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# LEGEND Travel Bulletin

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## Worldwide

### WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) COVID-19 UPDATE

Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 28% during the week of September 5 to 11, as compared to the previous week, with over 3.1 million new cases reported. The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 22%, as compared to the previous week, with over 11,000 fatalities reported. As of September 11, 605 million confirmed cases and 6.4 million deaths have been reported globally.

### WORLDWIDE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

For the most up-to-date information on current entry restrictions, please visit IATA's "Government Measures Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)" website by clicking [here](#).

### MONKEYPOX

The number of countries reporting monkeypox cases continues to grow. Cases of monkeypox have been confirmed in over 90 countries, some deaths have been reported. Monkeypox is a viral disease not usually present in these countries. Transmission can occur through close contact with an infected person. Investigations are ongoing into how they became infected. Travelers should prevent infection by following good hygiene measures.

### QUEEN ELIZABETH II FUNERAL

Travelers should anticipate disruption over the coming weeks following the death of Queen Elizabeth II on September 8. According to official statements, a national mourning period will last until the funeral on September 19. Public mourning gatherings are likely to be peaceful but well attended. Memorials are likely to take place near government buildings and public squares. Some business hours may vary. Travelers should reconfirm the status of routes before heading out.

### LEGEND TRAVEL RESOURCES

- [Rebooking Policies](#)
- [Travel Restrictions & Health Measures](#)

## NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

- SEPT 22**
  - Australia: National Day of Mourning for The Queen
  - Bulgaria, Mali: Independence Day
  - Switzerland: Mauritius Day
  - Estonia: Resistance Day
  - Saudi Arabia: Day off for Saudi National Day
- SEPT 23**
  - Bhutan: Blessed Rainy Day
  - Spain: Day of Saint Tecla
  - Japan: Autumn Equinox
  - Sri Lanka: Public Sector Holiday
  - Marshall Islands: Manit Day
  - Saudi Arabia: Saudi National Day
  - Slovenia: Slovenian Sports Day
  - United States: Native American Day & Michigan Indian Day
- SEPT 24**
  - Austria: Saint Rupert's Day
  - Dominican Republic: Our Lady of Las Mercedes
  - Spain: Virgin of Mercy
  - Guinea-Bissau: Independence Day (National Day)
  - Cambodia: Constitutional Day & Pchum Ben Festival
  - New Caledonia: New Caledonia Day
  - Peru: Armed Forces Day
  - Togo: Anniversary of the Failed Attack on Lomé
  - Trinidad and Tobago: Republic Day
  - South Africa: Heritage Day
- SEPT 25**
  - Rosh Hashana Eve
  - Bangladesh: Mahalaya
  - Switzerland: St. Nicholas of Flüe
  - Croatia: Unification Day of Istria, Rijeka, Zadar & the Islands
  - Iran: Demise of Prophet Muhammad & Martyrdom of Imam Hassan
  - Cambodia: Pchum Ben Festival
  - Mozambique: Armed Forces Day
  - Nauru: Sir Hammer DeRoburt Day
- SEPT 26**
  - Rosh Hashana
  - Australia: King's Birthday
  - Bangladesh: First Day of Navratri
  - Indonesia, Myanmar, United Kingdom, South Africa: Navratri
  - India: First Day of Sharad Navratri
  - Cambodia: Pchum Ben Festival
  - Mozambique: Armed Forces Day observed
  - Nepal: Ghatasthapana
  - Nauru: Sir Hammer DeRoburt Day observed
  - New Zealand: Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day & South Canterbury Anniversary Day
  - United States: Navratri & American Indian Day
  - Yemen: Revolution Day

# Americas

## HURRICANE FIONA

Travelers should continue to anticipate disruption in the Caribbean region during the passage of Hurricane Fiona. The storm is currently moving north away from the Turks and Caicos Islands over the Atlantic Ocean. It has strengthened to a Category 4 hurricane (second-highest on a five-tier scale), and is set to pass near Bermuda on September 23. The US National Hurricane Center (NHC) has issued storm warnings and watches for several locations. Travelers should expect heavy rains and strong winds in areas within the storm's projected path. Further short-notice transport disruption, as well as flooding and landslides, are possible.

## UNITED STATES

### CDC ENDS NEGATIVE TEST REQUIREMENT TO ENTER US

As of 12:01 AM eastern time on June 12, 2022, the CDC will no longer require air passengers traveling from a foreign country to the United States to show a negative COVID-19 viral test or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board their flight.

### CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION (CDC) TRAVEL GUIDANCE FOR US CITIZENS

US citizens who are fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized vaccine or a vaccine authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization can travel safely within the United States and may travel internationally with close attention paid to the conditions at their destination before traveling. Fully vaccinated travelers are less likely to get and spread COVID-19; however, even fully vaccinated can potentially get and/or spread some COVID-19 variants. There are several safe and effective vaccines that prevent people from getting seriously ill or dying from COVID-19. The Food & Drug Administration has evaluated that the following vaccines against COVID-19 have met the necessary criteria for safety and efficacy in the United States: Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. The World Health Organization advises people to take whatever vaccine is made available to you first, even if you have already had COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe for most people 18 years and older, including those with pre-existing conditions of any kind, including auto-immune disorders. These conditions include hypertension, diabetes, asthma, pulmonary, liver and kidney disease, as well as chronic infections that are stable and controlled.

### MASK MANDATE ON CERTAIN AIRLINES LIFTED

On April 18, a federal judge in Florida ruled against the Biden Administrations' mandatory mask mandate for travelers on public transportation, including airplanes. As a result, Alaska Airlines (AS), American Airlines (AA), Delta Air Lines (DL), Southwest Airlines (WN) and United Airlines (UA) have now made masks optional for travelers on their aircraft. Travelers should exercise patience when traveling over the coming days, as enforcement of this change in policy may be inconsistent in the short term. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced it will also no longer enforce its Security Directives and Emergency Amendment requiring mask use on public transportation and in transportation hubs.

### CDC SHORTENS QUARANTINE PERIOD

Given what is currently known about COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, the CDC is shortening the recommended time for isolation from 10 days for people with COVID-19 to 5 days, if asymptomatic, followed by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others. The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after. Therefore, people who test positive should isolate for 5 days and, if asymptomatic at that time, they may leave isolation if they can continue to mask for 5 days to minimize the risk of infecting others. For more information from the CDC, click [HERE](#).

