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Travel Reminders

REAL ID IN EFFECT ACROSS U.S.

Travelers must ensure their driver's license meets REAL ID standards to board domestic flights and access certain federal facilities. As required by the law, following the enforcement deadline, federal agencies, including the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), will be prohibited from accepting driver's licenses and identification cards that do not meet these federal standards.

ETIAS REQUIREMENTS DELAYED UNTIL 2026

The European Union's European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS), intended to grant entry approval for visa-exempt nationals visiting the EU for short-term stays, has had its launch [postponed to the end of 2026](#).

Currently, no action is required from travelers. The European Union will announce the precise start date for ETIAS several months prior to its implementation.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

JAN 13

- Cabo Verde: Freedom and Democracy Day
- Israel: Orthodox New Year's Eve
- Mongolia: Constitution Day
- Togo: Liberation Day

JAN 14

- Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Israel, Serbia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States: Orthodox New Year
- India: Pongal
- India: Makar Sankranti
- Malaysia: Birthday of Yang di-Pertuan Besar
- Morocco: Amazigh New Year
- Uzbekistan: Defenders of the Motherland Day
- Venezuela: Divina Pastora Day

JAN 15

- Belize: George Price Day
- Croatia: Day of the International Recognition of the Republic of Croatia
- Croatia: Day of Peaceful Reintegration of the Croatian Danube Region
- Malawi: John Chilembwe Day
- Nepal: Maghe Sankranti
- Sri Lanka: Tamil Thai Pongal Day

JAN 16

- United Arab Emirates, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Djibouti, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Comoros, Kuwait, Malaysia, Oman, Philippines, Pakistan, Russia, Somalia, United Kingdom, United States, Yemen, Mayotte, South Africa: Leilat al-Meiraj
- Benin: Day of Remembrance
- Congo Democratic Republic: Anniversary of President Laurent Kabila's Assassination
- El Salvador: Victims of the Armed Conflict

Americas

SECURITY OPERATION NEAR WEST MONTGOMERY AVENUE AND NORTH 12TH STREET IN PHILADELPHIA

On January 13, travelers should expect residual disruption near the intersection of West Montgomery Avenue and North 12th Street in Philadelphia (Pennsylvania state) following a security operation. Late on January 12, police responded to reports of a shooting at a nearby restaurant, in which one person was killed. A 'person of interest' has been detained in connection with the incident. Travelers should expect heightened police presence in the area as investigations continue.

NATIONWIDE PROTEST LINKED TO OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN MINNEAPOLIS

Through January 16, travelers should expect nationwide protests linked to officer-involved shootings in Minneapolis (Minnesota state) and Portland. On January 10 and 11, the 'ICE Out for Good' coalition held related demonstrations in urban centers across the country. Further such gatherings, both pre-announced and spontaneous, are likely in the coming days. Travelers should monitor associated developments and plan for disruption in the vicinity of protests.

HEIGHTENED SECURITY PRESENCE IN MINNEAPOLIS AND ST PAUL AMID IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

Through February 5, travelers should expect a heightened security presence in Minneapolis and St Paul amid immigration enforcement operations. The US government will deploy around 1,500 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers to target undocumented migrants in the area. Up to 600 agents from the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) will operate alongside ICE officers, exploring recent allegations of fraud in federally funded programs. Demonstrations denouncing these operations are likely and carry a risk of becoming unruly. Travelers should plan for related disruption.

HEIGHTENED SECURITY IN NEW ORLEANS AMID IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AND RELATED DEMONSTRATIONS

Through February 28, travelers should expect a heightened security force presence in New Orleans and follow official directives. On December 22, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth authorized the deployment of 350 National Guard members in the city. The deployment seeks to strengthen security response and counter alleged violent crime in New Orleans. It comes ahead of several key dates and events, including New Year's celebrations, Mardi Gras and college American football playoffs. Troops have been mobilized and will remain in New Orleans until February 28. The development coincides with ongoing US Border Patrol immigration operations which began in early December.

HEIGHTENED SECURITY FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AT PORTS OF ENTRY IN THE U.S.

Starting June 9, 2025, travelers intending to travel to or from the US should expect heightened scrutiny and disruption at ports of entry following the announcement of travel restrictions. The restrictions imposed by President Donald Trump's administration will come into effect on June 9. Nationals of 12 countries are now prohibited from entering the US, while an additional seven countries are required to enact policy changes or also face travel restrictions. Travelers requiring clarification of their immigration status should consult their local US diplomatic mission.

ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION POSTPONED FOR US PASSPORT HOLDERS

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ARGENTINA

Through January 15, travelers should exercise caution and follow official directives in Chubut province due to ongoing wildfires. A fire broke out near the Puerto Patriada area on January 5 and spread to Epuen (both Chubut), remaining out of control as of January 15. Authorities have evacuated around 3,000 people and urged the public to avoid the area while firefighting operations continue. Firefighting services are also responding to a separate fire that ignited in the Los Alerces National Park on January 8, advancing towards Futaleufu (both Chubut). Travelers should expect short-notice evacuations, road closures and traffic diversions in the affected areas.

