

Information notice about temporary regulations in the French Airspace during the 2024 Tour de France



The 111th edition of the cycling « Tour de France » is scheduled from Saturday 29 June to Sunday 21 July 2024 (From Jul 2nd over French territory), with altogether 21 legs all around France, in a large variety of landscapes.

This document is made to inform pilots about the specific regulations, and/or temporary modifications in the French air space during the « Tour ».



The different legs or « stages » and all details in English may be found on <https://www.letour.fr/en/overall-route>



The race itself, preceded by a long advertising caravan, with cars and motorbikes about 1:45 hour before the racers, is overflown by several aircraft, flying at different altitudes

These aircraft include film crews, VIP liaison flights, and several helicopters or fixed wings on every stage. The whole dispositive is re-enforced during mountain legs, or race against the clock. The aircraft will land on the airports nearest to the cities where the race stops overnight.

In this aeronautical context, the creation of temporary restricted areas (TRA) in mountain areas has been a rule for several years.



This dispositive is made to avoid blocking VFR flights; it offers routes between the helicopters protected areas and the relay aircraft. However, as there will be a lot of traffic, **we strongly recommend avoiding flying over the Tour de France during the stages.**

In any case, it is absolutely mandatory to respect air rules, and the conditions of penetration of the airspaces published in Notams, AIC or AIP SUP.



This document concerns only the French territory.

In order to guarantee flight safety, and particularly the safety of the aircraft covering the event, the French council of national air sports federations (CNFAS), is asking all air sports federations to circulate this document as much as possible, not only in France but also in European countries, so that pilots stay away from the race.

Furthermore, in mountainous regions, the passage of the Tour may limit the evolution possibilities of aircraft, and of the VFR principle: "See and avoid ».



The Tour is going around France in very touristic regions, with a lot of people at this time of year, especially from the moment when the advertising caravan arrives until the last racers have gone.

So please circulate this document as much as you can.

If all pilots are behaving well, and stay away from the race, the event will be a success and allow the CNFAS to obtain less TRAs and constraints in the future.



Please do not forget to read aeronautical publications concerning airfields near to Tour route, as their activities may be reduced during the race.

We wish you good flights in France



The CNFAS airspace group

Air device

Foreword

Filming helicopters

2 « Ecureuils » in very low altitude (from 0 to 500 ft ASFC) which are flown over by a relay Ecureuil frequently evolving between FL 45 and FL95, or even up to FL125 in the mountains.

VIP liaisons helicopters

5 « Ecureuils » (minimum) at low altitude (500 to 1000 ft ASFC) above the race

Relay aircraft

Several aircraft orbiting above the race in IFR to relay the image signal, climbing from FL80 to FL280. They benefit from the control service from ATC.

Flying over the race outside mountain areas

One can find the dispositions with the following link:

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_circ_2024_a_010_en.pdf

In particular, it is important to remember the following:

The attention of pilots is drawn upon the important concentration of aircraft nearby the Tour de France route, and the necessity to respect the French regulation about flying over cities, gatherings of people or animals, (arrêtés du 10 octobre 1957) and about helicopter traffic (arrêté du 17 novembre 1958).

Considering these preceding regulations and the specific context of the Tour de France, flying over the Tour legs is not allowed below the height of 1000 m (3300 Ft) above surface, except of the aircraft (fixed wings or helicopters) having obtained an authorization in advance.

Pilots are invited to read any complementary piece of information which could be made available, about access to air space and airfields located on the Tour route or nearby.

► The French federations believe that it is reasonable to stay at a minimum horizontal distance of 500 meters of the vertical plan of the Tour's road axis.

All the stages being altogether and entirely broadcast, the air device plan is set up on all the stages. The capacities (measures) of AIC 10/24 date June 16 2024 and the recommendations of the CNFAS just take more importance, particularly for aerodromes and platforms nearby the road.

GA AERODROMES CONCERNED BY 2024 TOUR DE FRANCE

Stage 6 Jul 4	Airfields Macon, Tournus, Chalons, Beaune, Nuits St Georges.
Stage 7 Jul 5	Airfield Nuits St Georges.
Stage 8 Jul 6	Airfields Semur en Auxois, Chatillon/Seine, Langres, Juvancourt.
Stage 9 Jul 7	Airfields Troyes, Bar Sur Seine, Juvancourt.
Stage 10 Jul 9	Airfields Orléans St Denis de l'Hôtel, Romorantin, Vierzon, Issoudun, Châteauneuf.