### UPDATED INFORMATION ON DOMESTIC TRAVEL FOR FULLY VACCINATED TRAVELERS

The US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has updated its recommendations for domestic travel. The CDC continues to recommend delaying travel until travelers are fully vaccinated. Travelers who are fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized vaccine can travel safely within the United States and do not need to get tested before or after travel unless their destination requires it, nor do they need to self-quarantine. Fully vaccinated travelers should still follow the CDC's recommendations for traveling safely, including wearing a mask over the nose and mouth,

staying 6 feet from others, avoiding crowds, and washing hands often or using hand sanitizer. This guidance applies to travel within the United States and its territories.

## **HURRICANE FIONA**

Through at least September 23, travelers should continue to defer all travel to areas in the projected path of Hurricane Fiona. The storm is currently moving northwestward away from the Dominican Republic and out over the Atlantic Ocean. It has strengthened into a Category 2 hurricane (second-lowest on a five-tier scale) and will pass through eastern Turks and Caicos Islands and southeastern Bahamas over the coming hours. The US National Hurricane Center (NHC) has issued a hurricane warning for Turks and Caicos and a tropical storm warning for the south-eastern Bahamas. All airports and seaports in Turks and Caicos are closed. Further short-notice transport disruption, as well as flooding and landslides, are possible in affected areas.

## **MINNESOTA**

On September 22, normal movement can resume in the vicinity of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota following the conclusion of a police operation. The Coffman Memorial Union building on the university campus was evacuated because of a reported bomb threat. Police have since given the all-clear. Affected roads have reopened.

## **MONKEYPOX**

The monkeypox outbreak has been declared a national Public Health Emergency. Monkeypox is a viral disease not usually present in the US. There is a multi-country outbreak and contact tracing and investigations are ongoing. Transmission can occur with close contact with an infected person. Travelers should prevent infection by following good hygiene measures.

## **NEW MEXICO**

Normal movement can resume in the vicinity of Coronado Mall in New Mexico following the conclusion of a police operation. The facility was placed on lockdown after reports of a man with a gun. Authorities have since given the all-clear.

## **ARGENTINA**

Through at least September 25, travelers should plan journeys in Chubut province accounting for residual flood-related disruption. Rainfall across the province, including in the city Comodoro Rivadavia, measured 4.7 inches in a 36-hour period, causing widespread flooding and power outages. Roadways have been severely affected, which initially led the National Meteorological Service to issue a red alert (highest on a four-tier scale) for heavy rainfall. As of September 22, the alerts have been lifted, though continued road disruption throughout the province can be expected.

## **BAHAMAS**

Through at least September 25, travelers should anticipate residual disruption following the passage of Hurricane Fiona. The weather system strengthened to a Category 4 hurricane (second highest on a five-tier scale) before moving north, away from southeast Bahamas. Reports indicate the heaviest impact was on Mayaguana Island, but with only minor damages. The Bahamas Department of Meteorology issued an "all clear" on September 21. Reports so far indicate no disruption of power or water services in the affected islands. No deaths or severe injuries have been reported.

## **BERMUDA**

Through at least September 23, travelers should defer all travel to areas in the projected path of Hurricane Fiona. The weather system is currently a Category 4 hurricane (second-highest on a five-tier scale), moving north-northeast and forecast to pass west of Bermuda over the coming hours. The US National Hurricane Center (NHC) has issued a hurricane warning, meaning hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours, for Bermuda. Authorities announced that L.F. Wade International Airport (BDA) will be closed from the evening of September 22. Heavy rainfall, strong winds, floods, and landslides are possible in affected areas.

## **BOLIVIA**

Through at least September 22, travelers should continue to anticipate disruption and avoid demonstrations in La Paz. An estimated 15,000 protesters arrived in La Paz on 7 September amid a conflict between the Adepcoca Union,

which represents coca growers, and the government over the future of an illegal market in the Villa El Carmen area. They have been staging spontaneous protests across the city, with some resulting in unrest. Adepcoca President Freddy Machicado was arrested on September 14 and sentenced to six months in prison. Adepcoca has called for a march from 8:00 AM local time on September 19 from the Villa Fatima Market towards downtown La Paz to demand his release. A counter-protest has also been announced.

## CANADA

On September 22, travelers should anticipate disruption during scheduled demonstrations in Ontario province and plan journeys accordingly. Various groups and institutions have organized "Take Back the Night" rallies in cities across the province to denounce violence against women. In Ottawa, participants will gather at 6:00 PM local time at Minto Park before marching towards the downtown area. While the events should pass off peacefully, they are liable to disrupt traffic in their vicinities.

Through at least September 23, travelers should continue to anticipate disruption and follow all official directives amid ongoing wildfires in British Columbia province. There are over 170 active fires, with only one classified as a "wildfire of note" due to the potential threat to public safety. Aided by favorable weather, authorities have successfully contained some of the recent "wildfires of note" that forced road closures and the evacuations of nearby communities. Travelers should continue to exercise caution while traveling in the affected areas.

Through September 24, travelers should continue to monitor developments and anticipate disruption in the Atlantic provinces including New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island as well as southern Quebec province ahead of the passing of Hurricane Fiona. The weather system has strengthened to a Category 4 hurricane (second-highest on a five-tier scale) and will approach Bermuda in the coming hours. The US National Hurricane Center (NHC) has advised monitoring the region as the storm approaches the region. Heavy rain, strong winds, and high storm surges can be expected in areas within the storm's projected path. Disruption to essential infrastructure, as well as flooding and landslides, are possible.

## CHILE

Through at least September 28, travelers should continue to expect heightened security in Araucania and Biobio regions following the extension of the state of emergency (SoE). On September 13, the Senate passed the seventh extension of the SoE, which will last until at least September 28. The SoE allows troops to guard roads and highways, as well as expand the scope for civilian protection. This follows continued violence linked to a protracted conflict between authorities and the indigenous Mapuche community, which occasionally also targets workers and facilities in forestry and agriculture sectors. Further security incidents are likely in the coming weeks. Travelers should follow all official directives, including any movement restrictions.

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Through at least September 25, travelers should continue to anticipate residual disruption in the Dominican Republic following the passage of Hurricane Fiona. The storm crossed over the eastern portion of the island on September 19 before heading north-westward out to sea. The most severe disruption from the storm has been reported in the northeastern region. The government has issued a State of Emergency for Duarte, El Seibo, Hato Mayor, La Altagracia, La Romana, Maria Trinidad Sanchez, Monte Plata, and Samana provinces. Power outages have been reported though power is reportedly being restored quickly. Around 1 million people were reportedly facing disruption to water supply as of September 20. The storm also caused flight delays and cancellations, including at Santo Domingo's Las Americas International Airport (SDQ).

