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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 24% during the week of August 8, as compared to the previous week, with over 5.4 million new cases reported. The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 6%, as compared to the previous week, with over 15,000 fatalities reported.

As of August 14, 587 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.

### FROSCH TRAVEL RESOURCES

- [Rebooking Policies](#)
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- [Face Mask Guidance](#)

## NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

- SEPT 6**
- Bulgaria: Unification Day
  - Spain: Elcano's Day
  - Pakistan: Defense Day
  - Sao Tome and Principe: Armed Forces' Day
  - Eswatini: Somhlolo Day (Independence Day)
- SEPT 7**
- Brazil: Independence Day
  - Fiji: Constitution Day
  - Mozambique: Victory Day
  - Portugal: Faro Day
- SEPT 8**
- Andorra: National Day
  - Switzerland: Jeune Genevois
  - Spain: Virgin of the Plains
  - Spain: Day of Asturias
  - Spain: Day of Extremadura
  - Spain: Virgin of the Victory
  - Micronesia: Kosrae Liberation Day
  - India: Onam
  - Lebanon: Nativity of Mary
  - Liechtenstein: Nativity of Our Lady
  - North Macedonia: Independence Day
  - Malta: The Feast of Our Lady of Victories
- SEPT 9**
- Afghanistan: Martyrs and Ahmad Shah Masoud Day
  - Bangladesh: Madhu Purnima
  - Costa Rica: Children's Day
  - North Korea: National Day
  - South Korea: Chuseok Holiday
  - Sri Lanka: Public Sector Holiday
  - Nepal: Indra Jatra
  - Tajikistan: Independence Day
  - Taiwan: Mid-Autumn Festival Holiday
  - United States: California Admission Day

# Americas

## 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 and avoiding crowds, and washing hands often or using hand sanitizer. This guidance applies to travel within the United States and its territories.

## MISSOURI

On September 6, normal movement can resume in the vicinity of the Independence Center shopping mall in Independence, MO. Police investigated a shooting that occurred at the mall at around 3:00 PM local time on September 5. There were no reported injuries. Authorities have stated there is no active threat at the mall.

## **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 YORK**

Travelers should anticipate disruption in the vicinity of a march in New York City on September 6. The march will start at the Guinean Permanent Mission to the UN at 10:00 AM local time and proceed to the UN headquarters. The event is expected to pass off peacefully.

## **RAIN & FLOODING IN NEW ENGLAND, MID-ATLANTIC & SOUTHEAST REGIONS**

Travelers should anticipate disruption due to heavy rainfall and floods through at least September 8 in states from New England, Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions as a large, slow moving weather system passes. The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued flood watches for most states in the eastern US, from Maine, New York and Pennsylvania to Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina. This system is forecast to bring the heaviest rainfall in the Mid-Atlantic and New England regions, which can lead to flash flooding. Travelers should exercise caution and ensure the status of routes before setting out.

## **WILDFIRES IN WESTERN STATES**

Travelers should continue to anticipate disruption through at least September 9 amid ongoing wildfires in several states in the Mountains, Pacific Northwest and Southwest regions. According to the National Interagency Fire Center, as of September 5 there are 68 large wildfires active across Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. They have so far burned more than 686 square miles of land, with none fully contained. Some of the fires have forced road closures and evacuations of nearby communities. Travelers should plan journeys bypassing affected areas, where possible, exercise enhanced caution, and follow all directives issued by authorities.

## **BOLIVIA**

Travelers should anticipate and avoid demonstrations throughout September by members of the Departmental Association of Coca Producers in La Paz department. The union has been in conflict with the government in recent weeks over the status of an illegal market on Calle 1 in the La Paz Villa El Carmen neighborhood, which they want to be shut down. On September 4, demonstrators will march from Chulumani municipality and arrive in La Paz on September 7. A well-attended protest is then expected to take place in the vicinity of Palacio Quemado. There is a latent risk of unrest during any clashes between demonstrators and security forces.

## **BRAZIL**

Travelers should plan journeys bypassing demonstrations in urban centers during Independence Day on September 7. This year's events are expected to be especially well attended due to the upcoming elections. There is potential for scuffles between protesters and counter-demonstrators and/or police, posing incidental risks to bystanders.

Travelers should exercise caution and anticipate disruption in Rio de Janeiro through September 11 during a large concert, dubbed 'Rock in Rio', at the Olympic Park. According to the Civil and Military Police, heightened security will be in place in the vicinity of the event facilities. Although the concert is expected to pass off peacefully, significant traffic disruption should be expected in the area.

## **CANADA**

Travelers should continue to avoid the Witchehan Lake First Nation area in Saskatchewan province on September 6 following a shooting that occurred at around 12:43 PM local time on September 5. Authorities have said that several armed suspects remain at large. People in the area have been advised to shelter in place in a secure location.