Through January 31, travelers should expect disruption in Santa Fe province due to strikes by the Federacion de Sindicatos de Trabajadores Municipales union. The strikes, planned from January 8-9 and 15-16 January, follow failed negotiations with the Santa Fe government over salary increases. FESTRAM workers also plan to gather at Casa de Gobierno on January 8 to demand that their objectives are met. Further protests and blockades along major routes in Santa Fe and Rosario are possible, with strikes and related actions set to impact municipal public services.

BOLIVIA

Through January 16, travelers should monitor developments following the suspension of a nationwide blockade and related protests over the government's removal of fuel subsidies. On January 11, the government and the Bolivian Workers' Center (COB) reached an agreement to end the blockade. Despite this, clashes between protesters and police occurred in El Alto (La Paz department) late on January 11 and at least 51 road blockades were reported to still be in place across the country. Further blockades and associated protests are possible in the coming days, which are liable to be forcibly dispersed by security forces.

BRAZIL

Through January 31, travelers should exercise caution in Rio de Janeiro state amid Barricada Zero and Seguranca Presente security operations targeting organized criminal groups. While such operations are primarily focused on favelas, associated armed clashes, retaliatory actions and road blockades are likely to cause disruption and pose incidental risks to bystanders, particularly along major transport corridors. Operations may occur at short notice, including around favelas in northern, western and southwestern neighborhoods of Rio de Janeiro city. They may therefore disrupt traffic unexpectedly and prompt public transport suspensions beyond the immediate operational areas.

CHILE

On January 13, travelers should account for localized travel disruption in Valparaiso (Valparaiso region) during a protest near the National Congress (parliament) and plan journeys accordingly. Unionized public sector workers will gather from 9:00 AM local time to demand improved salaries, working conditions and job security. The gathering is likely to pass off peacefully but will be accompanied by a heightened police presence.

COLOMBIA

Through January 31, 2026, travelers should exercise caution across the country and monitor developments linked to the announcement of ceasefires by armed groups. On December 21, the National Liberation Army (ELN) announced a unilateral armistice that will be in effect from 11:59 PM on December 23 until 11:59 local time on January 3. On the same day, the Central General Staff announced a ceasefire from December 23 to January 7. Despite the ceasefires, the threat of armed clashes and attacks cannot be ruled out, particularly in departments bordering Venezuela where ELN and EMC maintain a strong presence.

ECUADOR

Through February 28, travelers should follow official directives and expect heightened security amid a State of Emergency (SoE). On December 31, 2025, President Daniel Noboa extended the SoE in El Oro, Guayas, Los Rios, Manabi, Santa Elena provinces, as well as in Echeandia, Las Naves and La Mana. The measure was also extended in Esmeraldas, Pichincha, Santo Domingo and Sucumbios provinces. According to the government statement, this measure is in response to an increase in violence, crime and illegal activities carried out by criminal groups in these areas.

HONDURAS

Through January 26, 2026, travelers should expect heightened security and avoid gatherings following the announcement of the November 30 presidential election results. On December 24, the National Electoral Council declared National Party candidate Nasry Asfura as the winner, with a majority of 40.6% of votes. This comes after a re-count of votes due to administrative and procedural disruption, causing significant delays in the electoral process. Honduras remains under a nationwide State of Exception (SoE).

Through January 15, travelers should expect localized disruption in La Ceiba (Atlantida department) due to protests by unionized teachers. Participants represented by the PRICPHMA union will gather from 7:00 AM local time on January 12 at Puente Rio Bonito to demand the payment of back wages. Further demonstrations are likely but have not been announced. Although the events are likely to pass off peacefully, there is potential for localized scuffles. Bystanders face incidental risks in the event of any unrest.

MEXICO

From May 12, 2025, travelers arriving from Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, or Peru who have stayed in these countries for more than 10 days, must show proof of yellow fever vaccination. Citizens and residents of these countries, regardless of their port of departure before arriving in Ecuador, will also be required to provide proof of vaccination. Proof of vaccination will also be required for residents of Ecuador traveling to the Ecuadorian Amazon. This is in addition to the existing requirement for proof of yellow fever vaccination for travelers arriving from Brazil, Congo (DRC), and Uganda, including those who were in transit for more than 12 hours in an airport located in these countries, and for entry to Ecuador's Yasuni National Park. There is a risk of yellow fever infection east of the Andes mountains, below 7,545 ft elevation. Yellow fever is a potentially severe viral illness spread via mosquito bites. It can be prevented through vaccination and by avoiding mosquito bites.

PERU

Through February 4, 2026, travelers should expect heightened security and follow official directives linked to ongoing states of emergency (SoEs) in several regions. SoEs are in effect in parts of Amazonas, Cajamarca, La Libertad, Loreto, Madre de Dios, Piura, Puno and Ucayali regions. Another SoE in Trujillo and Viru provinces. In La Yarada los Palos, Palca and Tacna, a SoE will be in force until at least January 26, 2026. Meanwhile, ongoing SoEs in Lima and neighboring Callao region have been extended until at least January 21, 2026.