## HAITI

Through at least September 25, travelers should continue to minimize movement and anticipate disruption to continued unrest following the Haitian government's plans to move forward with increasing the price of petroleum. Reports of gunfire, barricades being established and burned, and looting fuel from gas stations have been reported in Port-au-Prince, Les Cayes, Cap-Haitien, Petit-Goave, and Jeremie over recent days. Reports indicate that a State of Emergency was issued on September 16, including curfews in urban centers, though full details have not yet been announced. Further related disruption is likely over the coming days, including spontaneous protests, which would pose incidental risks to bystanders. Police are liable to erect barricades and utilize harsh dispersal methods.

## ECUADOR

Through October 12, travelers should continue to anticipate heightened security and follow official directives in Guayaquil and environs after authorities extended an ongoing State of Emergency (SoE). President Guillermo Lasso introduced the measure on August 14 following a bombing in Guayaquil. The city has recently seen a significant increase in violence linked to drug trafficking and organized crime. The SoE also applies to neighboring Duran and Samborondon cantons. No related curfews have been announced.

## HONDURAS

Through at least September 24, travelers should exercise caution and plan journeys accounting for disruption amid ongoing heavy rain and flooding. The Permanent Contingency Committee (COPECO), the country's governmental disaster relief agency, has issued a red alert (highest on a three-tier scale) for municipalities bordering the banks of the Ulua river in Cortes, Yoro, and Atlantida departments, as well as a yellow alert for Santa Barbara, Copan, Ocotepeque, Lempira, Intibuca, Cortes, Comayagua, La Paz, Francisco Morazan and Valle departments until 9:00 AM local time on September 22. Significant flooding across Honduras has been reported, including Tegucigalpa. Further rainfall is likely in the coming days.

## MEXICO

On September 22, a magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck approximately 29 miles south-southwest of Aguililla at around 1:16 AM local time. According to the US Geological Survey, the temblor occurred at a depth of 15 miles. At least one person has been killed in the Doctores neighborhood of Mexico City. Travelers in Coahuayana, Coalcoman, Urupuan, and other municipalities in Michoacan should continue to exercise caution in the coming hours and follow all directives issued by local officials. The extent of damage and infrastructure outage is currently unknown, though there have been reports of landslides.

On September 22, travelers should continue to avoid the vicinity of Calle Independencia in Tarimoro due to an ongoing security operation. Earlier on September 21, at approximately 10:00 PM local time, unidentified assailants carried out a shooting at a nearby bar. Local reports indicate that up to ten people were killed, and two were injured in the attack. Residual disruption and heightened security are likely in the coming hours while authorities continue to investigate.

Through at least September 23, travelers should continue to exercise caution following a magnitude 7.6 earthquake 23 miles southeast of Aquila town on September 19. Tsunami warnings issued for nearby coastal areas have "largely passed," according to the US Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. Reports suggest that damage due to the earthquake was significant in parts of Michoacan and Colima state, including Tecoman and the port city of Manzanillo. Two deaths have been reported, along with at least ten others injured. Travelers in affected areas should continue to follow all directives issued by local officials.

Travelers in Mexico City and Mexico state should follow all official directives linked to increased activity at the Popocatepetl volcano. On September 20, the National Center for Prevention of Disasters (CENAPRED) reported 45 volcanic explosions in a 24-hour period. A yellow phase 2 alert (middle on a three-tier scale - 'prepare for possible evacuation') remains in place. CENAPRED advises not to approach the volcano, including low-lying ravines, due to the risks of falling debris, mudslides, and volcanic gas emissions.

## PARAGUAY

Through at least September 22, travelers should continue to exercise caution and anticipate further disruption accounting for disruption related to ongoing protests by truck drivers over rising fuel prices. Following a hiatus in protest activity on September 17-18, demonstrations are expected to resume on September 19, according to a representative of truck drivers, amid ongoing negotiations with the Ministry of Interior to resolve issues. Further road blockades and disruption on main routes are likely countrywide.

## PERU

Travelers should reconfirm flights and maintain flexible itineraries amid the temporary closure of Inca Manco Capac International Airport (JUL) in Juliaca starting September 19. The airport is scheduled to undergo runway maintenance until October 5.

## **PUERTO RICO**

Through at least September 25, travelers should continue to anticipate disruption across Puerto Rico due to ongoing infrastructure outages and road travel disruption. Electricity provider LUMA Energy has reported that approximately 376,000 of around 1.5 million of its customers have regained electricity. Reports by the Aqueduct and Sewer Authority indicate that 45% of its customers are still without water. The infrastructure outage is linked to Hurricane Fiona and may take several days to restore. The Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTOP) has reported road closures, including of PR1 at the PR-199 exit and PR-2 at km 228.9.

Availability of safe food and water has been impacted due to power and water outages following the passage of Hurricane Fiona. Federal authorities declared a State of Emergency on September 17, and disaster relief efforts are being coordinated. Health risks associated with flooding may occur and include injury, diarrheal disease, skin infections, insect-borne diseases, and respiratory illnesses. Travelers should remain alert and follow the advice of the local authorities.

## **TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS**

Through at least September 25, travelers should continue to anticipate residual disruption following the passage of Hurricane Fiona. The storm passed just east of Grand Turk Island on September 20 as a Category 3 hurricane (middle on a five-tier scale). No related casualties have been reported so far. Authorities have indicated that no severe damage has been assessed, and telecommunications have been restored on Grand Turk. The National Emergency Operations Center has discontinued its hurricane warning for the territory, and operations have resumed at Providenciales International Airport (PLS).

## **VENEZUELA**

On September 22, travelers should anticipate disruption in urban centers during workers' rights demonstrations and plan journeys accordingly. The events have been called by several labor groups to demand fair wages and pensions. In Caracas, protesters will march to the Vice Presidency of Venezuela from 10:00 AM local time. Organizers have also called for simultaneous rallies to be held outside labor inspectorates in other states nationwide. While the demonstrations should pass off peacefully, they are liable to disrupt traffic in their vicinities.

# *Africa & the Middle East*

## **AIRPORT DELAYS THROUGHOUT AFRICA**

Through September 23-25, travelers should anticipate disruption and delays at airports in the region during a planned strike by unionized workers. The Federation of Air Traffic Controller's Unions of the Agency for the Safety of Air Navigation in Africa and Madagascar (USYCAA) will observe the industrial action from 8:00 AM local time on September 23 until 7:59 AM on September 25. The strike could be extended if the demands are not met. This follows a strike originally scheduled for August 25-27 that was suspended for negotiations. Travelers should reconfirm schedules as flight delays and cancellations are likely during the industrial action.

