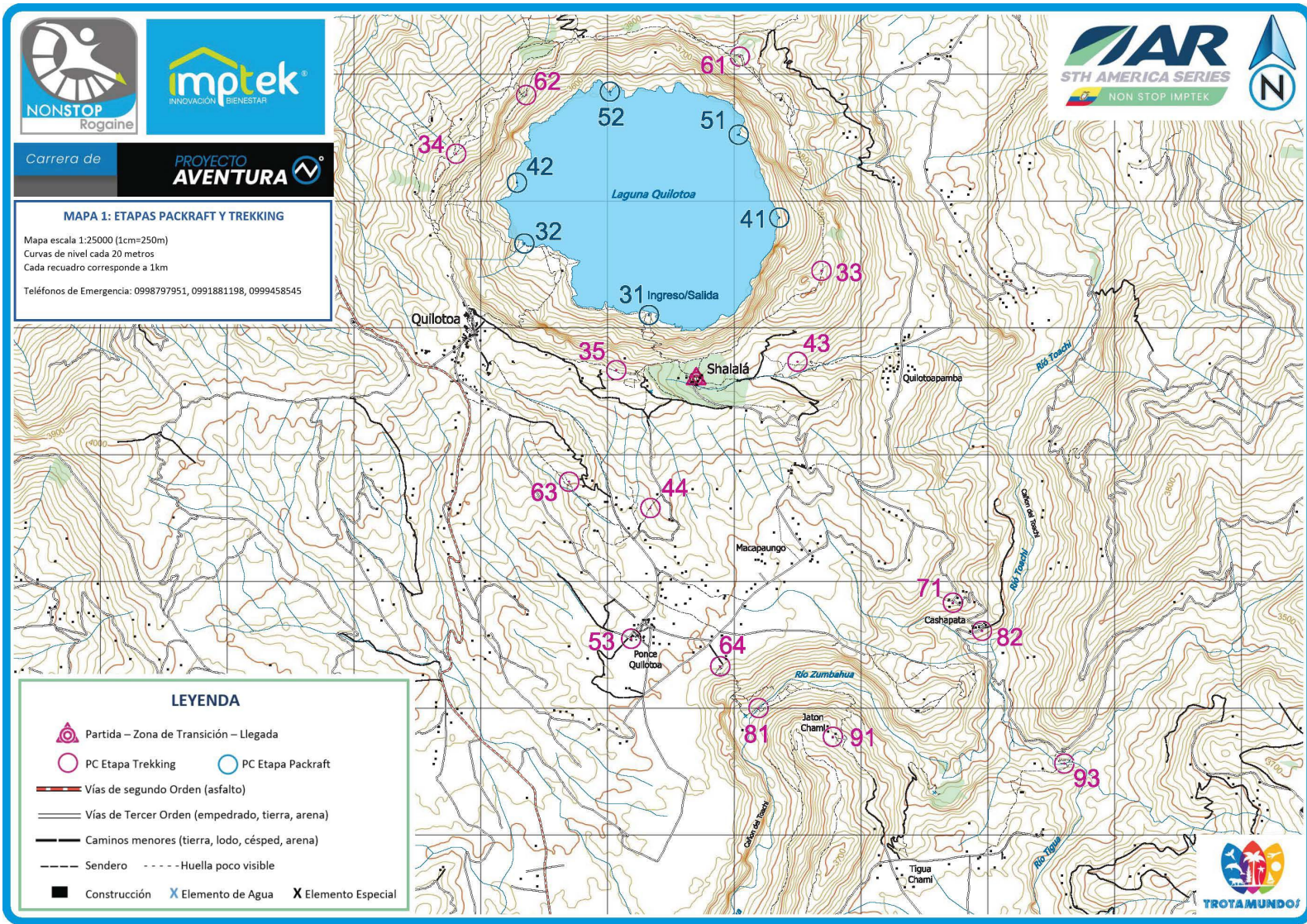
The maps that will be used in the race, will have the following scales.

- 1.50:000 for cycling stages
- 1.25:000 for trekking and paddling stages.

Each team will receive a waterproof paper map kit.

If you want to purchase additional maps set, please fill out the form at the end of the release by October 30th.

Example of map used in race 2024







## Team registration

Registration will take place at the La Gloria sports complex. At the entrance, teams will be able to pick up their credentials. Only people with credentials will be allowed to enter the registration. Each team will be assigned a space where they will find their place and boxes for personal items (gear bins). Teams may access their space and gear bins at any time during registration on November 27th and 28th.

At registration, each team must present itself with each of its members.

## Safety devices.

All equipment shall have as part of its security devices the following:

- Smartphone
- UHF radio
- Garmin In Reach Messenger (tracker)

### Smartphone

Each team must have a smartphone with full charge, credit for calls and mobile data for internet (we recommend Claro operator).

### Trackers

We will be using Garmin InReach Messenger devices for the race. If any team has their own Garmin InReach Messenger, they can bring it with them and use it in the race. It is important that the InReach has an active plan for the days of the race.

## Rules of procedure

Imptek Huairasinchi ARWC 2024 is governed by ARWS regulations.

Time penalties for teams that can finish the race in the top 5 will be applied at the last transition zone. They will be applied, once the teams have finished the transition and delivered their bags or boxes. These penalties will be executed in a space that the organization will provide for this purpose.





for this purpose. Teams will remain there without access to their supply boxes for the duration of their time penalty and once the time has expired, they will continue running to the finish. Time penalties for teams finishing outside the awards will be added to the final race time.

[View document here](#)

## Race Judges

The race will have 2 official ARWS judges and a committee of judges.



## Family and friends

Ecuador is a tourist destination, it is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world and invites you to visit it with family and friends.

Once the course is unveiled, maps and information will be available to friends and family on where they can see the racers on course and other tourist attractions.

Cuenca will be the base of operations for the race and the location for both pre and post-race activities. We recommend that family and friends make reservations in Cuenca for the start and finish of the race.

To move from one place to another, it is recommended to rent a vehicle.

Family and friends are also welcome to attend the opening and closing ceremonies.





## Team Chat

Be part of the Imptek Huairasinchi ARWC 2024 team chat. Enter this link to be part of the chat. This is one of the official communication channels, through which important information about the race will be shared.

**<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FiL9XvPXrsIBbMYKxPaU9a>**

## Information forms.

It is important that all teams fill out the following information to coordinate the different transfers and logistics of the race.

**<http://tiny.cc/TeamsHuairasinchi>**

**<http://tiny.cc/InfoTeams>**





**EXPLORER**



**Produbanco**  
Grupo Promérica



ALCALDÍA DE  
**CUENCA**  
2023 - 2027

**Suncare**

**SIKURA**