Travelers should plan journeys accounting for indefinite flight disruption at Francisco Carle Airport (JAU), which serves Huancayo, Jauja, and Tarma. The Chile-based LATAM Airlines, one of two carriers serving the airport, has suspended its flights at the facility until further notice, citing runway safety issues. It is currently unclear when the problem will be resolved. Travelers should contact the airline to ascertain the status of flights and plan journeys accordingly.

Through January 21, 2026, travelers should expect heightened security and follow official directives amid states of emergency (SoEs) in several areas. Authorities recently extended an ongoing SoE in Callao region and Lima. They also declared another SoE in Trujillo and Viru provinces. The measures have been implemented due to persistent criminal violence. No curfew restrictions have been announced thus far.

Africa & the Middle East

HEIGHTENED REGIONAL TENSIONS DUE TO LIKELIHOOD OF RENEWED MILITARY ACTIONS AGAINST IRAN

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HAMAS-ISRAEL CEASEFIRE

Through January 31, travelers should monitor developments related to the Hamas-Israel ceasefire, which came into effect on October 10, 2025. Part of the first phase of the ceasefire entails Hamas returning all remaining Israeli hostages, alive and deceased. The body of one hostage remains in the Gaza Strip (Palestinian Territories), impacting the second stage of the agreement and the ceasefire's overall long-term stability. Travel to Israel and the West Bank (Palestinian Territories) can continue; however, defer all travel to areas within four miles of their borders with Lebanon, Gaza and Syria. Travelers should continue to defer all travel to Gaza.

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ALGERIA AND MALI BLOCK AIRSPACE, FLIGHTS FROM EACH OTHER AFTER DRONE SHOT DOWN

Until further notice, travelers should monitor developments and reconfirm flights following the reciprocal closures of Algerian and Malian airspaces. On April 7, Algerian authorities announced the closure of its airspace for all flights to and from Mali. This was followed by the announcement from Malian authorities on the same day of the closure of its airspace to all flights to and from Algeria. It is currently unclear when air travel will resume between both countries.

TRAVEL TO ISRAEL AND PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW

Travelers should monitor developments as Hamas and Israel hostilities persist amid a ceasefire between Israel and Iran. Israel has continued to expand operations in the Gaza Strip since the resumption of the conflict on March 18 following a two-month ceasefire. The risk of retaliatory attacks on Israel by groups based in Gaza and the Houthis from Yemen persists, while the Israel and Iran ceasefire remains fragile following its implementation on June 24. Non-essential travelers currently in Israel and the Palestinian Territories should prepare to depart via evacuation options. Travelers should defer all inbound travel to Israel and the Palestinian Territories until further notice.

BENIN

Through January 15, travelers should monitor developments following the January 11 parliamentary election, wherein voters will elect members of the National Assembly and municipal councilors. The election day reportedly passed off peacefully. Vote counting is currently underway, and results are expected in the coming days; however, heightened security measures are likely to be implemented during the elections after the failed coup attempt on December 7, 2025. We expect related disruption to be limited to campaign events during the pre-election period, as well as local and celebratory rallies following the release of results.

GHANA

Travelers should avoid contact with sick people amid increasing Mpox infections in Ghana. Mpox is a potentially severe viral disease. People can contract the virus from close contact with a sick person or contaminated objects and surfaces. In Ghana, the virus circulates in animals, and infections can occur through contact with them. Travelers should prevent infection by following strict hygiene measures and avoiding contact with sick people. Travelers should consult their doctor for an individual recommendation on vaccination.

GUINEA-BISSAU

Through January 15, travelers should expect enhanced security measures in urban centers and monitor developments linked to the current political situation and associated potential protests. On December 31, 2025, additional military personnel were deployed across Bissau ahead of planned demonstrations by the civil society group 'Po de Terra'. The organization has denounced the transitional leadership of general Horta Nta Na Man and called for the release of the November 23, 2025, general election results. Further gatherings are likely to be organized or held spontaneously and should be avoided due to the credible risk of unrest.

ISRAEL

On January 13, travelers should exercise caution and expect disruption nationwide due to adverse weather conditions. The Israel Meteorological Service has issued red and orange warnings for strong winds across the country. The warnings will be in effect until 6:00 PM. Wind gusts of up to 68 miles per hour, heavy rainfall and flooding is possible in some affected areas. Travelers should reconfirm the status of routes before setting out and follow all official directives.

Through January 31, travelers should expect further anti-government protests and avoid them as a precaution. Recent protests have mostly been linked to the government's attempt to pass an ultra-Orthodox military conscription bill. Gatherings have also been held in response to military action in the Gaza Strip and to demand the return of the last remaining body of a deceased Israeli hostage held by Hamas. A sustained ceasefire agreement and the return of the last remaining body could lead to a decline in anti-government protests. Related demonstrations have previously caused traffic disruption and occasionally turned unruly.

