



PARTICIPANT GUIDE

OLACEFS 2026 ASSEMBLY

From August 10 to 14, Cali - Colombia

Venue: **Arena USC** Andrés Pérez Galindo Auditorium,
located at the Santiago de Cali University.

1. **Welcome:**

Welcome to Cali (Valle del Cauca). It is an honor to extend to you our warmest welcome to the **XXXV Assembly of the Latin American and Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (OLACEFS)**, a high-level forum that strengthens cooperation, technical dialogue, and the commitment to transparency and good governance in our region.

Santiago de Cali is a vibrant, diverse, and welcoming city, internationally recognized for its natural richness, joyful culture, and innovative spirit. Known as the “Sucursal del Cielo,” Cali combines modernity, tradition, and a unique energy that will make your experience truly memorable.

Cali is the principal city of southwestern Colombia and the gateway to the Colombian Pacific. Its strategic location makes it a key hub for trade, tourism, and international events. We wish you a successful and enriching stay, confident that this Assembly will mark a new milestone in strengthening the Supreme Audit Institutions of the region.

Weather



Cali has a warm climate year-round, with an average temperature ranging from 24 to 30 °C. Afternoons tend to cool down thanks to breezes coming from the Western Andes and the Farallones de Cali National Natural Park. Light clothing, sunscreen, and staying hydrated are recommended.

Culture and Heritage



Cali is synonymous with living culture. Its historic center preserves buildings, churches, museums, and theaters designated as national heritage. The “Sultana of the Valley” features beautiful urban architecture that blends with traditional neighborhoods and contemporary spaces, framed by iconic hills such as:

- **Cristo Rey**
- **Las Tres Cruces**
- **La Colina de San Antonio**

Music, especially salsa, is an essential part of Cali’s identity and is experienced both on cultural stages and in the streets. Santiago de Cali, as it is fully named, is also a business-oriented city whose infrastructure provides all the facilities for business meetings, accommodations, shopping, gastronomy, and entertainment.

An Experience to Remember



Participating in this international event is also an opportunity to discover a city full of life, rhythm, and diversity. Cali is not only a place to meet, learn, or compete, but also a destination to experience, enjoy, and connect. Welcome to Cali. Welcome to the “Sucursal del Cielo”.

2. Event Information

- **Assembly Venue:** Auditorium Arena USC Andrés Pérez Galindo, located at Universidad Santiago de Cali.
- **Cultural Event:** The Petronio Álvarez Festival is the main platform for promoting and preserving the Afro-Colombian traditions of the Pacific region. Over its 30-year history, it has become the most important Afro festival on the continent, bringing together the African diaspora through its sounds, knowledge, and flavors. It celebrates a heritage expressed in traditions such as the marimba, traditional songs, and the San Pacho festivities—symbols of resistance, memory, and pride recognized by UNESCO.

The proposed activity includes a gastronomic showcase of Pacific cuisine, tasting of local beverages, musical performances, and an encounter with cultural practices from the Colombian Pacific. It will take place at the Patinódromo Mundialista, located within the Alberto Galindo Sports Complex, where participants can enjoy a private experience.

• **Delirio – The World’s largest Salsa show**

Within the framework of the International Assemblies, Delirio has been chosen as the main cultural activity—one of the most emblematic artistic expressions of the city of Cali and, without a doubt, the world’s largest salsa show.

Born in 2006 with the purpose of reclaiming Cali’s popular culture and strengthening the identity of its people, Delirio embodies the historical heritage of a city that turned salsa into its everyday language and distinctive hallmark. Cali, internationally recognized as the capital of salsa, found in this project a platform to showcase its energy, creativity, and talent to the world.

For 19 years, Delirio has staged its “delirious equation”: the speed and precision of Cali-style salsa, the magic of the circus, and the power of a live orchestra, all combined in a high-level artistic stage format. More than a show, it is an immersive cultural experience that brings together history, identity, and technical excellence.

For our international participants, this evening represents a unique opportunity to understand the spirit of Cali through its most vibrant expression. Delirio is not just watched; it is felt. It is rhythm, discipline, passion, and community, all brought together in a performance that honors our roots and celebrates the meeting of cultures.

• **City Tourism Experience:**

The city tourist bus is available for a panoramic and walking sightseeing tour. To enjoy this experience, registration must be completed through the link that will be provided during the Assembly. (Spots are available for Monday and Friday).

3. **Logistics and Travel**

• **Entry Requirements to the Republic of Colombia: Visa, Passport, Vaccinations**

To enter the Republic of Colombia, individuals must present their national identity card or passport, and a visa, depending on their country of origin.

Complete your registration at CheckMig

<https://apps.migracioncolombia.gov.co/pre-registro/>

According to information provided on the website of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Colombia does not restrict entry for international travelers, but it recommends receiving the vaccine 10 days before entering municipalities at risk. Proof of vaccination will be requested when entering or leaving municipalities classified as very high risk.

The city of Cali is classified as LOW RISK. There will be no travel through high-risk areas.

