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In total, more than 15 million people are expected to flock to Paris over the 2024 summer on the occasion of the world's biggest sporting event. The Olympic and Paralympic Games, which will take place from 26 July to 11 August and from 28 August to 8 September respectively, will generate major security challenges for the authorities and companies.

Significant security reinforcements and travel disruption should be expected, while the period is also likely to be conducive to an uptick in crime - whether opportunistic crime or cybercrime - social movements and the threat of terrorism.

Over the course of the four months between the arrival of the Olympic Flame in Marseille 8 May and the end of the Paralympic Games 8 September, various events, such as Bastille Day and the Tour de France, will be held during the period and will pose similar challenges for the movements and safety of travellers.

In view of such a particular situation, marked by both structural and cyclical multi-factorial risks, anticipating and detecting events likely to have a greater impact on the activities and image of companies is proving to be particularly strategic.

The SSF Strategic Analysis Team

Important Points - 5 golden rules

- ***Plan how to get around in advance and check for potential disruption via reliable sources.***
- ***Expect considerable security reinforcements throughout the whole period, including checks, more patrols and traffic restrictions.***
- ***Remain aware of your immediate surroundings and keep an eye on your belongings in crowded places.***
- ***Keep away from potential rallies staged for social or political reasons.***
- ***Use best practice to protect yourself from the risk of cyber threats.***



