



Paris Olympic and Paralympics Games 2024

Useful Facts and information

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Flight Pro International and its local France office will help you with all your questions.

When?

The Paris 2024 Olympics will take place from July 26th to August 11th.

Some competitions (football, handball, rugby will start July 24th).

The Opening Ceremony will be on July 26th.

The Closing Ceremony will be on August 11th.

Official website: <https://www.paris2024.org/en/>

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Where?

The Olympic Opening Ceremony will take place in Paris City Center on the Seine River (at this time it is still planned as such, its location is creating security issues so it may be done elsewhere).

The Paralympic Opening Ceremony will take place in Paris City Center at the Place de la Concorde and the Champs Elysées.

Closing Ceremonies for Olympic and Paralympics will be at the Stade de France (Seine St Denis, north of Paris).

Most of the events and sports competitions will take place in Paris or the Paris area, but some can take place outside of Paris.

For all locations: <https://www.paris2024.org/en/competition-venue-concept/>

The following cities in France will also have competitions:

Lille, Nantes, Lyon, Chateauroux, St Etienne, Nice, Marseille, Bordeaux and Tahiti (Teahupo'o Tahiti main island)

Transportation?

Paris Airports:

Paris CDG airport / LFPG - Airlines and likely some Head of States flights. **NORMAL SLOT COORDINATION**

Paris Orly / LFPO - Airlines and likely some Head of States flights. **NORMAL SLOT COORDINATION**

Beauvais / LFOB – Major airport for low-cost Airlines **LFOB WILL IMPLEMENT SLOT COORDINATION**

The 3 above airports should not be used by business aviation, unless in specific cases such as connecting flights with airliners. Also, heavy restrictions and limitations will be in place to give priority to airliners.

(Transportation? continued)

Le Bourget / LFPB – The main airport access for Business Aviation (see specific section for LFPB).

Pontoise / LFPT: 1-hour normal driving time to Paris. During Olympic operations to LFPT, the aircraft weight limit (17 tons) will be waived and **CIQ will only be for to/from Schengen area flights**. Parking is possible for flights with stops from/to the Schengen area. FBO is required to file “Flight Intention” with Air Operations Coordination Centre (C3MOA) no later than 4 hours before planned takeoff to/from LFPT, flight changes may not be accepted after that.

Melun / LFPM: 1-hour normal driving time to Paris – No CIQ available*.

Albert / LFAQ: Located north of Paris (2-hour normal driving time to Paris) – LFAQ could be a good alternate airport, No CIQ available*. If aircraft parking becomes available for the longer term, hotels in the area can be an issue as they are limited and mostly not up to the level of service expected.

*The French authorities may allow international flight arrivals for the Olympics, but as of now, no decisions have been made.

For other Cities

Lille: LFQQ is the main airport, Lille has good hotels. **LFQQ WILL IMPLEMENT SLOT COORDINATION**

Nantes: LFRS is the main airport, but with a limitation of parking for business aircraft/ St Nazaire / LFRZ can be an alternate.

Lyon: Lyon has 2 airports of entry LFLY / Lyon Bron and LFLL / Lyon St Exupery with lots of Parking, CIQ, and Hotels. **NORMAL SLOT COORDINATION**

St Etienne: LFMH Airport, CIQ is possible, The City is not big, but some hotels are possible, and Lyon City is not far (1-hour 15min drive).

Chateauroux: LFLX has many parking spaces available, CIQ needs PPR, and there are limited good hotels in the area.

(For other Cities, continued)

Nice: LFMN Airport with usual restrictions (slot / PPR), be advised that the Olympics will take place during the summer busy season, aircraft parking is already an issue during normal times, and this can be more important during the Olympic events in Nice. **NORMAL SLOT COORDINATION.**

Marseille: LFML Airport has all the services, parking during summer times can be an issue in case of heavy traffic. **LFML WILL IMPLEMENT SLOT COORDINATION.**

Bordeaux: LFBD has all CIQ, aircraft parking is already an issue during normal times. Alternate parking can be done in Toulouse / LFBO, Biarritz / LFBZ (new hangar).

Tahiti: Papeete / NTAA will be the closest airport of entry for Surf Competitions in Tahiti, all services are there.

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Paris can also be reached by trains, from all parts of France in all its stations, including the High-Speed Train (TGV, Eurostar) from the UK, Belgium, Germany....

In a general way, all transport in Paris during the Olympics will be difficult due to the number of visitors. Expect heavy traffic on the roads with longer driving times. Road construction is still ongoing, so it is hard to give any plan on how it will affect traffic at a specific destination.

Walking within Paris may be the quickest way!!

Public Transport (buses, underground) will also have possible difficulties. Paris transport company is planning to add more buses, metros... Unfortunately, the new underground from CDG / LBG airport will not be available, as work is unfinished. Only Access to Orly / LFPO with the new underground should be operational.