4. Transportation

The Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Colombia will provide airport-to-hotel transportation upon your arrival in the city of Cali. Transportation will also be available to travel to the venue: Auditorium Arena USC Andrés Pérez Galindo, located at Universidad Santiago de Cali, where the Assembly will take place at a designated schedule. At the airport, upon exiting the flights, staff will be present holding a sign referencing the Assembly.

• **Accommodation:**

Suggested Hotels for your comfortable stay in the city of Cali.

It is recommended to book your hotel months in advance, taking into account availability and occupancy due to the Petronio Álvarez cultural event, which is held in the city of Cali at the same time as the Assembly.



Hotel SPIWAK - Cali
www.spiwak.com/es/

Tarifas: Luxury King
COP \$385.042 / por noche
(No incluido impuesto IVA del 19%).
USD \$105/ per night

**Hotel SPIWAK y
Hotel SPIRITO by SPIWAK
Aplican descuento**

<https://www.spiwak.com/bookcore/availability/hotelspiwakchipichape/2026-08-08/2026-08-18/?cp=PETRONIO>



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Hotel SPIRITO by SPIWAK - Cali
www.spiwak.com/es/

Tarifas: Deluxe King
COP \$290.042 / por noche
(No incluido impuesto IVA del 19%).
USD \$80/ per night



Hotel Marriott - Cali
www.marriott.com/es/hotels/clomc-cali-marriott-hotel/overview/

Tarifas: Deluxe Guest room, 1 King
COP \$682.000 /por noche
(No incluido impuesto IVA del 19%).
USD \$186 / per night



Hotel Estelar S.A. - Cali
www.hotelesestelar.com/destinos-estelar/colombia/cali/intercontinental/

Tarifas: Cama Doble Superior
COP \$527.680 / por noche
(No incluido impuesto IVA del 19%).
USD \$144 /per night

• **Catered meals included:**

The Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Colombia will provide lunch from Tuesday through Friday for the closing of the Assembly.

5. Useful Destination Information

• **Currency, electrical outlets, taxi service, telephone calls**

Currency:



The monetary unit of Colombia is the peso (COP), with coins of \$50, \$100, \$200, \$500, and \$1,000 pesos, and banknotes of \$2,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$20,000, \$50,000, and \$100,000 pesos. In cities, it is easy to find ATMs that allow cash withdrawals in the local currency.

Many commercial establishments allow payment with international bank cards. In Colombia, it is advisable to exchange money into Colombian pesos only at authorized exchange offices.

As a reference, upon your arrival at El Dorado International Airport in the city of Bogotá, Colombia (in case of a connection), as well as at Alfonso Bonilla Aragón International Airport, which serves the city of Cali from the municipality of Palmira, Valle del Cauca, you will find exchange offices where you can purchase Colombian pesos (COP)

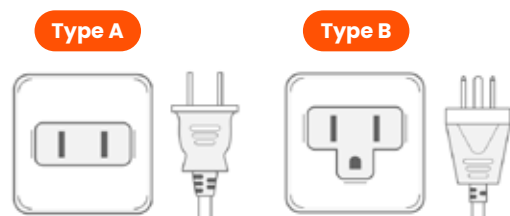
Electricity and Power Outlets



- **Voltage: 110 V**
- **Frequency: 60 Hz**
- **Pegs: Tipo A/B**

In Colombia, the standard voltage is 110 V.

The frequency is 60 Hz. Plugs and sockets are of type A/B. In the following images, you can see the types of plugs and power outlets. (Pegs and power outlets).



Taxi Service



It is recommended to use authorized taxis at airports or to request them through your hotel or recognized platforms. For safety reasons, taking a taxi directly from the street is not advised. The cost depends on the duration of the trip. These are yellow vehicles that can pick up passengers anywhere. Fares are generally indicated on the chosen platform or, in some cases, on the taximeter; it must always be visible to the passenger, who should ensure it starts when entering the vehicle and the trip begins. Uber and Cabify apps can also be used.

Telephone Calls



The country code or dialing code for Colombia is +57.

The way to make an international call from Colombia is: 00 + long-distance operator code + country code + landline number.

Incoming international calls to landline numbers in Colombia can be made using the international operator code of the calling country + Colombia's country code (+57) + 60 + the old city code (in the case of Cali) + the traditional landline number.

Local calls (from landline to landline within the same city): 60 + regional code + the usual number. Example of a local call in Cali: 60 + 2 + the usual number.

Recommended Restaurants



1. Casa D'Amore
2. Palomulata Parrilla Boutique
3. Restaurante Platos Voladores
4. Tizons
5. Cantina La 15 Granada
6. Odiseo Bistro
7. Izumi Restaurant
8. Storia D'amore – Granada

6. Protocol:

Suggested (Dress Code): considering the warm and sometimes hot weather, **“Business Casual”** or **“Light Formal”** is recommended.

7.

Security:



Emergency Contact Number



Single
Emergency

123



Firefighters:

119



National Police:

123-112



Military Anti Extortion
and Kidnapping:

147

**For any questions or concerns, please contact
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