Travelers should continue to anticipate heightened security and follow official directives in Saskatchewan province on September 6. At least ten people were killed, and 18 others injured on September 4 in stabbing attacks at multiple locations in James Smith Cree Nation and Weldon. Of the two male suspects identified by police, one remains at large. The motive for the attacks is unknown. As of 6:00 PM local time on September 5, authorities believed the remaining suspect to be in the vicinity of Regina. Police continue to advise people in the city to take precautions and to consider sheltering in place.

## CHILE

Through September 13, travelers should expect heightened security in Araucania region and Arauco and Biobio provinces during an ongoing state of emergency (SoE). The SoE, which has been extended again until at least September 13, allows troops to guard roads and highways. This follows a continuing violence linked to a protracted conflict between authorities and the indigenous Mapuche community. Further security incidents are likely in the coming weeks. Travelers should follow all official directives, including any movement restrictions.

## ECUADOR

Travelers should anticipate heightened security in Guayaquil and follow all official directives amid a state of emergency (SoE). On August 14, President Guillermo Lasso declared the SoE following a bombing in the city. The government has blamed the growing violence on rivalries between organized criminal groups. The SoE is set to last until at least September 13. A task force has been constituted between the armed forces and police to counter the violence.

## EL SALVADOR

Travelers should continue to expect heightened security through September 19 and follow all official directives after authorities extended an ongoing state of emergency (SoE). The SoE was first declared on March 27 following an increase in gang-related violence and has been extended five times. The SoE restricts gatherings and permits arrests without a warrant, longer detention periods prior to a court hearing and the monitoring of communications. More than 50,000 suspected gang members have been arrested. Any security operations and associated clashes may pose incidental risk to bystanders.

## HAITI

Travelers should continue to avoid all protests in urban centers through at least September 8 related to increasing inflation, fuel shortages and general insecurity. Multiple social organizations and labor unions have also called for nationwide mobilizations on September 6-8 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM local time. A major demonstration is also planned for September 7 in Ouest department. Any unrest will pose incidental risks to bystanders.

## MEXICO

Travelers should anticipate disruption during a planned march in Mexico City on September 6 against a proposal to place the civilian-led National Guard under military control. President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador supports the measure, while the senate has yet to approve it. Demonstrators will gather at the Angel of Independence monument at 8:00 PM local time and march to the Senate building. The march is expected to pass off peacefully but may result in local traffic disruption.

Travelers should plan journeys areas accounting for disruption linked to Hurricane Kay through at least September 9 on the Baja California Sur peninsula and along the Pacific coast in the central, north and southwestern states. The Mexican National Meteorological Service (SMN) has classed the weather system as a Category 1 hurricane (lowest on a five-tier scale). They forecast that Kay will strengthen as it moves northwest. Heavy rains may trigger landslides and flash flooding, especially in low-lying areas. Travelers should anticipate short-notice disruption to transportation and essential services in affected locations.

## PERU

Travelers should expect heightened security and follow all official directives linked to ongoing states of emergency (SoE) in Lima and parts of Arequipa, Callao, Loreto, Madre de Dios, Moquegua and Ucayali regions. Most SoEs were imposed in response to rising crime, and each are in effect for varying periods based on location. The armed forces are assisting police in maintaining law and order in these areas. Any confrontations between criminal elements or demonstrators and security forces are unlikely to directly affect business travelers; however, bystanders would face incidental risks.

# *Africa & the Middle East*

## **SPILLAGE AT BAGRE DAM**

Travelers in the vicinity of the White Volta River are advised to follow official directives during to the spillage of the Bagre Dam. The spillage began on September 1 and will continue until September 11. Authorities have cautioned people in the Center-Est region of Burkina Faso and in the Eastern, four northern, Oti and Savannah regions of Ghana to relocate to higher ground due to the high likelihood of flooding. In Ghana, at least 28 districts are expected to be affected. The dam is purposefully spilled annually to prevent its banks from breaking. Travelers should anticipate flood-related disruption and plan journeys accordingly, allowing additional travel time.

## **ANGOLA**

Travelers should continue to monitor developments and avoid gatherings linked to the results of the August 24 General Election as a precaution. According to results declared on August 29, the ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) was victorious with 51.17% of the vote. A legal challenge by the main opposition National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) was rejected on September 5 by the Constitutional Court. Well-attended protests are likely, resulting in local unrest and disruption through at least September 9.

## **CHAD**

Travelers should anticipate and avoid further protests in Ndjamena related to the ongoing national dialogue due to the risk of unrest. Political tensions will remain high during the dialogue process, which is expected to last until at least September 10. On August 24, youth groups gathered in the districts of Atrone, Gassi and Habena to demand more inclusivity in the national dialogue process. Protesters in some of these locations blocked roads with burning tires. A related demonstration called for August 25 by trade unions UST and SYNAPET against alleged government corruption has been banned by authorities. Security forces may use tough measures to break up demonstrations, posing incidental risks to bystanders.