## **BEITBRIDGE BORDER CROSSING BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND ZIMBABWE**

Through at least September 25, travelers should plan journeys accounting for disruption due to severe congestion at the Beitbridge border crossing between South Africa and Zimbabwe. The heavy traffic is linked to ongoing power outages, as the local electrical utility company has conducted scheduled blackouts across the system (load shedding). Immigration and customs online systems have both been affected by the power cuts, causing long delays. Criminals may take advantage of the situation and loot vehicles. The congestion may also lead drivers to protest the delays. Travelers should anticipate a heightened security presence at the border and follow all official directives.

## **SOUTH SUDAN & SUDAN**

On September 18, at least one person was killed, and three others were injured, during an ambush on a vehicle convoy in the Abyei region. The attack occurred on the main road between Abyei to Amiet, and authorities allege armed assailants from the Misseriya tribe were responsible. The incident highlights the extreme risks for the disputed



Abyei region and the need to avoid all travel. Foreign nationals are unlikely to be targeted during instances of communal violence, but they would face incidental risks if caught in the vicinity of an armed confrontation.

## **ISRAEL, PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES**

Through at least mid-October, travelers should continue to exercise increased caution in Israel and the West Bank (Palestinian Territories) amid heightened tensions. The tensions follow multiple attempted and successful attacks by Palestinians in response to raids by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) in the West Bank. Further raids and related clashes can be expected, particularly in northern regions of the West Bank, where IDF operations have increased. Spontaneous gatherings and clashes can occur at short notice. Flashpoints for unrest include Palestinian refugee camps, key road junctions with an IDF presence, checkpoints, and the vicinity of Israeli settlements.

## **ANGOLA**

On September 24, travelers should avoid a protest by the opposition National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) party due to the risk of local unrest. Participants will march from Santa Ana Cemetery to Largo das Escolas to denounce the August 24 Presidential Election results over alleged irregularities. The exact time of the event has not been released. Security forces are liable to forcibly disperse demonstrators, including with tear gas and live ammunition, posing incidental risks to bystanders. Travelers should anticipate heightened security and associated traffic disruption in the vicinity of the protest.

## **CHAD**

Through at least September 25, travelers should anticipate and avoid demonstrations in Ndjamena related to the ongoing national dialogue. The Wakit Tama Citizen Action Coalition have called for protests on September 24 at the Place de la Nation to express freedom and demand good governance. Security forces have forcibly dispersed previous protests, and authorities banned a demonstration on September 10. Political tensions will remain high during the dialogue process, which is expected to last until at least September 30. All demonstrations should be avoided due to the potential for incidental risk to bystanders.

Throughout September, travelers should anticipate and avoid further protests in Ndjamena related to an ongoing national dialogue. Security forces have forcibly dispersed previous protests and authorities banned a demonstration on September 10. Political tensions will remain high during the dialogue process, which is expected to last until at least September 30. All demonstrations should be avoided due to the potential for incidental risk to bystanders.

## **CONGO (DRC)**

A case of Ebola has been confirmed in Beni in the northeast of the country; over 170 contacts have been identified so far and are under close monitoring. Ebola is spread by contact with the blood or other bodily fluids (including vomit and diarrhea) of infected or dead people. Healthcare workers, household members, and people participating in traditional funeral practices (touching the body) are at high risk. Travelers should prevent infection by paying strict attention to hygiene and avoiding contact with blood and body fluids; do not participate in traditional funerals or go to health facilities where Ebola patients are being treated.

## **ERITREA**

Through at least mid-October, travelers should monitor developments in Eritrea after several diplomatic missions issued travel advisories for the country. International media reported on September 18 that Eritrean involvement in the conflict in Ethiopia is expected to increase amid increased mobilization efforts across the country. These developments come amid allegations from the Tigray People's Liberation Front that the Eritrean security forces are increasingly fighting alongside the Ethiopian federal security forces in Tigray, Ethiopia. This points to a widening of the conflict zone and higher potential for spillover violence into Eritrea.

## **GHANA**

Through at least September 24, travelers should anticipate heightened security and exercise caution in Bawku municipality. According to media reports, at least two people were injured, and one person killed, after unknown assailants shot at passengers on September 18. The passengers were aboard a commercial vehicle near Bawku town, returning from Cinkanse. Although the cause of the incident remains unclear, related incidents have been linked to lingering communal violence. Short-notice security operations are possible, and further restriction of movement, additional to the ongoing nightly curfew in the region between 6:00 PM - 6:00 AM local time, may be imposed.

## **GUINEA**

Through at least September 24, travelers should plan journeys accounting for flood-related disruption throughout Guinea. Severe infrastructural damage has been reported in Conakry, where at least three people were killed in flood-related incidents on September 17-18. Further rainfall is forecast, which is liable to exacerbate flooding conditions in affected areas. Travelers should reconfirm the status of routes before setting out and allow additional time for journeys.

## **IRAN**

Through at least September 23, travelers should continue to anticipate further protests over the death of a woman on September 16 who was detained by the morality police for allegedly failing to adhere to the Islamic dress code. On September 19, several anti-government protests took place in Tehran and across Kurdistan province. Riot police reportedly used heavy-handed measures to disperse the crowds. Media reports claim that internet access was disrupted in areas affected by demonstrations. Further protests should be avoided due to the credible risk of unrest.

## **KENYA**

Local reports indicate an increase in criminals drugging beverages in public places, particularly in nightclubs, with the intent of robbing victims of their belongings. The trend has primarily been reported in major urban centers, especially Nairobi, and seems to primarily target men, though women have also been victims. In some cases, criminals have managed to extract large sums of money from bank accounts of victims after stealing their mobile phones and bank cards. Travelers should exercise caution, especially when consuming food and beverages in public after dark and ensure all activities are conducted in groups or in the company of local contacts throughout September.

## **LEBANON**

On September 22, normal movement can resume on Highway 51 (Khalde Highway) in Khalde. Authorities have confirmed the conclusion of a firefighting operation overnight on September 21-22 that had disrupted traffic along the highway south of Beirut-Rafic Hariri International Airport (BEY).

On September 22, travelers should avoid a planned protest in Beirut due to the credible risk of unrest. Participants will gather at 11:00 AM local time outside Palais de Justice to demand the release of activists arrested for their alleged connection with recent bank robberies. In an earlier protest on September 19, four security forces personnel were injured, and several protesters were arrested. Security forces are liable to use heavy-handed tactics to disperse the gathering. Further protests are likely in the coming days.

