



# Paris Air Show - 20-26 June 2011

Office of Defense Cooperation, US Embassy Paris



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**PARIS AIR SHOW 2011:** This year marks the 49<sup>th</sup> Paris Air Show, known locally as *Le Salon du Bourget*. The venue is Le Bourget Airport, the very site where Charles Lindbergh landed after the first trans-Atlantic flight over 80 years ago. Today, Le Bourget plays host to the world's oldest and largest air & space industry exhibition to be held 20-26 June, 2011, the 102<sup>nd</sup> year of the show.

**The Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC), France,** welcomes you on behalf of U.S. European Command and the United States Ambassador to France. Our mission is to facilitate the long-term U.S. - French defense relationship by promoting cooperation and interoperability between U.S., NATO, and French forces. To this end, we are ready to assist all official DoD / US Government guests in establishing contact with our host nation's military acquisition and industry leaders.

The Paris Air Show is an occasion to promote U.S. security interests and illustrate our commitment to NATO and allied interoperability. It also offers an excellent opportunity to forge coalition partnerships for the future. America's defense industries play a significant role in this effort as they display their newest products to a worldwide audience.

## **IMPORTANT! 3 Actions Required**

**Action #1- Registration with ODC France:** Use this form to register your participation with ODC France:

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/ParisAirShow/index.cfm>

**Action #2- Reserve your Hotel Room:** Use the link that ODC France will send you via email upon completion of your registration form for the official DoD / US Government hotel: the Meridien Etoile in Paris' 17<sup>th</sup> Arrondissement. Further information is below in Section 1.

**Action #3- Submit your Country Clearance and apply for your Visa:** further information below in Section 3.

## **INFORMATION**

### **1. Hotel Information** [Back to top](#)

**The Meridien Etoile** in Paris' 17<sup>th</sup> Arrondissement has been designated the official hotel for DoD, VIP, and distinguished visitors. The Meridien Etoile is part of the Starwood family of hotels. This facility is cleared for security purposes and meets EUCOM force protection requirements. Lodging in this hotel is therefore most strongly encouraged. To reserve you and your party's rooms at the hotel, please complete the registration form and ODC France will send you a link to a dedicated hotel registration online form and site that includes such information as about cancellation policy and minimum stay requirements. Hotel reservations can be cancelled or modified up until the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. After that date, certain restrictions begin to apply. These restrictions are all explained on the online form.

Should you choose to stay elsewhere, you will not be able to take advantage of the negotiated group rate that ODC France has put into place, you may not be in accordance with the Combatant Commander's force protection requirements and you will not be provided government-bus transportation to the show.

**Per-Diem:** Hotel rates at the Meridien start at 449 Euros / night. Current Paris per-diem rates are \$377 for lodging and \$173 for meals and incidentals. The current exchange rate for US currency to Euros can be found by using the following website: [http://web.rm.state.gov/exchange/Currency\\_Exchange.cfm](http://web.rm.state.gov/exchange/Currency_Exchange.cfm) The Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency has approved an Actual Expense Allowance (AEA) for lodging for Paris Air Show 2011 in excess of the standard per diem rate. This will be in effect in Paris from one week prior to and one week following the show. A copy of the AEA memorandum will be included with your welcome packet at the ODC France Welcome Desk, or by email request from ODC France.

### **2. Welcome Desk:** [Back to top](#)

Check-in will be assisted at the Hotel Meridien Etoile, located at 81 Boulevard Gouvion Saint-Cyr, Paris 75017, on Saturday and Sunday, 18 and 19 June, with the presence of the ODC France Welcome Desk in the main lobby. This should facilitate your check-in and provide the opportunity to acquire up-to-date information regarding the show. ODC France will distribute individual badges to the show at that time as well as provide a welcome packet of Paris Air Show and Paris visitor's information to all registered official

DoD / US Government visitors at that time, regardless of whether you have a room reserved at the Hotel Meridien Etoile or not. **Badges will not be distributed by mail or on-site at the show.**

### **3. Passport, Visa, and Country Clearances** [Back to top](#)

**Passports** All official DoD / US Government visitors are required to comply with the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide available at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/>. Unlike other European countries, official visitors on non-NATO business are required to travel to France on their 'no-fee' passports. (i.e. 'official' or 'diplomatic') If you do not have a valid 'no-fee' passport, there is presently plenty of time for you to obtain one.

\*\*\*Note, for uniformed service members, travelling on NATO orders is acceptable **with a valid military picture ID.**

**Visas** All official DoD / US Government visitors also required to obtain a no-fee visa for their visit to France for the Paris Air Show. Again, please review and comply with the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide.

**Country Clearances** All who attend the Paris Air Show, meet with host nation counterparts or host nation industry must submit a request for country clearance. **DoD personnel should use the Automated Clearance System (APACS) at <https://apacs.dtic.mil/apacs/apacsservlet?cmd=apacsLogin>** The Defense Attaché is Office (DAO) is responsible for approving APACS. Please contact either SFC Glenn via email at [glennad@state.gov](mailto:glennad@state.gov) or by phone at +33 1 4312 2825 or OCS Lessenberry via email at [lessenberrydl@state.gov](mailto:lessenberrydl@state.gov) or by phone at +33 1 4312 2578; otherwise you may also send an email to the DAO mail box at [PARISDAO@STATE.GOV](mailto:PARISDAO@STATE.GOV)

Non-DoD personnel may use the electronic Country Clearance (eCC) system at <http://ecc.state.gov> The Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC) has approving authority for eCC. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Gilles Spencer Roserens via email at [RoserensGS@state.gov](mailto:RoserensGS@state.gov) or by phone at +33 1 4312 2609.

