Notice from Tijuca National Park:

Visiting Christ the Redeemer during the escalator replacement works

Will visits to Christ the Redeemer be suspended?

No. The site will remain open to visitors during the escalator replacement works, which are expected to run from August 3, 2026, when the current escalators will be taken out of service, until the end of May 2027, according to the estimated completion date provided by Petrobras. Third-party events that require authorization from ICMBio will be suspended during this period.

Will visitor capacity be reduced?

Yes. Since the space available for visitors at Alto Corcovado is already limited, the area will become more restricted. In addition, maximum simultaneous visitor capacity at Alto Corcovado will be reduced by 50% throughout the duration of the works to ensure safety, minimize impacts, and better manage visitor flow.

What will change in access to Alto Corcovado?

Access to Alto Corcovado will continue as usual by train, shuttle van, or hiking trail. The route up via the elevators and stone stairways will remain unchanged.

The change begins at the upper elevator lobby, on the second floor. From there, access to the monument's viewing platform will be available only via the stone stairways.

For visitors with reduced mobility, including wheelchair users or visitors with other mobility limitations, stair-climbing vehicles and chairs will be available from the ICMBio Visitor Assistance Center (CAV -ICMBio), which is also located on the second floor, just after the elevator exit.



From this stairway, there are 80 steps up to the Christ the Redeemer platform. Both visitors and the stair-climbing vehicles and chairs will use this route.

How long does it take to go up from CAV-ICMBio to the Christ the Redeemer platform using the stair-climbing vehicles and chairs?

The route from CAV-ICMBio to the Christ the Redeemer platform has 80 steps and takes seven to eight minutes going up. Going down takes five to six minutes. The equipment is safe, automatic, and operated by trained staff. Additional staff will be available to better assist and guide visitors.

Can the stair-climbing vehicles and chairs be used in all conditions?

No. The equipment cannot be used on wet surfaces or in rainy conditions. When planning your visit to Christ the Redeemer, please check the weather forecast and keep in mind that the weather can change quickly at the top (Alto Corcovado).

In addition, the stair-climbing vehicles are designed to carry standard wheelchairs, because motorized wheelchairs or wheelchairs of other sizes cannot be fitted onto the stair-climbing vehicle. In these cases, standard wheelchairs will be available, and the visitor will need to be transferred to a standard wheelchair.

What is the weight limit for the stair-climbing vehicles and chairs?

The stair-climbing vehicle has a safety mechanism, controls on the handlebar, and a safety belt. It can carry up to **150 kg (approximately 330 lb)**, including the combined weight of the person and the wheelchair.

The stair-climbing chair has a weight capacity of **130 kg (approximately 286 lb)**, a control key for safer operation by authorized staff, a safety belt, and non-slip, non-marking rubber wheels.



Should I visit Christ the Redeemer during the escalator replacement works?

The site will remain open to visitors during the works, but access from the second floor to the monument's platform will be affected, especially for visitors with reduced mobility.

Even visitors without mobility limitations should be aware in advance of the physical effort required to climb stairs. From the train or shuttle van arrival area to the Christ the Redeemer platform, there are **220 steps**. Part of this route will remain unchanged, with visitors still using the regular elevators, but there will still be **80 steps** along the stone stairways from the second floor, where CAV-ICMBio is located.

Will ICMBio carry out any work on the Christ the Redeemer monument?

No. This notice refers only to the escalator replacement works. Archdiocese (Mitra Arquiepiscopal) is responsible for restoration work or any other work on the monument and will announce it through its official channels.

What are the general recommendations for visitors?

Visitors should plan ahead. This preparation includes:

Get the information you need before purchasing tickets.

Be aware of on-site circulation restrictions

Check the weather conditions

Check updates and announcements on the Instagram accounts of Tijuca National Park and the concession operators:
@parquenacionaldatijuca
@paineirascorcovado
@tremdocorcovado.rio

Please note that stair-climbing equipment will be available for visitors with **reduced mobility** upon request

Purchase your tickets in advance through the official channels of the concession operators: Trem do Corcovado or Paineiras-Corcovado

Check in advance with the concession operators that sell tickets **for transportation to Christ** the Redeemer.

Consider whether visiting Christ the Redeemer during the works is the best option for you, taking your physical condition into account.

Access via the hiking trail remains open as usual, but is subject to the 50% reduction in simultaneous visitor capacity at Christ the Redeemer, in line with the other transport options.

Check each concession operator's official channels:

Corcovado Train
Site: https://www.tremdocorcovado.rio/

Paineiras-Corcovado
Site: https://www.paineirascorcovado.com.br/

Each concession operator's ticket exchange policy is available at:

Paineiras-Corcovado Group Ticket Policy
https://short-url.cc/1s-jH

Corcovado Train Ticket Policy
https://www.tremdocorcovado.rio/institutional/10

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