## **IRAQ**

Travelers in Erbil governorate should continue to monitor developments on September 6 following reported rocket attacks late on September 5. According to local authorities, at least four rockets were fired towards Tarawa village. No casualties have been reported but some material damage has occurred. Investigations are ongoing, though the target of the attack remains unclear. No group has yet claimed responsibility.

## **MALAWI**

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.

## **MOROCCO**

All journeys undertaken in the Southern Provinces using tertiary and unclassified roads should be planned with consideration for land mines. At least two people were reportedly seriously injured on August 27 by a mine explosion in an area south of Dakhla city. They were traveling near National Road 1, the main road for travel between Laayoune and Guerguerat. It is estimated that over 7 million mines are buried in the disputed territory. Thousands have been injured or killed as a result of stepping on land mines. Travelers should liaise with Moroccan authorities when undertaking travel outside of urban centers throughout September.

## **NIGER**

Travelers should plan journeys in the southern regions accounting for disruption throughout September 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**

Travelers should continue to avoid all protests related to nationwide strikes by education workers due to the risk of unrest. The ASUU academics' union has extended its ongoing work stoppage indefinitely and other unions may observe related walkouts. The industrial action is linked to various issues, including salary-related grievances. Meanwhile, student protests against the strikes have involved roadblocks and scuffles with police, including in Abuja and Akure. Further demonstrations for and against the walkouts are likely throughout September.

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

Travelers should anticipate and avoid further protests by taxi drivers in Cape Town through at least September 8 due to the risk of local disruption and unrest. Taxi drivers oppose local policies intended to combat illegal taxi operators. Demonstrators may erect roadblocks and throw projectiles, potentially affecting major routes in the city. Travelers should plan journeys accordingly.

## **SUDAN**

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.

## **UGANDA**

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.

## **ZIMBABWE**

Travelers should anticipate disruption and avoid demonstrations during opposition parties' calls for a nationwide shutdown strike on September 6. Participants are protesting the alleged unlawful detentions of opposition politicians and activists. While the organizers have discouraged on-ground demonstrations, short-notice gatherings may take place. A heightened security force presence can be expected near potential hotspots, including government buildings and public squares in Harare. Security forces may use heavy-handed measures against unruly crowds, posing significant incidental risk to bystanders.

# *Asia & the Pacific*

## **NORTH KOREAN MISSILE TEST**

On August 17, North Korea reportedly fired two missiles from Onchon into the Yellow Sea. If confirmed, this would be the North's first cruise missile launch since January. This coincides with South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol's press conference to mark his 100th day in office. Further North Korean missile tests remain possible in the coming months, especially around key dates such as Day of Songun (August 25) and National Day (September 9). These incidents reflect the need for travelers to monitor related developments given the underlying tensions in the region.

## **AFGHANISTAN**

A renewed spate of attacks on Taliban and civilian targets in Kabul highlights the persistent threat of militancy. At least six people, including two employees of the Russian Embassy in Kabul were killed in an explosion outside the embassy on September 5. It remains unclear whether the suspected suicide bomber set off bombs before he was fatally shot, or the explosives were detonated by gunfire. The extremist Islamic State (IS-K) group reportedly claimed responsibility for the attack. The incident followed several recent attacks in Kabul and elsewhere in the country and underscores the need to defer all travel through at least September 9.

## AUSTRALIA

Travelers should plan journeys accounting for intermittent disruption during the ongoing winter season until the end of August. Rain and strong winds have caused disruption to electricity and road travel, as well as damage to buildings in the states of Queensland, South Australia (SA) and New South Wales (NSW), including in Sydney and Adelaide. During the season, dense fog, particularly in the morning, may cause poor visibility, resulting in ferry and flight disruption. Travelers should monitor weather conditions and reconfirm the feasibility of journeys before setting out.

## 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

Travelers should anticipate weather-related disruption in Bangalore through at least September 7. Heavy rainfall and flooding was reported on September 4 and 5 after the city received more than five inches of rain. Travel disruption was reported across the city and several flights via Kempegowda International Airport (BLR) were diverted to Chennai on September 5. Short-notice disruption to flights can be expected in the coming days. Additionally, authorities have issued a warning of disruption to the drinking water supply in Bangalore until at least September 7.

Travelers should expect increased security and related travel disruption across the country from August 31 to September 9 during the Hindu festival of Ganesh Chaturthi. While the festival is widely celebrated in Goa, Maharashtra and Telangana states, celebrations will also take place in other states and major urban centers. Increased traffic congestion should be anticipated on key routes and intersections over the festival period. Travelers should allow additional travel time and plan journeys bypassing related gatherings to minimize inconvenience.