Through January 31, travelers should exercise caution and follow official directives in Northern district. The Lebanese Army announced the completion of the first phase of Hizbullah's disarmament on January 8; however, Israel has stated the disarmament process remains insufficient. The Israeli government continues to warn that it will intensify operations against Hizbullah in Lebanon if efforts to disarm the group do not progress. Travelers should continue to defer all travel to areas within four miles of the Lebanon border. Travelers should expect heightened security presence in northern areas of Israel bordering Lebanon.

MOROCCO

Through January 18, travelers should expect heightened security and disruption across urban centers around the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), which will take place between December 21, 2025, and January 18, 2026. Events will be held in Rabat, Agadir (Souss-Massa region), Casablanca (Casablanca-Settat region), Fes (Fes-Meknes region), Marrakesh (Marrakesh-Safi region) and Tangier (Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima region). Authorities have said they will increase security measures in and around the host cities during the tournament. Travelers should expect an increased demand for accommodation and transport services, as well as traffic disruption, in the host cities.

NIGERIA

Through January 31, 2026, travelers should expect heightened security measures in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). This follows the November 2 announcement of a police operation scheduled to run through January 2026. Additional security personnel, including counter-terrorism units, will be mobilized across the FCT to target areas of perceived heightened criminal activity. Police checkpoints may be established in urban centers, including Abuja, as part of the operation. Follow all official directives.

SENEGAL

On January 14, travelers should plan journeys in Thies accounting for disruption during a protest march by healthcare workers. They will highlight several demands, including for an improved healthcare budget. The event will take place from 10:00 local time. Although specific details of the route are unclear, potential waypoints include the regional health ministry office and other medical facilities. A related 72-hour strike is currently due to be observed on January 22-24.

SRI LANKA

On January 13, travelers should exercise caution and expect weather-related disruption. The Department of Meteorology (DOM) has issued a red warning for severe lightning in several areas until 11:00 PM local time on January 12. Strong winds are also forecast in affected areas. The red warnings are in place for Sabaragamuwa, Northwestern and Western provinces, including the commercial capital Colombo (Western). Red warnings have also been issued for Galle and Matara districts (both Southern province). Amber warnings (the middle, meaning 'be prepared') are in effect for Central province, as well as Hambantota (Southern) and Mannar (Northern province) districts.

UGANDA

Through January 15, travelers should monitor developments and expect disruption linked to the ongoing campaign period for the general election. Voters will elect the next president and members of parliament. Eight presidential candidates, including incumbent Yoweri Museveni, will stage campaign rallies in urban centers during the campaign period, which ends on January 12. Such events will cause local traffic disruption. Although campaigning has so far passed off largely peacefully, there have been incidents of local unrest at opposition rallies. Security forces may employ heavy-handed measures to disperse further gatherings, posing incidental risks to bystanders.

Through January 18, travelers should defer non-essential travel to Uganda due to increased risks of logistical disruption and unrest surrounding the general election scheduled for January 15. Incumbent president Yoweri Museveni (in office since January 1986) of National Resistance Movement (NRM) is expected to win the vote, though the main opposition National Unity Platform (NUP) and other opposition parties will challenge this. This underscores the potential for election-related unrest and disruption, including protests condemning the election result, which would be forcibly dispersed. There may also be internet and telecommunications outages. People should exercise increased caution and anticipate a heightened security force presence over the coming weeks.

EXERCISE CAUTION DUE TO ORGANIZED CYBERCRIME OPERATIONS

Travelers should remain vigilant and exercise sensible precautions due to organized cybercrime operations. Regional authorities are increasingly collaborating and intensifying security operations to counter growing transnational operations based in Southeast Asia, including in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and the Philippines. Fraudsters are known to lure victims by impersonating job agents with lucrative offers and profits, with an ulterior motive to recruit them as part of an operation or for ransom. A recent high-profile case involved a Chinese actor who was trafficked into a cybercrime compound while under the impression that he was traveling for audition.

DISRUPTION TO AN AIRLINE'S OPERATION AT FUNAFUTI AND VAVA'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

Through January 15, travelers should reconfirm the status of flight bookings due to disruption to an airline's operations at Funafuti and Vava'u international airports. According to the airline's statement, reported fuel shortages in both locations have affected its operations. Flights will operate at a reduced capacity for FUN. The airline informed aircraft will carry additional fuel, though passengers or checked baggage may be offloaded due to weight restrictions and maintain safety limits.

ONGOING FOREST FIRE NEAR ZHANGMU TOWN

Through January 16, travelers should expect disruption at the Zhangmu-Tatopani border crossing between China and Nepal due to an ongoing forest fire near Zhangmu town (Nyalam county, China). The Chinese authorities closed the border indefinitely for all movement following the outbreak of the fire. Firefighting operations continue, though no official statement has been made regarding when the border will reopen. The fire is yet to be contained, and Chinese authorities have reportedly said that there is a risk of the fire spreading to Nepalese territory. Disruptions to communication services due to smoke have been reported near the border.

