

Information notice about temporary regulations in the French Airspace
during the 2022 Tour de France

Foreword



The 109th edition of the cycling « Tour de France » is scheduled from July 1st to July 24th (From Jul 5th 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 airspace 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

Filming helicopters

2 « Ecureuils » flying at very low altitude are overflown by two other aircraft which relay the images signals, at about 2500 ft ASFC.

VIP liaisons helicopters

5 or 6 helicopters flying low along the race, from landing zone to landing zone.

Relay aircraft

Several airplanes flying over the race are used to relay communications signals. Above FL85 over plains, and at varying altitudes in mountain areas, they fly IFR and use the ATC services

Flying over the race outside mountain areas

One can find the dispositions with the following link:

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_circ_2022_a_014_fr.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).

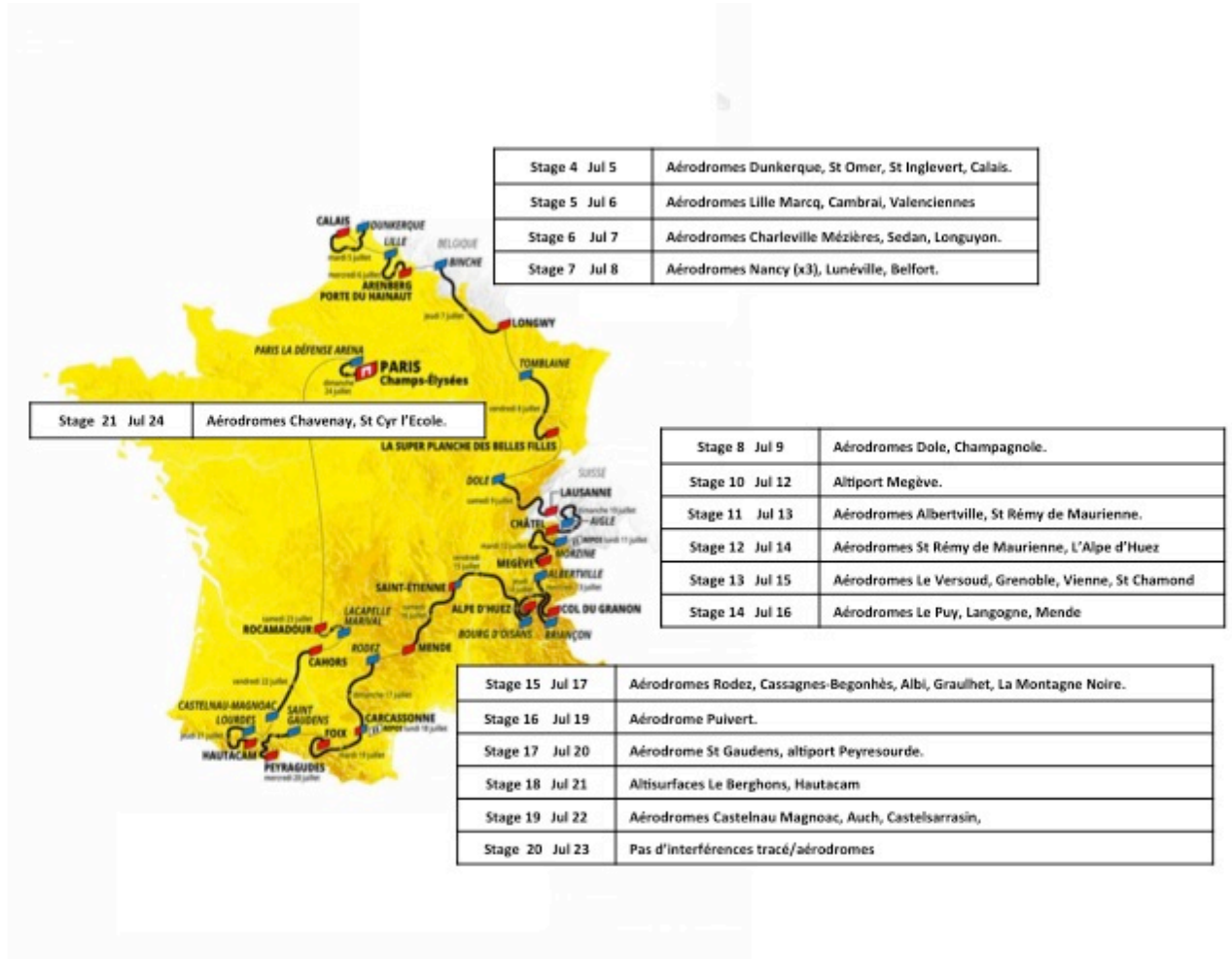
Considering these preceding regulations and the specific context of the Tour de France, flying over the Tour legs is not allowed below the height of 1000 m (3300 Ft) above surface, except of the aircraft (fixed wings or helicopters) having obtained an authorization in advance.

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 14/22 date june 23rd 2022 and the recommendations of the CNFAS just take more importance, particularly for aerodromes and platforms nearby the road.