Note that the prices of Paris Public transport will be raised from the usual normal price (a single ticket for underground or bus will be at 4 Euros – a special pass will be done for the Olympic period).

RATP (Public transport) website: <https://www.ratp.fr/en>

Taxis will be available but only use official taxis (with signs on the roof and inside there is an automatic price calculator).

FPI France strongly recommends the use of prearranged transportation for any transport.

Accommodations?

Hotels and accommodations will be among the most difficult issues during the Olympics.

Paris has, in normal times, a large choice of hotels but things will be difficult due to the number of visitors during that period.

The Olympic Official Committee seems to hold many rooms for its own needs. They intend to release the non-used rooms, but we don't know when. The rooms they hold are part of major hotel brands.

This situation is creating challenges as some hotels may be sold out artificially.

The price of any accommodation (hotel, Airbnb, etc.) has been raised to a very high level, sometimes not justified.

In any case, we suggest booking hotels as soon as possible, cancellation policies should be checked carefully. Booking through hotels, and travel agencies ... should not be an issue but any booking with an individual should be checked and some may be fraudulent.

Restaurants can also be very busy, so booking should be planned.

Security?

The Olympics will put Paris and France in the front news.

Paris and France have been a target for Global Terrorism, security is a real issue taken seriously by French Authorities.

Security forces will be present in a very strong way. All police forces will be present at sports centers but also in all public places.

Special secure areas will also be in place for some events and places, restricted access to these places can be put in place. Car parking or even car access can also be denied.

We always recommend carrying ID at each time, but also Hotel booking confirmation (if hotels are in secure areas). Comply with any police request (body/bag search, question, ID check).

Aéroport Paris Le Bourget – LFPB Airport

LFPB is the main airport of entry for Business Aviation in Paris.

Heavy traffic should be expected during the Olympics, but some dates are expected to be busier (Opening/closure ceremonies). Aircraft parking can be an issue.

The slot booking system is now open, the slot period is from JULY 12 to SEPTEMBER 16th. Supplemental AIPs are published by French Civil Air, they include restrictions and regulations for operating to French airports during the Olympic period. LFPB have additional restrictions as it is included in the No-Fly Zone due to its proximity to the Stade de France (Ceremonies that are taking place there).

Please note that some FBOs have stopped taking requests as they are already full. Drop-and-go scheduling may be your next best option.

Expect FBOs to apply a special price list for the Olympics, which will include a cancellation policy.

FBO is required to file “Flight Intention” with Air Operations Coordination Centre (C3MOA) no later than 2 hours before planned takeoff to/from LFPB, flight changes may not be accepted after that.

A slot / PPR system is in place during the Olympic and Paralympics games. **The slot period is from JULY 12 to SEPTEMBER 16th.** The same slot and PPR system that was put in place during the Rugby World Cup will be used and the following can be expected:

Limited Slots available per hour for arrival and departure

PPR numbers are to be issued and put in the flight plan.

Based on first arrived, first served, schedule changes will need new slots, but the request goes to the bottom of the list, so best practice is to submit the schedule you are most likely to fly.

Slot Tolerance : Once a slot has been granted it remains valid for the HOUR given. For example a slot given for 1115 UTC is valid from 1100 to 1159 UTC. But if a slot requested for 1150 UTC it is also valid from 1100 to 1159 UTC but if flight is getting delayed a new slot is to be requested if ETD is planned after 1200 UTC.

Aéroport Paris Le Bourget – LFPB Airport (continued)

Airport authorities have asked operators to have a specific form of GENDEC. They will be filled by FPI France office based on the trip manifest data that must also include place of birth for crew and passengers.

These GENDECs need to include the PPR Number and Slot given. NO CHANGE IN TIMING OR MANIFEST WILL BE ACCEPTED LESS THAN 2 HOURS BEFORE ETA/ETD... IF NOT FOLLOWED FLIGHT WILL BE BANNED.

Airspace and airports will be closed during the Opening Ceremony, including LFPG, LFPB, and LFPO on July 26th from 16H30 TO 22H00 UTC. This will create flight disruption and delay all commercial flights as well.

LFPB being the closest airport to Paris City Center, LFPB will be closed during that time frame.

PLANNING AN ALTERNATE

Planning an alternate for LFPB early should be considered as parking, slots, and hotels may become an issue. Pontoise/LFPT is the best option closest to Paris (however you must make stops in and out of the Schengen area)

Other best alternate options are:

- London Airports: several airports to choose from, good hotel choices, easy access to Paris downtown with Eurostar rail.
- Brussels / EBBR: Easy access to France by high-speed train, good hotel choice, international H24 Airport and FBOs are full services.