



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Paris (France), Strikes in France – June 11 – 17

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The U.S. Embassy in France informs U.S. citizens that several national unions across a variety of sectors continue strikes in protest of proposed labor laws. Affected sectors include, but are not limited to, the national rail network, air traffic control, airline pilots, the Paris public transportation system, truck transport, and oil refinery operations.

Travelers are advised to verify the status of their flights, trains, or other public transportation services prior to their travel. Travelers are advised that these strikes could result in delays or cancellations of trains, flights, and other transportation services.

The following strikes have been announced beginning on or after Saturday, June 11:

Air – Air France pilots have called for general strikes from Saturday, June 11 – Tuesday, June 14, 2016, which could result in delays or cancellations of flights originating in France.

Multi-sector -- A national strike has been called for Tuesday, June 14. Affected sectors include maritime, public transportation, taxis, education, public services, private sector enterprises, postal service, sanitation workers, and health.

The following strikes are ongoing:

Rail - The national unions which represents rail workers renewed their call for strikes limiting rail services along the TGV, RER and SNCF networks. The “unlimited strike” started on May 31 and is ongoing.

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Paris-area Public Transportation - The union representing the Paris metro area transportation (RATP) called for an “unlimited strike,” which started on June 2, of all public transportation services, including the Paris metro, buses, and RER trains.

Travelers can also track updates on Twitter through services such as Aéroports de Paris (@ParisAeroport) or your local airport or air carrier, the Prefecture de Police for your area (@PrefPolice is the one for Paris), SNCF (@SNCF), and your metro or rail line. French news sources such as BFMTV, Le Parisien, and France24 TV (available in English or French) are also likely to carry information about the strikes’ impact.

If you need to cancel or exchange a TGV or Intercity train ticket, visit the SNCF website here: <http://www.sncf.com/fr/echange-remboursement-tgv-intercites>

For up-to-date information on SNCF plans (or to check your specific train), consult the SNCF website here: <http://www.sncf.com/fr/horaires-info-traffic#animation-1>

RATP – Paris local transport system – for information on metros, buses, and RER lines: <http://www.ratp.fr/informer/trafic/trafic.php>
Transilien – for Paris region transport: <http://www.transilien.com/info-traffic/temps-reel>
For further information about security in France:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and France Country Specific Information.

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Contact the U.S. Embassy in France, located at 4, Avenue Gabriel, Paris, +33 (1) 43 12 22 22, 9:00am – 6:00pm Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +33 (1) 43 12 22 22.

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