

France Warden Message – July 23, 2009

This Warden Message alerts U.S. citizens in France to the security and traffic conditions for the arrival of the **Tour De France Cycle Race** in Paris on Sunday, July 26, 2009 and to the 8th edition of “**Paris Plage**” from Monday, July 20 to Thursday, August 20, 2009, when certain portions of the right and left banks of the Seine River are reserved for pedestrians cyclists.

Arrival of the 96th Tour de France on Sunday, 26 July on the Avenue des Champs Elysées

Entry of the Tour de France entourage in Paris is anticipated at approximately 2:00 p.m. on the arrival line of the Champs Elysées circuit. A significant security and public order service will be in place to assure the spectators’ security and to surround the last stage of the Tour de France.

The following traffic restrictions will be put in place:

On Sunday July 26, as of 4:30 a.m., all traffic circulation will be banned between Place Clemenceau and the west side road of Place de la Concorde.

At 9:00 a.m., barriers will be placed around the Champs-Elysées circuit:

Place Charles de Gaulle, avenue de Friedland, rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré, rue Saint Honoré, place André Malraux, rue de Rohan, guichets du Louvre, place du Carrousel, guichets du Carrousel, quais des Tuileries, pont Royal, quai Anatole France, quai d'Orsay, pont des Invalides, place du Canada, rue François 1er, avenue George V, rue Vernet, avenue Marceau.

At 1:30 p.m., all peripheral roads in this area will also be closed. Normal circulation will not be restored before 7:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous events:

- 10h30* Opération Velib: 1-round circuit rue de Rivoli, Place des Pyramides, Concorde, Champs Elysées, quai des Tuileries.
- 11h30* 24 children will participate in the Nesquik loop rue de Rivoli, Place de la Concorde, Champs Elysées to the arrival line. Small platform.
- 13h30* The Cadets of the Tour de France waiting on rue de Rivoli, near the Arcades and around Place des Pyramides, will make a complete round of the Champs Elysées circuit.
- 14h00* Arrival of the sponsors’ cars and busses at the Department border.
- 14h00* Closing of the Arc de Triomphe.
- 14h15* The sponsors’ cars and busses leave the Champs Elysées circuit and go to avenue Winston Churchill.
- About 15h35* Entry of the first racers in Paris. Arrival of Mr. DELANOE, Mayor of Paris at the official platform.

- About 16h15* Arrival of the last racer and the sweep vehicle at the Department border.
- About 16h50* The racers hit the arrival line of the Champs Elysées circuit (start of the 8-round circuit)
- About 17h20* Arrival of the stage race.
- About 17h40* Protocol-Presentation of jerseys to the different leaders.
- About 18h10* Lap of honor of the teams on the circuit with 224 children in the front.

Contrary to previous years, the racers will arrive through the east suburb of Paris.

Itinerary:

Avenue de Gravelle, avenue de la Porte de Charenton, rue de Charenton, rue Proudhon, Place Lachambeaudie (one-way), rue de Dijon, rue Joseph Kessel, pont de Tolbiac, quai François Mauriac, quai de la gare, quai d'Austerlitz, quai Saint Bernard, quai de la Tournelle, quai de Montebello, quai Saint Michel, quai des Grands Augustins, quai de Conti, quai Malaquais, quai Voltaire, pont Royal, ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT Tunnel Lemonnier, rue de Rivoli, Place de la Concorde, avenue des Champs Elysées (upward), U-turn near rue Arsène Houssaye, avenue des Champs Elysées (downward), Place de la Concorde, quai des Tuileries, tunnel Général Lemonnier.

Public Transport:

As parking will be impossible along the race route, commuters are advised to use public transportation (metro / RER).

Temporary closures will be in effect for the following RATP station entrances:

- 07h00* Metro Concorde - all entrances EXCEPT rue Saint Florentin will be closed; all connections will function normally.
- 14h00* Metro Tuileries will be closed.

8th EDITION OF "PARIS PLAGÉ"

From Monday, 20 July to Thursday 20 August 2009, the 8th edition of "Paris Plage," reserved for pedestrians and cyclists on the right and left banks of the river Seine, will take place under the following conditions:

Right Bank:

Every day during the above dates in the direction west to east from the entrance to the Tuileries underpass to the exit of the Henri IV underpass (protected lane to the Pont Charles de Gaulle exit).

Left Bank:

Every Sunday during the above dates from 09h00 to 17h00, except on July 29 due to the Tour de France arriving through the east of Paris.

In the direction east to west - Voie expresse rive gauche (entrance quai Anatole France to the exit quai Branly).

As in previous years, activities will be organized on the lower left bank, between port de la Gare and pont de Tolbiac, and an annex of Paris Plage will also be installed at the Bassin de la Villette in the 19th arrondissement of Paris.

Police advise motorists to avoid these zones.

U.S. citizens in France are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration web site, <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within France. Americans without internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consular Section (please see contact information below). By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings, Worldwide Caution, and Country Specific Information for France can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1116.html.