

Thousands of Brazilians for Copa Libertadores final in Uruguay

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They began arriving by land border routes or on charter flights on Wednesday, under strict police immigration control to cut off the passage of identified violent fans, "blacklists" in hand, provided by Brazil.

A few hours before the clash at the Centenario stadium, partisans are visible in the streets of Montevideo enjoying the sunny weather, still with relaxed enthusiasm, each one wearing t-shirts and emblems, red and black stripes of Flamengo or Green with Palmeiras.

Teams quite evenly matched in history of national and regional results, if either of them wins, they will conquer their third Copa Libertadores, the first one won it before in 1981 and 2019, and the second one in 1999 and 2000.

Only three teams, Sao Paulo, Gremio and Santos, have won it so far in Brazil, while Argentina's Independiente leads the list with seven trophies.

Despite the apparent climate of coexistence between the teams, organizers of the final match delimited and distanced the players' lodgings and the concentration and transportation points of fans to the corresponding separate areas in the stadiums.

Tourism authorities harbored expectations of an influx of visitors which they calculated with great optimism at about 60 thousand, but expert sources in the sector estimated that it will be much less.

Journalistic media critically pointed out the high price of tickets to the coliseum which can cost 600 dollars and go down to 100 in the worst places, in one of the most expensive cities of the continent, according to newcomers who complained.

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