PARIS 2024



Olympic Schedule



Until 26/07:
Olympic Torch
Relay



29/06 to 21/07:
Tour de France
cycle race



MAY

JUNE

JULY

08/05: Arrival of the Olympic Flame
in Marseille

06/06: 80th anniversary of the
Normandy Landings

21/06: *Fête de la Musique* annual
music celebration

23/06: Olympic Day

14/07: Bastille Day

26/07 to 11/08:
Olympic Games



AUGUST

26/07: Paris Olympic Games
Opening Ceremony

11/08: Paris Olympic Games
Closing Ceremony

15/08 to 16/08: *Marathon Pour Tous*
The Mass Event Running

25/08: 80th anniversary of the
Liberation of Paris

28/08 to 08/09:
Paralympic Games



SEPTEMBER

28/08: Paralympic Games Opening
Ceremony

08/09: Paralympic Games
Closing Ceremony

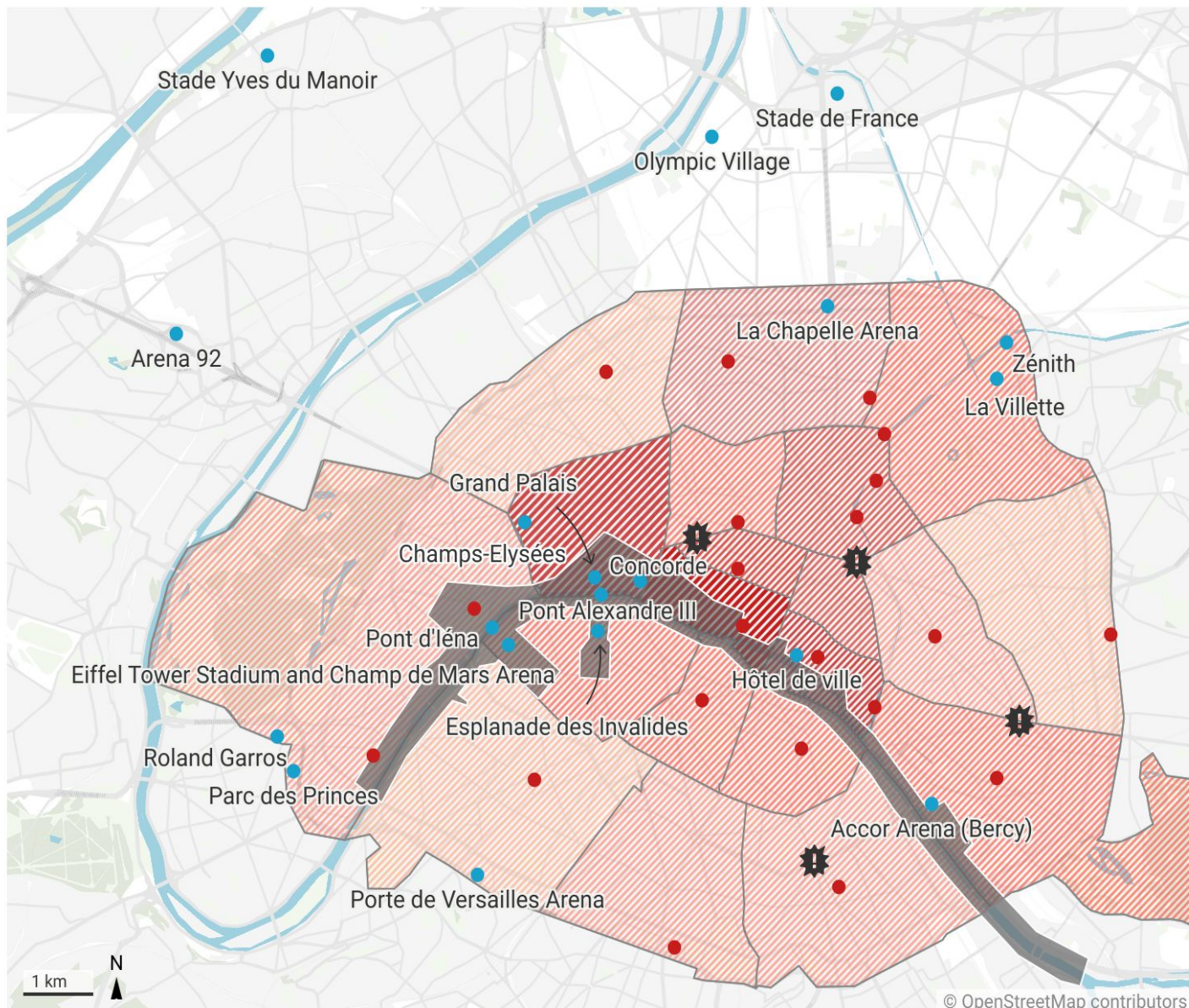
Paris and the Olympics



While most of the Olympic and competition venues are located inside the **Paris city limits** and the surrounding area (the suburb of **Seine-Saint-Denis** is home to the Olympic Village for example), some other facilities are found in the outer departments of the **Ile-de-France Region (Seine-et-Marne, Yvelines...)**, as well the rest of the country pays (**Lyon, Marseille, Bordeaux, Tahiti...**).






The Olympic Games in Paris

- Olympic and competition venues
- Fan zones and celebrations
- SILT security perimeter (with QR code) one week prior to the opening ceremony 26 July
- ✚ Traditional demonstration locations
- Number of thefts per arrondissement*



*The darker the colour, the more thefts are recorded compared to the Paris average.

Public transport in Paris will experience a high level of demand during the Olympic Games, therefore **disruption should be expected from 1 July to 21 September** at least. Despite **additional services**, some lines are likely to be particularly affected, especially on the following networks:

-  **Metro** (lines **5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13** and **14**);
-  **Tram** (**T3a** and **T3b**);
-  **RER** (**B, C** and **D**);
-  **Transilien** (**J, L, N, P** and **U**);
-  **Bus** (details TBC).

Paris Olympics 2024

Stations with the most disruption during the Olympics

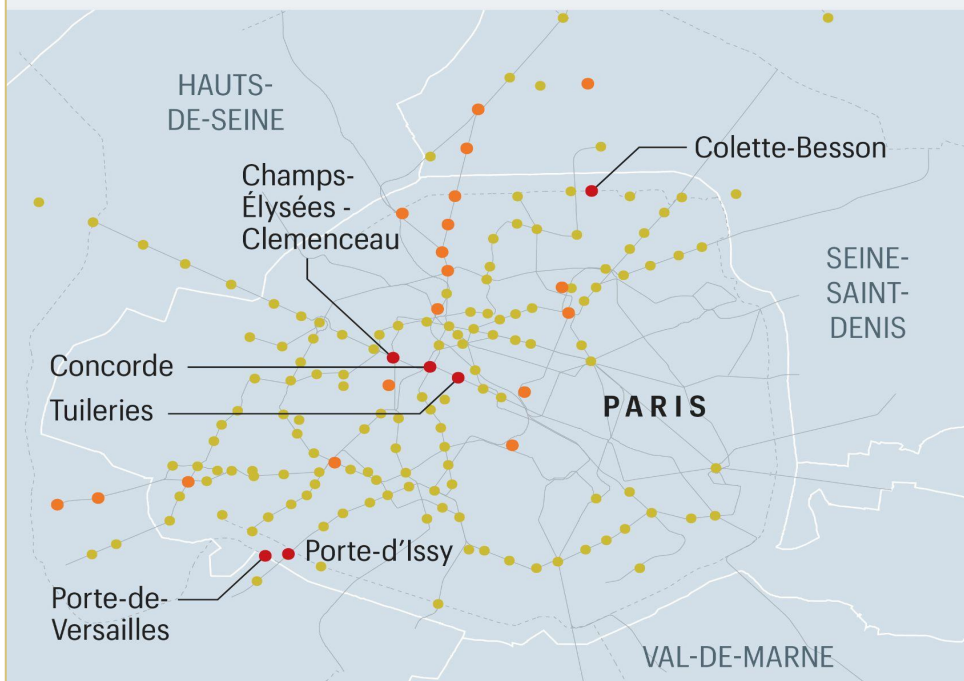
— Metro lines
Stations...