A recent spate of bank heists highlights the risk of crime and the need for enhanced precautions, amid a protracted economic crisis. On September 16 alone, at least eight banks throughout the country, including in Beirut, were affected when armed assailants demanded to be allowed to withdraw their savings. In response, the Association of Banks in Lebanon has announced an indefinite closure of banks from September 22. Only customers with prior appointments will be serviced. Such trends will persist over the coming weeks as authorities have failed to address public grievances in the absence of a functioning government.

## **MALAWI**

On September 22, travelers should plan journeys bypassing a protest march in Blantyre as a precaution and to minimize travel delays. Participants will gather at the Blantyre Clock Tower at 8:30 AM local time and march towards the District Commissioner's office to hand over a petition. The event is being organized to denounce the perceived inconsistencies within Malawi's judiciary system. An increased police presence and local disruption can be expected around the protest. Clashes between participants and police may also occur, posing incidental risks to bystanders.

An outbreak of cholera has been declared in Malawi, involving additional several districts. Many of the cases are in people who had traveled from Mozambique, where an outbreak is ongoing. Cholera spreads via contaminated food and water. Symptoms include vomiting and profuse, watery diarrhea which can lead to severe dehydration. Those staying in quality accommodations with access to safe food and water are at low risk; however, travelers should ensure food and water for consumption are safe and consider vaccination if likely to encounter unsanitary conditions.

## **NIGER**

Throughout September, travelers should plan journeys in the southern regions accounting for disruption due to ongoing flooding. Heavy rain and flooding have caused significant disruption in several regions, including Maradi,



Zinder, Tillaberi and Tahoua. Ongoing severe weather since June has led to the deaths of at least 75 people and impacted more than 108,000 others. More than 12,700 buildings have reportedly been damaged in the flooding. Niamey remains unaffected, though main roads that pass through the city, such as the RN1, are at a risk of being disrupted by surface runoff. Travelers should reconfirm the feasibility of journeys before setting out.

## **NIGERIA**

On September 21, a court ruling by the National Industrial Court of Nigeria in Abuja ordered the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) to suspend its ongoing strike. The order was rejected by the academic union, and an appeal is expected to be filed in the coming days. In response to the court ruling, the National Association of Nigeria Students (NANS) suspended their nationwide protests. NANS had previously announced plans to protest at several strategic points nationwide including Abuja's Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (ABV). Despite the ruling and suspension of NANS' protests, related demonstrations are likely in the coming days.

Through October, travelers should plan journeys accounting for flood-related disruption throughout Nigeria. According to authorities, the flooding has been exacerbated by heavy rainfall causing water to overflow from local rivers. Additionally, the release of excess water from dams, including the Lagdo Dam in Cameroon, has contributed to the flooding. At least 20 people have been killed in the past week. Throughout 2022, more than 500,000 people have been affected in 27 states, and an over 300 people have been killed due to flood-related incidents. Further rainfall is forecast, which is liable to worsen flooding conditions in affected areas.

## **SUDAN**

Throughout September, travelers should monitor developments linked to ongoing negotiations over the roadmap for transitional rule. The activist Forces of Freedom and Change (FFC) is planning further civil disobedience campaigns and a general strike, amid persistent disagreements over a transitional government. At least 74 protesters were injured during anti-military protests in Khartoum and neighboring Omdurman on September 13. Travelers should avoid further pro- and anti-military demonstrations due to the credible risk of unrest and potential for security forces to use harsh dispersal measures and standfast in a secure location on days when major gatherings are planned.

Through October, travelers should anticipate intermittent weather-related disruption during the ongoing rainy season. More than 70 people have been killed, and 30 injured in heavy flooding since the start of the rainy season. An estimated 0.8 square miles of farmland has been damaged, along with hundreds of water source locations and buildings. On August 21, authorities imposed a State of Emergency in El Gezira, River Nile, South Darfur, West Kordofan, and White Nile states. They have also warned of worsening conditions as well as food, shelter, and medical shortages in some affected areas.

## **TUNISIA**

On September 22, travelers should expect normal services after the suspension of an indefinite nationwide strike by the Tunisian Union of Individual Taxis (UTTI). Unions had called for an indefinite strike to demand an increase in taxi fares. The UTTI suspended the strike on September 21 after negotiations with the Ministry of Transport. The UTTI will hold further negotiations with the ministry on September 30. Further strikes are liable to be called should the outcome of the talks be unfavorable.

On September 25, travelers should anticipate disruption during a demonstration in Tunis, and plan journeys accordingly. Participants will gather from 9:30 AM local time at the Municipal Theatre to demand for greater government action against climate change. The event will likely pass off peacefully but is liable to cause traffic disruption in its vicinity.

## **UGANDA**

A case of Ebola has been confirmed in Mubende District in Central Region. Ebola is spread by contact with the blood or other bodily fluids (including vomit and diarrhea) of infected or dead people. Healthcare workers, household members, and people participating in traditional funeral practices (touching the body) are at high risk. Travelers are advised to prevent infection by paying strict attention to hygiene and avoiding contact with blood and body fluids; do not participate in traditional funerals or go to health facilities where Ebola patients are being treated.

Travelers should plan journeys accounting for intermittent disruption during the ongoing rainy season, which is expected to last until December. The Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UNMA) has forecast moderate-to-

heavy rainfall through December, particularly affecting Eastern, Northern and Western regions. Periods of torrential rainfall may cause local flash flooding and mudslides in low-lying areas. Districts near bodies of water, such as Lake Victoria, are also vulnerable to flooding amid such weather conditions.

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### **AUSTRALIA**

On September 22, travelers should anticipate disruption during nationwide anti-monarchy protests over the government's decision to instate a "National Day of Mourning" on the same day. The gatherings are expected to pass off peacefully. Travelers should anticipate a heightened security force presence and local traffic disruption around related events.

On September 24, travelers should anticipate disruption in Brisbane during a Pride rally by members of the LGBTQ+ community. Participants will start marching at 9:30 AM local time from Orleigh Park towards Musgrave Park, where further events are planned. A counter-protest will also take place, though details are unavailable. While the events are expected to be well attended and pass off peacefully, scuffles cannot be ruled out.

Through at least September 25, travelers should reconfirm flights and anticipate disruption at Kingsford Smith Airport (SYD) in Sydney. Heavy rain and strong winds have caused flight delays and cancellations. The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has issued a severe weather warning for heavy rain and flooding for the Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast (both NSW).

### **BANGLADESH**

Through September 27, travelers should anticipate disruption and avoid planned rallies in Dhaka by the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). The BNP has announced the protest campaign to denounce the perceived mismanagement of the economy by the ruling Awami League (AL) party. Authorities are likely to maintain a heightened security presence around related gatherings. Any clashes between police and the protesters or between rival political activists would pose incidental risks to bystanders.