GA AERODROMES CONCERNED BY 2022 TOUR DE FRANCE EXCEPT FINISH TOWNS



**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 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 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 9	Sunday, Jul 10th	Aigle / Chatel	AIP SUP 155/22 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-9
Stage 10	Tuesday, Jul 12th	Morzine / Megève	AIP SUP 156/22 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-10
Stage 11	Wednesday, Jul 13th	Albertville / Col du Granon	AIP SUP 157/22 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-11
Stage 12	Thursday, Jul 14th	Briançon / Alpe d'Huez	AIP SUP 158/22 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-12
Stage 13	Friday, Jul 15th	Bourg d'Oisans / St Etienne	AIP SUP 159/22 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-13
Stage 16	Tuesday, Jul 19th	Carcassonne / Foix	AIP SUP 167/22 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-16
Stage 17	Wednesday, Jul 20th	St Gaudens / Peyragudes	AIP SUP 168/22 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-17
Stage 18	Thursday, Jul 21st	Lourdes / Hautacam	AIP SUP 169/22 https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-18

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>



Relay aircraft, flying IFR

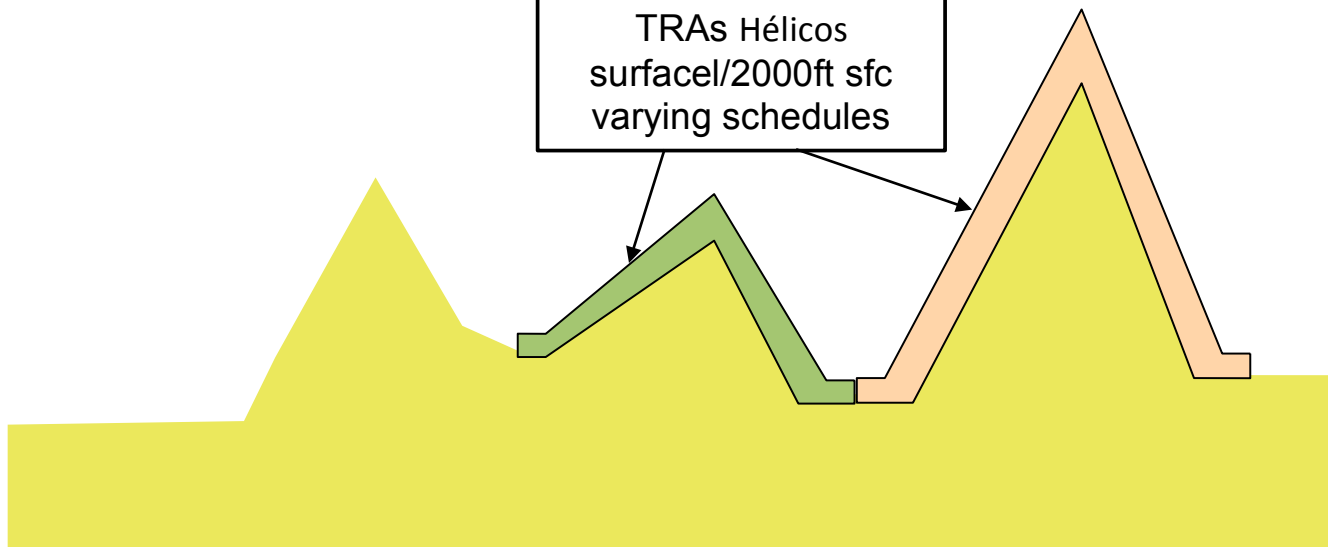


On the Tour's stages

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

Sunday, Jul 10th Stage 9 Aigle / Chatel

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2022_155_en.pdf

Note: 1 helo TRA from Pas de Morgins / High terrain.

Tuesday, Jul 12th Stage 10 Morzine / Megève

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2022_156_en.pdf

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

Wednesday, Jul 13th Stage 11 Albertville / Col du Granon

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2022_157_en.pdf

Note : 4 helo TRAs on the whole leg / High terrain.

Thursday, Jul 14th Stage 12 Briançon / Alpe d'Huez

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2022_158_en.pdf

Notes: 4 helo TRAs on the whole leg / High terrain.

Friday, Jul 15th Stage 13 Bourg d'Oisans / St Etienne

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2022_159_en.pdf

Note 1 helo TRAs.

Tuesday, Jul 19th Stage 16 Carcassonne / Foix

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2022_167_en.pdf

Note: 3 helo TRAs from Tarascon Sur Ariège / High terrain.

Wednesday, Jul 20th Stage 17 St Gaudens / Peyragudes

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2022_168_en.pdf

Note: 2 helo TRAs from Aspin Pass / High terrain.

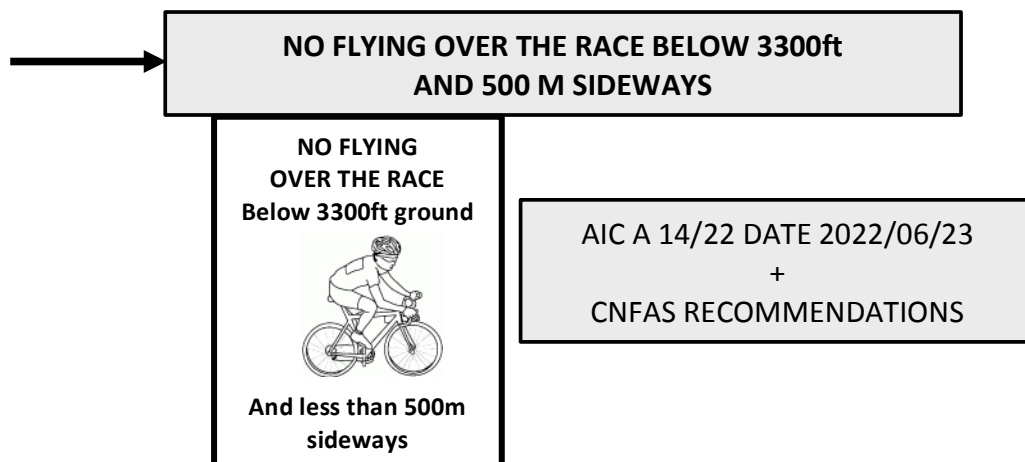
Thursday, Jul 21st Stage 18 Lourdes / Hautacam

https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2022_169_en.pdf

Note: 3 helo TRAs from Louvie Juzon / High terrain.

IN SHORT...

1/ FOR ALL LEGS



2/ FOR STAGES 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17 AND 18

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