Country clearance requests should be processed as soon as possible, but NLT 13 May 2011. When filling out your Country Clearance, please make sure that you use the words: 'Paris Air Show 2011' as the 'purpose' of your stay in France.

It is advisable to maintain photocopies of your travel documents (passport, visa, or travel orders & ID) available to you at all times in case of loss or theft.

### **4. Schedule of Events** [Back to top](#)

\*\*\*Additional Information will be published in this section as it becomes available.

Saturday, 18 June

13.00 - 18.00 ODC France Welcome Desk open at Etoile Meridien Hotel, 81 Boulevard Gouvion Saint-Cyr, Paris 75017

Sunday, 19 June

09.00 - 18.00 ODC France Welcome Desk open at Etoile Meridien Hotel, 81 Boulevard Gouvion Saint-Cyr, Paris 75017

Monday, 20 June - Day 1

07:00 - Bus departs Hotel Meridien Etoile for Le Bourget

09.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors

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16:00 - Bus departs Le Bourget for the Hotel Meridien Etoile

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors

1900-2030 - US Ambassador's official reception (invitation only)

Tuesday, 21 June - Day 2

07:00 - Bus departs Hotel Meridien Etoile for Le Bourget

09.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors

16:00 - Bus departs Le Bourget for the Hotel Meridien Etoile

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors

Wednesday, 22 June - Day 3

07:00 - Bus departs Hotel Meridien Etoile for Le Bourget

09.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors

16:00 - Bus departs Le Bourget for the Hotel Meridien Etoile

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors

Thursday, 23 June - Day 4

07:00 - Bus departs Hotel Meridien Etoile for Le Bourget

09.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors

16:00 - Bus departs Le Bourget for the Hotel Meridien Etoile

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors

Friday, 24 June - Day 5

07:00 - Bus departs Hotel Meridien Etoile for Le Bourget

09.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors and to general public

16:00 - Bus departs Le Bourget for the Hotel Meridien Etoile

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors and to general public

Saturday, 25 June - Day 6

09.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors and to general public

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors and to general public

Sunday, 26 June - Day 7

09.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors and to general public

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors and to general public

\*\*\*This program is subject to further changes

## **5. Show Badges** [Back to top](#)

An official Paris Air Show badge is required to gain entry to the exhibition site at Le Bourget. ODC France will process badges for official DoD/US Government visitors upon receipt of a valid Country Clearance Message. To ensure you receive a badge, submit your country clearance request as soon as possible. These badges will be distributed at the ODC France Welcome Desk at the Meridien Etoile hotel on the Saturday and Sunday before the show commences. (details in section 1 above)

\*\*\*Note: The Paris Air Show's organizers may demand a government-issued photo ID (DoD CAC Card, Passport, Driver's License, etc) be presented to permit entrance to the show site.

## **6. Transportation** [Back to top](#)

From Monday to Friday, 20-24 June, ODC France will provide free bus transportation to and from the show at the beginning and the end of the day for all official DoD / US Government visitors who are staying in the official hotel, the Meridien Etoile.

Alternatively, the Paris public transportation system is efficient and easy to use. For those who have never visited or are unfamiliar with subway/train (RER) use, visit the Paris public transportation website: <http://www.ratp.fr/>. This website can provide directions from your hotel to any address in Paris.

Should the need arise for personal travel to or from the show site, a taxi is a safe but expensive alternative; though can be slow due to city traffic.

## **7. Uniform Policy** [Back to top](#)

Personal security is the primary factor in formulating uniform policy for the Paris Air Show. On Day 1, Monday 20 June 2011, all US military in attendance are expected to dress in service Class A, with jacket and tie or equivalent. On all other days of the trade show, all military can anticipate Class B, short sleeve, open

collar. For civilian attendees, normal daily attire is business suit with tie. Depending on the host and venue, evening events can be either in Class A or business suit with tie.

Those in uniform who choose to use public transportation (bus, train, metro) are encouraged to wear a non-descript overcoat or jacket, per local force protection guidance.

#### **8. Official and Industry Receptions** [Back to top](#)

Official and industry receptions are by invitation only. Your host should inform you if you are invited to these events. Transportation to/from these private events is not provided through ODC France. For those in uniform, taxi is the recommended means of transportation for these events. Spouses are typically not invited to attend these events.

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The US embassy is neither a service facility nor open to the public. Access is controlled for security reasons and limited to official business.

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Additional Paris Air Show 2011 information is available at the following sites:

Paris Air Show 2011 show organizer's home page in English:

<http://www.paris-air-show.com/en>

State Department travel information for France:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3842.htm>

English language information about France:

<http://www.francetourism.com/>

Local transportation information:

<http://www.ratp.fr/>

<<http://www.airfrance.com/>>

#### **Point of Contact** [Back to top](#)

Please address all initial contact to ODC France by email at: <[odcfrtradeshow@state.gov](mailto:odcfrtradeshow@state.gov)>

Please read this informational webpage in its entirety before contacting ODC France with questions.