MILITARY ESCALATION NEAR CAMBODIA-THAILAND BORDER

On January 13, travelers should defer all travel within 30 miles of the Cambodia-Thailand border amid allegations of ceasefire violations. Cambodia ministry issued a statement rejecting any alleged illegal occupation of its territories in the border provinces. Thailand rejected the illegal occupation claims and reassured early Joint Border Committee talks, after rejecting Cambodia's appeal for the same twice. Military clashes, if any, will be restricted to northeastern Thailand, bordering northern and western Cambodia. Workforce in EXTREME-risk border areas should monitor official announcements.

MONSOON SEASON OVER THE COMING MONTHS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Through April 30, 2026, travelers should expect intermittent disruption to travel and essential services in parts of South and Southeast Asia during the northeast monsoon season, which typically lasts until March-April. Above-normal rainfall is forecast due to the potential for the La Nina weather phenomenon to develop briefly in December. Flooding and landslides are possible following periods of heavy rainfall, especially in mountainous and low-lying areas and even major urban centers. The northwest Pacific typhoon season will also exacerbate damage and disruption. Maintain flexible itineraries and liaise with local contacts to reconfirm feasibility of overland journeys prior to setting out.

AUSTRALIA

Through January 15, travelers should exercise caution and follow official directives in parts of Victoria state due to ongoing bushfires. Authorities have declared a state of emergency in at least 18 local government areas across the state until February 8. Fire-fighting operations are ongoing across Victoria, with at least 12 active major fires. Favorable wildfire conditions have been fueled by hot, dry and windy weather; however, forecasts indicate that conditions will ease in the coming days, which will support extinguishing efforts. Further road closures, traffic diversions and evacuation orders are likely at short notice.

Through January 26, travelers should expect heightened security measures near Bondi Beach and sites associated with the Jewish community in Sydney into January 2026. This follows a mass shooting by two assailants at Archer Park, adjacent to Bondi Beach, on December 14. Authorities declared the incident a terrorist attack, citing the targeting of the Jewish community during a Hanukkah event at the park. Further police raids amid investigations into

the attack. Police are monitoring online statements related to possible retaliatory unrest near Cronulla Beach on December 27.

Through January 31, travelers should expect heightened security and protests in urban centers amid mounting Middle East tensions. Statements from senior Israeli and US officials indicate that the likelihood of renewed military action against Iran is high. Protests against Israeli action or an increase in anti-Semitic incidents are possible should strikes on Iran occur. Approved gatherings are likely to pass off peacefully, though isolated clashes with counter-protesters may occur. Although restrictions on protests are currently in place in New South Wales state, protest groups in Sydney may seek to organize rallies anyway, which heightens the possibility of clashes with police.

Through February 8, travelers should exercise caution and follow official directives in parts of Victoria state amid bushfires. Authorities have declared a state of emergency in at least 18 local government areas across the state. While bushfire threats are easing, fire-fighting operations are still ongoing with at least 12 major active fires across Victoria. Favorable wildfire conditions have been fueled by hot, dry and windy weather; however, forecasts indicate that conditions will ease in the coming days, which will support extinguishing efforts. Further road closures, traffic diversions and evacuation orders are likely at short notice.

FIJI

Through January 16, travelers should exercise caution and expect weather-related disruption. The Fiji Meteorological Service (FMS) on January 13 issued countrywide warnings for heavy rain, thunderstorms and flash floods. Flooding is possible in streets of urban centers with poor drainage, as well as in low-lying and riverine areas. Road disruption is likely during this period, particularly due to inundated or wet roads and reduced visibility during adverse weather. Local reports indicate that several roads in Central, Northern and Western divisions are closed due to flooding. The adverse weather is linked to an active low-pressure trough that is traversing through Fiji.

INDIA

Through January 14, travelers should expect disruption in northern states due to dense fog. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued red warning in Chandigarh, Haryana and Punjab states as well as the National Capital Region. The capital New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL) issued an advisory earlier on January 12 warning of low visibility at the airport, though operations remain normal. Since January 10, four people have been killed and 30 others injured in vehicle collisions due to low visibility on roads.

Through January 15, travelers should expect heightened security and associated disruption in urban centers across Maharashtra state linked to the municipal election. The election to 29 municipal corporations, including the state capital Mumbai's Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, are scheduled for January 15. Vote counting will take place on January 16. Election-related events and polling are likely to be largely peaceful; however, campaign rallies and roadshows by prominent political parties are likely to cause localized traffic disruption.

Through February 28, travelers should expect heightened security and associated disruption amid the imposition of a curfew in parts of the Gomati district of Tripura state. The prohibitory measure will be in effect from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM local time every day in certain areas of the Karbook sub-division of the district. The measure was issued on January 3 in response to reports of possible militant movement and infiltration along the India-Bangladesh border. Locals residing within 0.18 miles of the border are exempt from the directive.