### **CAMBODIA**

Through November, travelers should plan journeys accounting for intermittent disruption to travel and essential services during the ongoing monsoon season. Flooding and landslides are possible following periods of heavy rainfall, especially in mountainous and low-lying areas, as well as Phnom Penh. Travelers should maintain flexible itineraries during this period and liaise with local contacts to reconfirm the feasibility of road journeys.

### **CHINA**

Travelers should expect intermittent disruption during the ongoing monsoon season, which typically lasts until October. Flooding is common and may occur amid persistent rainfall in low-lying areas near water bodies. Heavy rainfall, strong winds and related disruption can also be expected in southern and eastern coastal areas. Flights at major airports, including Beijing Capital (PEK) and Shanghai Pudong (PVG) international airports, may be affected by adverse weather conditions. Travelers should maintain flexible itineraries and reconfirm the feasibility of journeys before setting out.

### **INDIA**

On September 21-22, travelers should anticipate disruption during strikes by various groups in Gujarat state, coinciding with the two-day monsoon session of the State Legislative Assembly. On September 21, the National Old Pension Restoration United Front will hold a protest march to the Legislative Assembly building in Gandhinagar. On the same day, members of the Maldhari herdsmen community will observe a statewide strike to denounce a proposed legislation aimed at controlling stray cattle. Separately, employees of the Gujarat State Transport Corporation have called for suspension of bus services on September 21 and 22.

On September 22, travelers should plan journeys bypassing a protest by several student groups, under the banner of the Sai Janagosti Oikya Mancha platform, at the Janata Bhawan in Dispur. The event is being held over demands that

the center-ruling Bharatiya Janata Party government provide Scheduled Tribe status to six Assamese communities. Police are liable to forcibly disperse and detain demonstrators if the protest turns unruly or overly disruptive, posing incidental risks to bystanders. Heightened security and traffic disruption can be expected in the vicinity.

Travelers should anticipate disruption during nationwide protests from September 15 to September 25 by the Samyuktha Kisan Morcha (SKM) farmer umbrella organization. The SKM will stage block-level protests across the country to denounce perceived anti-farmer federal government policies and to demand legal backing for the Minimum Support Price, among other things. The protests are likely to be well attended, especially in states with a large farming population, particularly Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh states. Local disruption on motorways and around key government buildings can be expected during the demonstrations.

Through September 27, travelers should expect heightened security and related disruption in areas affected by extreme-leftist Naxalite (Maoist) rebel violence during the rebels' annual "Formation Week." Formation Week, which commenced on September 21, marks the anniversary of the 2004 merger of two major Naxal groups to form the Communist Party of India-Maoist. Authorities have increased security in Naxal-affected districts of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Telangana states.

## INDONESIA

On September 23, travelers should anticipate and avoid protests organized by the National Movement of People's Guards (GNPR) at State Palace in Central Jakarta area in Jakarta. Members of GNPR are protesting the increase in fuel prices and essential goods as well as demanding the implementation of rule of law. The protest is likely to be well attended causing local traffic disruption. Although it is expected to pass off peacefully, travelers should anticipate heightened security presence. Additional protests are likely in the coming days. Related gatherings have occurred at government buildings in major urban centers. Common protest venues in Jakarta include the State Palace, the People's Representative Council, Arjun Wijaya Horse Statue, and the National Library.

Travelers should anticipate and avoid further nationwide protests throughout September over labor issues and living costs. Related gatherings have occurred at government buildings in major urban centers. Common protest venues in Jakarta include the State Palace, the People's Representative Council, Arjun Wijaya Horse Statue, and the National Library. While most protests have passed off peacefully, clashes between participants and security forces have been reported in recent days. Traveler should anticipate a heightened security presence and related traffic disruption in affected areas.

## JAPAN

Through at least September 24, travelers should anticipate residual disruption in severely affected areas following the passage of former Tropical Storm Nanmadol. As of September 21, the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) indicated that the weather system had transitioned into an extratropical low-pressure system over the Pacific east coast of Japan. Nanmadol's passage killed at least two people, and injured at least 135 others. Evacuation orders were issued for affected areas in southwestern Japan. Parts of the country remain without power due to vital infrastructural damage. Most train and ferry operations resumed on September 20 with some delayed services.

Through at least September 27, travelers should continue to anticipate disruption during scheduled protests in Tokyo and plan journeys accordingly. Participants oppose the government's decision to hold a state funeral for former prime minister Shinzo Abe (in office 2006-07, 2012-20); this will take place on September 27 at Nippon Budokan. Abe was fatally shot by a lone assailant on July 8 during a public event in Nara City. At least 13,000 people participated in related rallies on September 19 in Tokyo's Shibuya ward. While further such gatherings should pass off peacefully, high attendance and travel disruption remain likely.

## KYRGYZSTAN

Travelers should plan itineraries accounting for temporary closure of Batken Airport (KGZ) and Jalal-Abad Airport (JBD). The facilities will be closed from August 1 until at least November 1 for maintenance work.

## LAOS

Travelers should anticipate intermittent disruption to travel and essential services during the ongoing monsoon season, which typically lasts until November. Flooding and landslides are possible following periods of heavy rainfall, particularly in provinces along the Mekong River. The passage of tropical storms is also liable to exacerbate damage

and disruption during this period. Travelers should maintain flexible itineraries during the monsoon season and liaise with local contacts to reconfirm feasibility of overland journeys prior to setting out.

## **MALAYSIA**

An increase in dengue cases and related deaths has been reported. Dengue is spread mainly by mosquito bites. It can cause a range of symptoms; fever, headache, and a rash are common. Sometimes, dengue is severe and can have fatal complications. Infants, pregnant women, and those who have had dengue before are most likely to get severe infections. The main way to prevent dengue is by avoiding mosquito bites.

Travelers should anticipate intermittent disruption and maintain flexible itineraries during the country's southwest monsoon season, which usually lasts from May until October. The states that may be most impacted include Kedah, Kelantan, Malacca, Penang, Perak, Sabah, and Sarawak. While flooding, landslides and associated disruption are more protracted in rural areas, urban centers, such as Kuala Lumpur and Johor Bahru, can also be affected. Travelers should reconfirm the feasibility of journeys before setting out.

## **NAURU**

Travelers should anticipate disruption and avoid all gatherings linked to the upcoming parliamentary election. Polling day has been scheduled for September 24, though early voting began on September 19. Most demonstrations are likely to pass off peacefully. Travelers should anticipate a heightened security force presence around polling areas, political party offices and government installations during the electoral period. Disputes around electoral procedures or election irregularities could also trigger protests.

