
Belem Comes Alive as Global Delegates Gather for COP30



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Belem, the gateway to Brazil's Amazon region, has transformed into a vibrant international hub as more than 50,000 participants arrive for the 30th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30), taking place from November 10 to 21. The capital of Pará State is experiencing one of the

busiest periods in its history, with streets, hotels, and cultural venues filled with visitors from every corner of the world.

Local businesses report unprecedented activity. At the popular Estação das Docas waterfront complex, café employee Marina Duarte said the crowds over the weekend were so dense that “it was difficult to even move.” Foreign delegates have been sampling Amazonian delicacies, from cocoa-based desserts to tropical fruit drinks, while enjoying views of Guajará Bay.

Nearby, the riverside Porto Futuro district is also riding the surge. Food-kiosk operator Rafael Pinheiro said sales jumped by around 40 percent as visitors sought traditional dishes such as tacacá and açaí. Museums and cultural attractions are experiencing similar momentum. The newly opened Museum of the Amazon has already welcomed 50,000 guests, according to communications manager Carla Nascimento, who noted a strong presence of visitors from Europe and Asia.

Tourist interest continues to spread across the city’s historic center, markets, and neighborhoods, where delegates, volunteers, and residents mingle. Tour guide Ana Claudia Silva said the event offers a rare chance to “show the world the cultural and environmental richness of the Amazon.”

Belem’s hospitality sector is operating at near-full capacity, with hotel occupancy surpassing 95 percent and several properties fully booked months in advance. The newly constructed Vila COP,

built to host official delegations, is also bustling with activity.

As COP30 enters its final stretch, Belem remains at the heart of global climate discussions,

blending local energy with international collaboration.