--- Tram lines

● closed

● extremely busy

● very busy



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Recommendations

- Plan how to get around in advance and check for potential disruption via reliable sources. .
- Adjust your journeys by choosing to travel at quieter times and on less congested lines.
- Consider using alternative means of transport, such as cycling or walking.

Terrorism



In view of the **current international tension** (e.g. Moscow attack in March 2024 and the Israel-Hamas conflict) and the scale of the event, the **threat of terrorism** cannot be ruled out, especially in Paris. The **Olympic venues, tourist attractions** and **public transport** are particularly at risk. Considerable security reinforcements should be expected within the framework of the French Vigipirate security plan, which was raised to **“urgence attentat”** (“attack emergency”) at the end of March.

Opportunistic Crime



The significant number of visitors expected to flock to the city is likely to result in an **uptick in opportunistic crime**, though contained by the large police presence. Criminal activities could include **theft** (particularly pick-pocketing on public transport), **scams** (accommodation fraud, fake metro tickets etc.) and **mugging**.

Social Movements



Demonstrations and **strikes**, whether related to the **actual organisation of the Olympics themselves** (ideological protests), the **national situation** (budget restrictions, increased cost of living etc.) or the **international environment** (war in Ukraine, Israel-Hamas conflict etc.), are likely to be staged during the period in question resulting in severe **disruption**. The risk of **unrest** on the fringes of such rallies should not be ruled out.

Environment & Health



In a similar fashion to past years, there is a serious risk of **extreme weather events** (high temperatures, violent storms), which could have a potential impact on the Olympic facilities and cause transport disruption. Extra care should be taken in the event of occasional **high levels of pollution**, which should also be expected throughout the summer months. Finally, given that the event will attract large numbers of people, an **upsurge in infectious diseases** (Covid-19, flu etc.) should not be ruled out.

Cybercrime



The Olympic Games are a prime target for **cybercriminals**, **“hacktivists”** and **state actors** (450 million cyber-attacks were recorded during the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 and around 4 billion are forecast for Paris 2024). Malicious attacks, which pose a **high risk** both for the organisers and visitors, could consist of **infrastructure sabotage, personal and financial data leaks**, as well as **disinformation**.

Practical Information

Useful websites

Paris 2024

Paris Tourist Office

Paris Police Prefecture

Anticipez les Jeux

Ville de Paris

RATP

Useful phone numbers

European emergency number: 112

SAMU (ambulance): 15

Police: 17

Pompiers (fire): 18

Ville de Paris helpline: 3975

RATP customer service: 3424

Accessing the security perimeter

A security perimeter, dubbed "SILT", has been set up **along the River Seine**, from the **Pont de Bercy** to the **Trocadéro**. Access to the area is subject to the presentation of ID plus a **QR code**, which will be available on demand via a special website that will go live from 10 May. Although the size of the perimeter will vary during the Olympics and Paralympics depending on the competition locations, the first restrictions will come into force seven days prior to the Opening Ceremony 26 July.



The Olympic and Paralympic lanes



Throughout the Olympic Games, **special lanes, covering at least 185 km of roads around Paris, will be dedicated to accredited vehicles**, including taxis, public transport and emergency vehicles. Potential **traffic congestion** caused by the shift of traffic on to the other lanes of the road should be expected on the highways concerned. The list is available in French [here](#).

Communication

The Ville de Paris has set up several different means of communication (information helpline, local notices, social media, "[Paris Info Jeux 2024](#)" French newsletter...) in order to keep city residents and visitors informed of any events of interest. A free alert service is also available via the "[Anticipez les Jeux](#)" website.



Reduced mobility

Shuttle services, alongside a scheme to make 1,000 taxis accessible to wheelchair users (in comparison to 200 currently), will be available for people with disabilities.

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