## **PAKISTAN**

On September 22-23, travelers should plan journeys bypassing protests in Islamabad, Karachi, and Lahore. The events are being held to denounce the September 2010 sentencing of Pakistani National Aafia Siddiqui to 86 years in a US federal prison. Siddiqui was convicted of attempting to kill American soldiers in Afghanistan. On September 22, demonstrators will gather at 3:30 PM local time at the Islamabad National Press Club and at 4:00 PM at the Karachi Press Club. A related rally is also scheduled for 3:00 PM on September 23 at the Lahore Press Club. While the protests are likely to pass off peacefully, traffic disruption can be expected around the venues.

Travelers should defer non-essential travel due to potential delays in accessing healthcare in some parts of the country. An increase in infectious outbreaks including diarrheal diseases, CCHF, hepatitis A, malaria, typhoid, and skin infections as well as injuries including snake bites have been recorded following unprecedented heavy rains and floods in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, and Sindh provinces. Food, water, and medication shortages are occurring. Many medical facilities have been damaged, and access to healthcare is limited. A State of Emergency has been declared in the affected areas. Travelers should remain alert and follow the advice of the local authorities.

## **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Through at least September 24, travelers should continue to exercise caution due to ongoing tribal violence in Goroka, of Eastern Highlands province. Early on September 19, clashes broke out between ethnic groups in Nagamiufa Village, with spears and guns reportedly used. At least 400 people have been displaced due to the violence. Some flights to Goroka Airport (GKA) have resumed, but airport disruptions remain possible. Checkpoints and roadblocks have also been set up along Highlands Highway in Goroka.

Through at least September 24, travelers should continue to defer non-essential travel to Madang, Morobe provinces, and the Highlands region. Essential travel to the affected areas remains possible with stringent security and logistical support. Disruption to road travel and essential infrastructure have been reported in these areas after a magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck northwest of Lae on September 11. Recovery efforts are still ongoing, and although passable, several key roads remain under repair. While operations in Lae are returning to normal, essential services are still running on power generators.

Tensions remain high in Enga province following several incidents of tribal violence in recent weeks. On September 20, police announced that a specialized unit to quell prolonged tensions in the region would be formed. This followed an incident on September 17 in which an attack on a family near Porgera mine resulted in one death. At least 71 people have been killed, and another 3,000 displaced in Enga over the last four months. Travelers in the region should closely monitor developments, exercise heightened vigilance, and adopt stringent precautions.

## PHILIPPINES

On September 21, security forces clashed with New People's Army (NPA) rebels in Baao town. This follows firefights between insurgents and security forces on September 20 in Silvino Lobos town and General Nakar. Another firefight in Maitom village, Tandag City on September 16 resulted in the death of a local NPA leader. The increased operations highlight the risks associated with leftist rebel activity, even in lower risk areas. Travelers should continue to adhere to rigorous security protocols. Further counter-insurgency operations and related incidents are likely in the coming weeks.

Through September 23, activist groups have announced a series of events in the coming week to mark the 50th anniversary of former president Ferdinand Marcos Sr.'s (in office 1965-86) declaration of martial law in 1972. A 50-day countdown was launched on August 3 and will culminate with various activities on September 23. Activist groups also typically mark the declaration on September 21. In Manila and other major cities, protests are likely at government offices and public parks. They are likely to be announced at short notice. Travelers should anticipate heightened security and traffic disruption around protest venues. Although the protests are expected to pass off peacefully, scuffles between demonstrators and security forces may occur.

Through September 26, travelers should plan journeys accounting for disruption during the passage of Tropical Storm Karding. The weather system is forecast to bring heavy rain over northern and central parts of Luzon Island between the late hours of September 24 and early morning on September 25. Local flooding and landslides are also possible. According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services (PAGASA), the weather system will strengthen to a severe tropical storm (third-lowest on a six-tier scale) before making landfall in the vicinity of the east coast of Isabela or Cagayan provinces on September 25.

The annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Board of Governors will take place from September 26 to 30. Travelers should anticipate traffic disruption and heightened security in the vicinity of the Ortigas Center and adjacent areas of Pasig and Quezon City. While there are no full road closures, some lanes will be closed to the public, with special access given to ADB delegates, likely resulting in traffic congestion. Travelers should plan routes bypassing the venue to avoid delays and minimize inconvenience.

## SOUTH KOREA

Through at least September 23, travelers should plan journeys accounting for residual disruption in southeastern provinces following the passage of Severe Tropical Storm Nanmadol. The Korean Meteorological Administration (KMA) has lifted all storm-related warnings for Ulsan, Busan, and Jeju Island as well as South Gyeongsang and South Jeolla provinces. Twelve flights were cancelled at Jeju International Airport (CJU) on September 19. Several ferry services remain disrupted countrywide due to high waves. Further short-notice transport disruption remains possible.

## TAIWAN (CHINA)

Through at least September 22, travelers should continue to exercise caution in Taiwan following a magnitude 6.9 earthquake on September 18. The earthquake occurred 53 miles both southeast of Lugu township and east of Yujing district. At least one person has died, and more than 150 have been injured. Across Taiwan, rail and essential services have been disrupted and infrastructure damage has been reported.

## THAILAND

On September 22, travelers should avoid the Tombon Khunkaew area in the Nakhon Chai Si district following a chemical leak at an industrial factory earlier on September 22. Authorities have advised people to avoid going outdoors and to wear a mask at all times. Several schools in the area have also been closed. Travelers in the neighboring Nonthaburi province have also reported symptoms such as sore nose and eyes.

## VIETNAM

Travelers should plan journeys accounting for intermittent weather-related disruption during the ongoing monsoon season, which typically lasts until November. Bouts of heavy rain and associated flooding and landslides can be expected during this period, especially in mountainous and low-lying areas in the northern and central provinces. Flash flooding is also possible in urban areas, including Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, due to ill-equipped drainage and sewage systems. Monsoon rains may also prompt short-notice and intermittent flight disruption. Travelers should maintain flexible itineraries, avoid affected areas and reconfirm the feasibility of journeys before setting out.



# Europe

## **AIRPORT STAFF SHORTAGES & DELAYS**

Through at least mid-October, travelers should continue to anticipate disruption and delays across European airports. As many countries have dropped their COVID-19-related entry restrictions, facilities have struggled with a consistent influx of passengers and staff shortages over the summer. This has resulted in flight cancellations and delays, exacerbated by staff strikes, along with long queues for check-in procedures and security.