Through January 31, 2026, travelers should follow official directives and take preventative measures linked to prevailing air pollution in the National Capital Region. Authorities on December 24 revoked Stage 4 of a related Graded Response Action Travelers should plan after the Air Quality Index dropped to 271. GRAP Stage 4 had been enforced on December 13 after an AQI of 448 was recorded. Meanwhile, measures under GRAP Stage 3 remain in force. Disruption to flights, rail services and ground movement is likely to continue due to low visibility caused by heavy smog.

Until further notice, travelers should defer all inbound travel to Manipur state. Travelers already in Manipur should minimize non-essential movement due to recurrent ethnic unrest and an ongoing political crisis. President's Rule was extended for the state for a further six months, that is, until February 13, 2026. Meanwhile, ethnic-Kuki-Zo groups are demanding a separate administration and oppose a federal government directive for security forces to ensure free movement in Manipur. Security remains high in the state capital Imphal.

Through March 31, 2026, travelers should exercise enhanced caution in Asom (Assam), Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland states following the extension of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA). The legislation grants special powers to Security forces operating in 'disturbed areas', which are at comparatively high risk due to insurgency. The extension reflects the HIGH risk posed by ongoing low-level ethnic insurgencies in these locations.

INDONESIA

Through January 17, travelers should exercise caution and expect weather-related disruption nationwide and in Jakarta. The Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) have issued heavy rainfall warnings for Central Java, East Java, Papua, Special Region of Yogyakarta and West Java provinces. In Jakarta, several neighborhoods have been flooded. Inundated roads are causing traffic diversions, and congestion has also been reported around Soekarno-Hatta International Airport (CGK). Operations at Soekarno-Hatta continue to face intermittent disruption due to adverse weather. Heavy rainfall is liable to cause flooding, landslides, and short-notice disruption to transport and essential services.

Through January 31, 2026, travelers should expect disruption in urban centers during protests organized by the Confederation of Indonesian Trade Unions (KSPI). Members of the KSPI have organized the protests to demand an increase in the minimum wage. Demonstrations will be held outside gubernatorial offices, including in the capital Jakarta. While related gatherings on December 23 passed off peacefully, security forces are liable to use forcible measures to disperse unruly crowds at any upcoming demonstrations.

JAPAN

Through January 15, travelers should exercise caution and expect weather-related disruption in parts of Chugoku, Hokkaido, Kyushu and Tohoku regions. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) has issued red warnings for snowstorms in parts of these regions. Yellow warnings for heavy snow and snowstorms are in place elsewhere in these regions, as well as in parts of Hokuriku, Kansai, Nagano, Shikoku and Tokai regions. Disruption to essential services, including travel and power, is likely, particularly in mountainous areas. Travelers should reconfirm transport schedules and the status of routes before setting out.

PAKISTAN

Through January 31, travelers should expect protests by the opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party and heightened security in Rawalpindi. PTI supporters have recently gathered outside Central Jail on Tuesdays and Thursdays asking to meet with former prime minister Imran Khan (in office 2018-22) after he and his wife Bushra Bibi Khan were sentenced to 17 years in prison on corruption charges on December 20. Police have previously used water cannons to disperse demonstrators; however, PTI leaders stated they will continue to protest and have called for demonstrations in other urban centers. Travelers should avoid any related gatherings as a precaution.

PHILIPPINES

Through January 15, travelers should monitor developments and follow official directives linked to increased activity at the Mayon volcano (Albay province, Bicol region). Several volcanic tremors have been recorded since January 11, leading to an increased risk of a steam or gas-driven eruption. The volcano's alert status remains at level three. Authorities have directed evacuations from the 3.7-mile permanent danger zone (PDZ), while residents within a five-mile radius have been urged to prepare for evacuation.

Through January 25, travelers should expect heightened security measures and related disruption in Cebu (Central Visayas region) and Iloilo (Western Visayas region) cities due to Sinulog and Dinagyang festivals, respectively. Cultural and religious activities will take place in major public squares, sport centers, churches and universities in both cities. Short notice road closures and traffic diversions will be imposed at routes adjoining these areas to ease congestion during this period. Authorities will maintain a heightened security posture to maintain order. Travelers should plan travel accounting for heightened security measures around large crowds and traffic restrictions over the coming weeks.

SOUTH KOREA

On January 13, travelers should expect disruption to transport service in Seoul due to an indefinite strike by members of the Seoul Metropolitan Bus Labor Union. The industrial action follows a breakdown in wage negotiations between the union and the Seoul Bus Association. Significant disruption to bus services, as well as a heightened demand for alternative modes of transport, is likely if the strike goes ahead as planned. Authorities are reportedly planning measures such as an expanded subway service during the strike. Additionally, authorities in Gyeonggi province have announced additional transport measures to minimize disruption during the strike.