Stage 11 Jul 10	Airfields Montluçon Guéret / Ussel.
Stage 12 Jul 11	Airfields Aurillac, Sarlat, Fumel, Villeneuve Sur lot.
Stage 13 Jul 12	Airfields Agen, Condom, Nogaro, Aire Sur l'Adour, Pau.
Stage 14 Jul 13	Mountainsurfaces Artigues, Hautacam, Barèges (x2).
Stage 15 Jul 14	Airfields Peyresourde, Luchon, St Girons.

Stage 4 Jul 2	Mountainsurface Valloire.
Stage 5 Jul 3	Airfields St Rémy de Maurienne, Challes Les Eaux, Chambéry, Belley, Morestel, Ambérieu.
Stage 16 Jul 16	Airfields Narbonne, Pic St Loup (St Martin), Nîmes Garons, Nîmes Courbessac.
Stage 17 Jul 17	Airfields Pierrelatte, Valréas, Serres, Aspres, Gap.
Stage 18 Jul 18	Airfields Gap, Aspres, Barcelonnette.
Stage 19 Jul 19	Airfields St Crépin (Mt Dauphin), Barcelonnette.
Stage 20 Jul 20	No interference with airfields
Stage 21 Jul 21	No interference with airfields

FINISH TOWNS AIRFIELDS: Check aeronautical information on SIA website for restrictions not figuring in this document

Flying over the race in mountain areas

Helicopter flights for filming in mountainous areas make necessary specific air space dispositives, or « Helico TRAs » to facilitate the evolutions of these aircraft.

These TRAs also aim at enforcing the respect of the « 10th October 1957 Regulation » concerning flights over cities and gatherings of people/animals. They are limited in altitude at 2000ft above surface and sideways the protection at a distance of 1NM each way of the axis of the Tour's road.

Stages 4, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20 are concerned by these helicopter TRAs, especially in places with difficult access, and/or when the legs finish.

Opening/closing hours of these TRAs have been calculated according to the race schedule itself.

Relaying aircraft flights are ATC controlled flights.

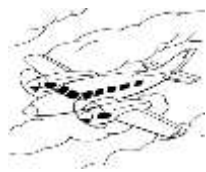
The following table gives a synthesis of the different stages, with the air space dispositive and the links towards the Tour's website.

Stage 4	Wednesday, Jul 2nd	Pinerolo / Valloire	AIP SUP 134/24 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-4
Stage 14	Saturday, Jul 13th	Pau / St Lary Soulan Pla d'Adet	AIP SUP 130/24 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-14
Stage 15	Sunday, July 14th	Loudenvielle / Plateau de Beille	AIP SUP 133/24 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-15
Stage 17	Wednesday, Jul 17th	St Paul Trois Châteaux / Super Dévoluy	AIP SUP 135/24 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-17
Stage 18	Thursday, Jul 18th	Gap / Barcelonnette	AIP SUP 136/24 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-18
Stage 19	Friday, Jul 19th	Embrun / Isola 2000	AIP SUP 137/24 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-19
Stage 20	Saturday, Jul 20th	Nice / Col de la Couillole	AIP SUP 138/24 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-20

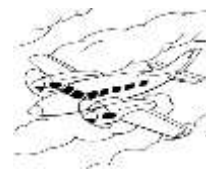
Pilots are invited to plan their flights well ahead, and read the information available on the French AIS website "Service de l'Information Aeronautique" (SIA):

<https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/documents/supaip/aip/id/6>

