

## Press release European Consumer Centre Luxembourg

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### Driving in France during the Olympics

Driving through or around Paris during the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic games will inevitably be complex, subject to disruptions and new sets of regulations. To any drivers planning to travel by car to the games or whose travel route to their summer destinations passes through the Île-de-France region, beware! Between the 26th of July and the 11th of August, expect your average travel time to double or even triple. French roads will be severely impacted by the games due to increased security measures and an anticipated 15 million visitors.

The European Consumer Centre Luxembourg (ECC Luxembourg) is competent to deal with cross-border complaints. So far, ECC Luxembourg has not received any complaints related to the Olympic Games. If you have any questions about the Olympics or complaints to submit, please contact the ECC Luxembourg.

#### **Three security zones in Paris during the games**

France has defined 3 levels of security, each with different implications for vehicles:

- **BLUE:** Some motorised access available, with restrictions. No personal vehicles allowed in this zone. Taxis, vehicles for hire, buses, and people with a residential parking permit (and justification in the form of a supporting document) are allowed.
- **RED:** Almost all traffic is banned. No personal vehicles, vehicles for hire, or buses are allowed. Only taxis carrying an IOC (International Olympic Committee) authorised person and residential permits with justification may enter this zone.
- **GREY:** Grey zones are the most restrictive. These zones are directly near competition sites and require a security check for entry. No vehicles of any kind (even non-motorised vehicles such as bicycles or scooters) are permitted.

**USEFUL TIP:** Before you leave, make sure to check which zones you can and cannot drive in, as well as the anticipated locations of the zones on the day of your travel. If you are going to see a competition in Paris, try to decide ahead of time which method of transportation will get you closest to the location. You can refer to the online [maps](#) provided by the Parisian police as well as the chart below:

## 2024 Olympic Games Zone Restrictions

	Blue Zone	Red Zone	Grey Zone
Pedestrians	YES	YES	YES
Bicycles, Scooters	YES	YES	NO
Taxis	YES	YES (if authorised personnel)	NO
Other Vehicles for Hire	YES	NO	NO
Busses	YES	NO	NO
Personal Vehicle	NO	NO	NO
Residential Vehicles	YES (with proof)	YES (with proof)	NO

### Reserved lanes for accredited people

Certain Parisian and Île-de-France roads will be designated as special “Olympic routes”. These reserved lanes will be activated on the 15th of July until the 11th of September. Only people accredited by the IOC will be able to utilise these routes. Major motorways also risk being affected by "Olympic Routes", for example on the A1, between Porte de la Chapelle and the Aéroport Roissy-Charles de Gaulle (both directions) or the A13, between Boulogne and Porte d’Auteuil (both directions).

The complete list of affected roadways can be consulted here:

[Décret n° 2022-786 du 4 mai 2022 fixant la liste des voies et portions de voie réservées à certains véhicules pour les jeux Olympiques et Paralympiques de 2024 - Légifrance \(legifrance.gouv.fr\)](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/eli/decree/2022/5/4/2022-786)

### Parking fees and motorway tolls in Paris

Parking fees will vary depending on the type of vehicle you are driving. Non-SUV cars will be subject to standard rates: 6 euros per hour for the first two hours in the inner city (boroughs 1-12) and 4 euros per hour in outer boroughs (numbered 12-20).

SUVs, on the other hand, will notice a marked difference in price. For vehicles over 1.6 tonnes, the rate rises to 18 euros per hour for the first two hours in central boroughs and 12 euros per hour in the outer boroughs. Electric vehicles are affected only if they weigh over two tonnes. Beware as the hourly rates increase with each hour; a six-hour stay with an SUV will cost 225 euros in a central district, for example.

Concerning motorway fees, vehicles are categorised according to 5 categories with their own toll rates. For example, category 1 cars (which refers to “light” vehicles under 2m) pay a standard fee of 16 euros on the A1 motorway. You can verify which category your vehicle belongs to at the following link: [Vehicle classification on french motorways - ASFA \(autoroutes.fr\)](#).

USEFUL TIP: If you're staying in a hotel in Paris, check if they have parking options of their own. Sometimes these are more affordable and convenient than street parking.

## **TIMELINE**

The setup phase will extend from March to July 2024. Restrictions will not be uniform or continuous; different periods will be marked with varying levels of restrictions. Multiple days of traffic interruption are planned in July 2024 as the city prepares the bridges for the opening ceremony. A blue and a red perimeter will be activated several days before the ceremony; however, the most restrictive perimeters will generally be activated “a few hours before the competitions begin”.

USEFUL TIP: Due to so much uncertainty and change, it may be useful to refer to this interactive map which updates the restricted zones and “Olympic routes” on an hourly basis:

[La carte interactive des impacts sur les déplacements en Île-de-France | Anticiper les Jeux](#)

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