The Republic of Korea (ROK) government has mandated that travelers who have visited, stayed, or transited through certain regions, including certain U.S. States (Colorado, Michigan, and Texas), must submit a Q-CODE or health declaration form upon entering South Korea. Please review the complete list at the U.S. Embassy & Consulate in the Republic of Korea official website of locations that require a Q-CODE or health declaration form when entering Korea.

TAJIKISTAN

Through January 31, 2026, travelers should expect disruption to transportation and essential services nationwide amid electricity cuts. While load shedding is common in winter, the extent of the cuts is more expensive than previous years. Previously, the capital Dushanbe was insulated from shortages but is now experiencing widespread, frequent power cuts. This is causing severe interruptions to essential services including heating. Public transportation is also impacted as Dushanbe's taxi fleet consists almost entirely of electric vehicles. Travelers should expect further disruption to essential services during and after power cuts.

THAILAND

Through January 31, travelers should expect an increase in separatist insurgent activity in the High-risk provinces of Narathiwat, Pattani, Yala and southern Songkhla during the general election period. The Narathiwat authorities on January 12 lifted a night curfew they had imposed following attacks at 11 state-owned petrol stations in the region overnight on January 10-11. Security has since been heightened at petrol stations. Travelers should expect an extension of the State of Emergency (SoE) in the south, especially due to the ongoing campaign period for the February 8 general election.

Through February 8, travelers should expect heightened security and disruption associated with the general election campaign period. The elections follow the dissolution of the House of Representatives (lower house of parliament) on December 12. Election-related gatherings and short-notice protests will occur near political party offices, government buildings and known-demonstration points in urban centers, including Bangkok. Multiple parties are contesting the election amid a fluid political environment, border tensions with Cambodia and an increase in separatist insurgent activity. Travelers should account for travel disruption near related events and allow additional time to complete journeys.

Europe

ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION POSTPONED FOR US PASSPORT HOLDERS

The European Union's European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS), intended to grant entry approval for visa-exempt nationals visiting the EU for short-term stays, has had its launch [postponed to the end of 2026](#).

Currently, no action is required from travelers. The European Union will announce the precise start date for ETIAS several months prior to its implementation.

EXTREMISM-LINKED ATTACKS IN EUROPE

Through early January, travelers should exercise vigilance as the risk of isolated and extremism-linked attacks in Europe will increase during the holiday period. Potential targets include festive markets and other venues for large outdoor public gatherings. Business travelers and locals should remain vigilant in the coming weeks.

DEMONSTRATIONS LINKED TO CONFLICTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Through January 16, travelers should expect disruption across urban centers during demonstrations linked to conflicts in the Middle East. Although such events are likely to pass off peacefully, there is potential for localized scuffles involving participants, counter-protesters and police. Bystanders face incidental risks from any related unrest.

AUSTRIA

On January 13, travelers should reconfirm flights at the capital's Vienna Airport (VIE) after ice on the runways forced the facility's temporary closure. The airport authorities expect the closure to remain in place until at least 11:00 AM local time. Incoming flights are being diverted to other airports, including those serving Cologne, Frankfurt, Munich (all Germany) and Venice (Italy).

On January 13, travelers should plan journeys in northeastern states, including in Vienna, accounting for weather-related disruption. The Austrian Central Institute for Meteorology has issued an orange alert for black ice and freezing rain in parts of Lower Austria, Styria and Upper Austria states. The warning will remain in place until at least 1:00 PM local time. Adverse weather is liable to cause short-notice disruption to travel and essential services.

BULGARIA

On January 14, travelers should expect disruption in urban centers during protests against the country's adoption of the euro, which came into effect on January 1. Local activists have called for demonstrations from 6:00 PM local time, though details on specific locations have not yet been provided. Gatherings are likely to occur near sites associated with the Bulgarian National Bank, including its headquarters in Sofia. Related demonstrations are likely to be well-attended and accompanied by heightened security measures. Any disturbances, including scuffles between demonstrators and security forces, would pose incidental risks to bystanders.

Through January 31, 2026, travelers should expect further protests in urban centers following the government's resignation on December 11. Protests by opposition parties, civil society groups and students have continued under President Rumen Radev's caretaker government. A fresh demonstration is scheduled to take place outside the National Assembly in Sofia at 6:00 PM local time on December 29. Protesters are demanding broader anti-corruption measures, judicial reform and safeguards to ensure fair and credible elections. Hot spots for demonstrations include government buildings and central squares in Sofia, Burgas, Plovdiv and Varna.

CZECH REPUBLIC

On January 13, travelers should plan journeys in western and southern regions accounting for weather-related disruption. The Czech Hydrometeorological Institute (CHMI) has issued an orange warning for icy conditions across western, central and southern regions, including in Prague. The warning will remain in place until at least 3:00 PM local time. Adverse weather is liable to cause short-notice disruption to travel and essential services.

FRANCE

On January 13, travelers should plan for nationwide disruption to rail services during a 24-hour strike by train drivers and ticket operators. The National Company of the French Railways (SNCF) has organized the work stoppage to demand higher salaries. Union officials are scheduled to engage in negotiations with authorities on the same day and may end the strike early if a deal is reached.