## INDONESIA

Travelers should plan journeys accounting for disruption on September 6 during nationwide labor-related demonstrations. Participants, led by the KSPI union confederation, will highlight issues linked to workers' rights, controversial legislation and increased fuel prices. In Jakarta, the KSPI anticipates that 5,000 people will rally at the People's Representative Council. Related gatherings will take place in provincial capitals and other urban centers. Although the events should pass off peacefully, heightened security may contribute to traffic disruption around the venues.

## JAPAN

Travelers should continue to anticipate disruption and follow all official directives through at least September 8 linked to the passage of Typhoon Hinnamnor (third-highest strength on a six-tier scale). Hinnamnor made landfall on the Sakishima Islands on September 4. It has weakened and is moving northeast over the Sea of Japan, with its outer bands currently affecting the Kyushu and Chugoku regions. Flights have been cancelled at several airports, including Kagoshima Airport (KOJ) and Naha Airport (OKA). Meanwhile, a stationary front accompanying the storm has brought heavy rainfall to various other prefectures across the country since September 2.

## 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**

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.

## **MYANMAR**

Travelers should anticipate heightened security and tension through at least September 7 due to the first anniversary of the anti-military National Unity Government's (NUG) declaration of a 'defensive war'. In recent weeks there has been no notable increase in tension or attacks by anti-military groups in urban centers; however, the potential for violence and short-notice disruption will be heightened in the coming days especially if the NUG or anti-military People's Defense Force (PDF) groups issue any warnings or announcements. Attacks by PDF groups surged after the declaration was made in 2021.

## **PAKISTAN**

Travelers should plan journeys accounting for disruption through at least September 9 during rallies by the opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party. Although exact times and locations are unclear, the PTI has announced dates and host cities. The rallies come after PTI leader and former Prime Minister Imran Khan was charged under terrorism legislation. Recent PTI gatherings have passed off peacefully, but political tensions remain high and there is increased potential for unrest. Further related events are planned countrywide over the coming days. They will be well attended, causing significant traffic disruption.

## **SOUTH KOREA**

Travelers should continue to anticipate disruption and follow official directives through at least September 6 during the passage of Typhoon Hinnamnor. The storm passed near Jeju Island on September 5 and made landfall southwest of Busan city on September 6 as a strong typhoon (second lowest on a four-tier scale). Several airlines have suspended flights to Seoul, Busan and Jeju Island until at least September 6. Businesses and schools have also suspended physical operations due to the typhoon. Authorities warned that Hinnamnor may cause significant damage, including floods and landslides.

## **SRI LANKA**

Travelers should continue to defer all travel to Sri Lanka due to the potential for further unrest and operational disruption linked to the ongoing economic crisis. Demonstrations over issues such as fuel shortages and power outages will persist in the coming weeks. Police fired tear gas and water cannon to disperse a protest march on August 18 by the Inter University Students' Federation (IUSF) at Slave Island in the commercial capital Colombo. They also arrested the convener of IUSF along with four other activists. Further protests to demand the release of the detained members are likely. Bystanders will face incidental risks in the event of any ensuing disturbances.

## **THAILAND**

Travelers should avoid an anti-government demonstration in Bangkok on September 6 as a precaution. Supporters of the hardline Thalugas and Thalufah activist groups plan to gather at the Parliament building at 10:00 AM local time. This will coincide with a Parliamentary debate on a proposed amendment removing the rights of members of the House of Representatives to elect the Prime Minister. Heightened security can be expected, potentially disrupting nearby road travel and services. Police may use strong crowd-control measures to disperse unruly demonstrators. Such action can pose incidental risks to bystanders.

## 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

## 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

Russian energy supplier Gazprom announced on September 2 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, on September 3, an estimated 70,000 people protested in Prague against the government's lack of action to protect the country from energy price increases. Further such rallies can be expected throughout September.

## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Travelers should plan journeys in Sarajevo bypassing a protest on September 7. Participants will gather at 5:30 PM local time outside the Office of the High Representative (OHR) to denounce proposed changes to the electoral law. A previous related protest, held on July 25, attracted roughly 7,000 participants. Although likely to pass off peacefully, local disruption can be expected.

## GERMANY

Travelers should anticipate disruption during a protest in Berlin on September 9 and plan journeys accordingly. Participants will gather at 10:00 AM local time outside the Bundestag in protest of the rising cost of living. The protest is expected to pass off peacefully, but traffic disruption in the vicinity is likely.

## 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.

## SWEDEN

Travelers should anticipate disruption during a demonstration in Stockholm on September 9 and plan journeys accordingly. Climate activists, under the banner 'People for Future', have organized a protest to demand greater government action against climate change. Participants will gather at 12:30 PM local time at Sergel's Square and will march to Mynttorget. The event is anticipated to pass off peacefully although road traffic is likely to be impacted.