SUMMARY DIAGRAM



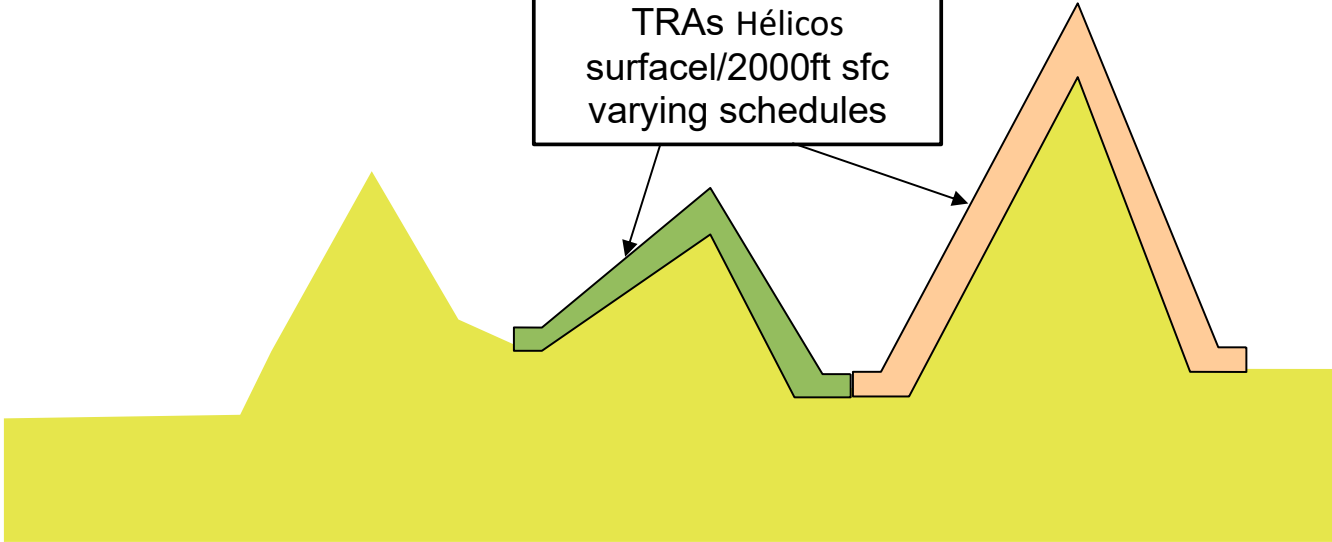
Relay aircraft, flying IFR



On the Tour's stages
No helico TRAs but...
No flying over the race

Mountain areas or areas with difficult access

TRAs Hélicos
surfacel/2000ft sfc
varying schedules



INTERDICTION DE SURVOL DU PARCOURS DU TOUR DE FRANCE



Les forces de l'ordre seront vigilantes en cas de non respect de l'interdiction de survol. Outre la confiscation du matériel au titre de l'article L.6232-2 du code des transports, toute personne qui viole l'interdiction de survol s'expose à une peine d'un an d'emprisonnement et à 45 000 euros d'amende.

Your references on the SIA website

Wednesday, Jul 2nd Stage 4 Pinerolo / Valloire

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2024_134_en.pdf

Note: 2 helo TRA / High terrain.

Saturday, Jul 13th Stage 14 Pau / St Lary Soulan Pla d'Adet

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2024_130_en.pdf

Note: 3 helo TRAs from Argelès Gazost / High terrain.

Sunday, Jul 14th Stage 15 Loudenvielle / Plateau de Beille

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2024_133_en.pdf

Notes: 3 helo TRAs from Peyresourde pass/ High terrain / Mountain airfield Peyresourde Balestas restricted

Wednesday, Jul 17th Stage 17 St Paul Trois Châteaux / Super Dévoluy

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2024_135_en.pdf

Note: 3 helo TRAs from Nyons / High terrain.

Thursday, Jul 18th Stage 18 Gap / Barcelonnette

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2024_136_en.pdf

Notes: 3 helo TRAs on the whole leg / High terrain.

Friday Jul 19th Stage 19 Embrun / Isola 2000

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2024_137_en.pdf

Note: 3 helo TRAs on the whole leg / High terrain.

Saturday, Jul 20th Stage 20 Nice / Col de la Couillole

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2024_138_en.pdf

Notes: 3 helo TRAs on the whole leg / High terrain.

IN SHORT...

→ NO FLYING OVER THE RACE BELOW 3300ft AND 500 M SIDEWAYS

1/ FOR ALL LEGS

NO FLYING OVER THE RACE Below 3300ft ground



And less than 500m sideways

AIC A 10/24 DATE 2023/06/16 + CNFAS RECOMMENDATIONS

2/ FOR STAGES 4, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20

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