Through January 31, travelers should expect disruption to rail services between Caen and Cherbourg (both Normandy region) weeks and plan journeys accordingly. This follows the derailment of a freight train on January 11 near Carentan-les-Marais (Normandy). The incident did not result in any casualties, but it caused the

cancellation of several trains. According to the national rail operator SNCF, services between Caen and Cherbourg will be disrupted until further notice due to the damage to train tracks. Repair works are ongoing. Travelers should reconfirm the status of transport, as well as alternative routes, before setting out.

GERMANY

Through January 14, travelers should exercise caution and expect weather-related disruption. The German Weather Service (DWD) has issued red warnings for transparent icy conditions, commonly known as 'black ice'. The warnings are in effect for Berlin and Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt states. Additionally, orange warnings are in place for Bavaria and Thuringia states. Adverse weather has already led to air, rail and road disruption across the affected states. Travelers should reconfirm the status of routes and transport before setting out and plan journeys accordingly.

GREECE

On January 13-14, travelers should plan journeys in urban centers accounting for disruption during a strike and related protests by taxi drivers. Participants will denounce mandatory transition to electric taxis in Athens and Thessaloniki (Central Macedonia region), among other issues. In Athens, related marches from 10:00 AM local time will also take place on both days from Spirou Patsi bus stop to the transport ministry. Travelers should expect traffic disruption along the route and increased demand for other modes of transport during the strike. Although the walkout is intended to focus on Athens and Thessaloniki, it may be supported by taxi drivers in other cities.

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PORTUGAL

On January 13, travelers should expect disruption in Lisbon during a demonstration to demand the withdrawal of a proposed labor reform bill. Participants will gather from 2:30 PM local time at Praça Luis de Camões before marching towards the Assembly of the Republic (parliament) building. The demonstration is expected to attract a significant turnout and is liable to disrupt traffic along its route.

ROMANIA

On January 15, travelers should expect disruption in Bucharest during an anti-government protest. George Simion, the leader of the opposition Alliance for the Union of Romanians (AUR) party, has called for the demonstration at University Square from 6:00 PM local time. The event is being held to denounce President Nicușor Dan and the government of Prime Minister Ilie Bolojan over various issues. Travelers should expect the gathering to be well attended and accompanied by a heightened security presence.

RUSSIA

The US Department of State advises US citizens to defer travel to Russia due to the invasion of Ukraine by Russian military forces, the potential for harassment against US citizens by Russian government security officials, the singling out of US citizens in Russia by Russian government security officials including for detention, the arbitrary enforcement of local law, limited flights into and out of Russia, the Embassy's limited ability to assist US citizens in Russia, COVID-19-related restrictions, and terrorism. US citizens residing or traveling in Russia should depart immediately and exercise increased caution due to wrongful detentions. US credit and debit cards no longer work in Russia, and options to electronically transfer funds from the United States are extremely limited as a result of sanctions imposed on Russian banks. There are reports of cash shortages within Russia.

SERBIA

Through January 31, 2026, travelers should avoid further student-led anti-government protests in urban centers as a precaution. Countrywide protests continue after the November 2024 railway station incident in Novi Sad that killed 16 people. Student organizations have called for nationwide demonstrations on December 28, though no exact times or locations have been announced. Further protests will continue to be held, during which clashes between police, anti-government protesters and counterdemonstrators are likely, posing incidental risks to bystanders.

SPAIN

Through February 2, travelers should account for transport disruption in A Coruna province (Galicia autonomous community) due to planned strikes. Labor organizations representing transport workers are demanding a new collective bargaining agreement and a salary increase. Work stoppages affecting bus and rail services will be observed on January 12-13, 16, 19-20, 23 and February 2. A minimum service will be guaranteed from 6:00 AM until 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM local time. Travelers should expect increased demand for alternative forms of transport during the walkouts and allow additional time for journeys.

TÜRKIYE

Through January 31, travelers should take precautions on security operations highlights latent risk posed by Islamist militancy. On December 31, 2025, the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office announced the completion of security raids across 25 provinces targeting members of the extremist Islamic State (IS) group. A total of 125 suspected IS members were detained, alongside 29 others under suspicion of spreading IS propaganda. The operation is part of an ongoing security initiative targeting IS sleeper cells amid concerns of a resurgence of the group's activity in the country. Counterterrorism operations were bolstered upon receiving an intelligence warning of potential IS attacks during the period leading up to the New Year. Authorities are liable to conduct further operations, highlighting the latent risk posed by IS in Türkiye.

UNITED KINGDOM

On January 14, travelers should expect disruption during a pro-Palestinian demonstration near the Royal Courts of Justice and plan journeys accordingly. Participants will gather from 9:30 AM local time along the Strand outside the building. The event will coincide with legal proceedings over the dismissal of terrorism charges against an Irish musical artist. The demonstration is expected to attract a significant turnout and is liable to disrupt traffic near the station. Any disturbances would pose incidental risks to bystanders.