## **CLIMATE PROTESTS**

On September 23, travelers should anticipate disruption in major urban centers around protests organized by the Fridays for Future environmental movement demanding action to combat climate change. High engagement on social media suggests that the gatherings will be well attended. While related gatherings should pass off peacefully, they are liable to cause local travel disruption.

## **LGBTQ+ PRIDE EVENTS**

Travelers should anticipate disruption during LGBTQ Pride events across urban centers in Europe throughout September and plan journeys accordingly. The events are likely to be well attended and accompanied by heightened security and road closures. Counter-demonstrations by far-right groups may coincide with such events, particularly in countries where attitudes toward the LGBTQ community are generally more conservative. The EuroPride march planned on September 17 in Belgrade has been cancelled over safety concerns. Attacks targeting LGBTQ people are possible. If planning to attend an event, travelers remain alert to their surroundings.

## **RALLIES AGAINST TEMPORARY SHUTDOWN OF NORD STREAM 1 GAS PIPELINE**

On September 2, Russian energy supplier Gazprom announced that they would indefinitely close the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline. While Gazprom officials initially announced a temporary shutdown from August 31 to September 3, they stated that the pipeline would remain closed following the discovery of a mechanical issue. The announcement came shortly after G7 officials agreed to implement a price cap on Russian oil. Meanwhile, protests against rising energy costs and inflation have been staged in several countries across Europe, including Czech Republic, France and Germany. Further such rallies can be expected in the coming weeks.

## **SECURITY FORCE CLASHES ALONG KYRGYZSTAN-TAJIKISTAN BORDER**

Renewed clashes in the shared border areas of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan underscore persistently high tensions and the need for enhanced precautions. On September 18, Kyrgyz officials said at least 59 people were killed, and more than 100 were injured, in clashes and cross-border attacks that occurred from September 14 to 18. Tajikistan has announced that at least 35 of its citizens were killed, and 139 others injured during the recent clashes. Additionally, local reports indicate several thousand civilians have been evacuated from affected areas, while officials from both sides engaged in talks.

## **UKRAINE-RUSSIA CONFLICT**

On September 20, officials in four Russian-held areas of Ukrainian provinces, Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia, announced they intend to hold referendums on joining Russia between September 23 and 27. Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russia will support the referendums, which are not recognized by international law. On September 21, Putin announced a partial military mobilization in Russia. According to Russia's Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, the mobilization will aim to call up some 300,000 reservists with previous military experience. Ukrainian and western officials said the latest measures highlight that Russia's military strategy in Ukraine is failing.

## **FRANCE**

On September 22, travelers should anticipate protests and disruption during a nationwide strike by healthcare workers. The CGT union has called for workers to observe a strike to demand increased wages and better working conditions. A related demonstration has been called in Paris on the day from 12:45 PM local time in front of Place de l'Hotel de Ville. Although the demonstration is likely to pass off peacefully, traffic disruption should be anticipated in its vicinity.



On September 24, travelers should plan journeys bypassing a demonstration by communist activists in Paris. Participants will gather at Place des Fêtes from 3:00 PM local time to demonstrate against the perceived injustices of capitalism. The protest should pass off peacefully but is liable to cause travel disruption in the vicinity.

## **GREECE**

Through at least September 25, travelers should avoid student demonstrations in urban centers due to the risk of local unrest. A fresh protest has been called in Thessaloniki from 7:30 PM local time on September 22 at Agia Sofia Square. Related rallies have resulted in clashes between demonstrators and police, who have used tear gas to disperse crowds. Flashpoints for further protests include Syntagma Square in Athens, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and other university campuses. Police may forcibly disperse crowds, and any related unrest would pose incidental risks to bystanders.

Through at least mid-October, travelers should anticipate disruption in urban centers during protests against rising energy costs and inflation. Regular protests have been scheduled every Monday, including a demonstration that took place on September 19 in Dusseldorf. Related gatherings in Leipzig on September 5 and 12 were well-attended. While any such events should pass off peacefully, traffic disruption in the vicinity of the protests is likely.

## **IRELAND**

On September 24, travelers should anticipate disruption in Dublin during a planned demonstration. Participants will gather at Parnell Square from 2:00 PM local time to protest against the rising cost of living. A related demonstration on September 17 in Cork was well attended. The event will likely pass off peacefully but is liable to cause traffic disruption in its vicinity.

## **RUSSIA**

Travelers should continue to reconfirm the status of flights to, from and within Russia amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. Russian aviation authorities have repeatedly extended the closure of 11 airports and are likely to continue doing so for the duration of the conflict. The number of international flights to and from Russia has reduced amid mutual airspace closures with multiple countries. Further restrictions, flight delays and cancellations can be expected.

## **SPAIN**

On September 24, travelers should anticipate disruption in Madrid during a planned demonstration. Participants will gather at the Ministry of Justice from 12:30 PM local time demanding the release of six imprisoned trade unionists. The event will likely be well attended and cause traffic disruption in the vicinity.

## **UKRAINE**

On September 19, Ukrainian officials reported an increase in Russian artillery strikes across the east and south of the country in recent days following Ukraine's widespread territorial gains. Officials also confirmed Ukrainian forces had repelled Russian attacks in Kharkiv and Kherson provinces. Ukrainian troops have reportedly reached the eastern banks of the Oskil River in Kharkiv, a strategically important staging ground for potential counterattacks on Russian positions in Luhansk province. The Ukrainian counteroffensive will continue in the coming days. A corresponding increase in Russian aerial strikes in Kharkiv, Kherson, Mykolaiv, and Zaporizhzhia provinces is expected though other areas may also be affected.

## **UNITED KINGDOM**

On September 22, travelers should plan journeys bypassing a protest in London. Participants will gather at 6:00 PM local time outside the High Commission of India to denounce recent violence between the Hindu and Muslim communities in Leicester and Smethwick. There is potential for counterdemonstrations and ensuing clashes involving rival protesters and police, posing incidental risks to bystanders. Travelers should anticipate heightened security and traffic disruption in the vicinity of the protest.

On September 24, travelers should plan journeys in London bypassing a planned demonstration by a far-right group. Participants from the group "Britain First" will gather at Parliament Square from 12:00 PM local time to protest against illegal migrants in the UK. The event will likely cause traffic disruption in its vicinity. Scuffles are also likely between protesters and counter-protesters.

Through the end of September, travelers should continue to anticipate disruption following the death of Queen Elizabeth II on September 8. The state funeral took place on September 19. Travelers should anticipate heightened security and residual disruption on September 20 near national landmarks, royal residences, and government infrastructure.