

Visit of Pope Francis: access to Genève Aéroport will not be guaranteed

Due to the large number of people expected in the Palexpo-airport sector for the ceremony held by Pope Francis on 21 June, the access to Genève Aéroport will not be guaranteed between noon and midnight. Therefore, it is recommended to get to Genève Aéroport only if absolutely needed.

Considering the schedule of the pastoral visit and the number of people expected at the ceremony at Palexpo, road access to the airport and the availability of car parks will be strongly hindered. As such, car parks P1, P26 and P51 will be exclusively reserved for passengers with a plane ticket. However, due to the high traffic, this measure will not guarantee them the availability of a parking space.

To avoid clogging the platform, those present to celebrate the Pope's visit are required not to spend time in the public areas of Genève Aéroport.

In unable to move the date of their journey, special arrangements must be made by passengers arriving or leaving Geneva on 21 June. Genève Aéroport recommends the following:

- Arrive at the airport earlier than usual, ideally 3 hours before the departure for all flights leaving in the after-noon
- Use public transportation, especially SBB: additional trains are planned from Geneva-Cornavin
- Contact the airline to check the flight hours
- Print your boarding pass at home
- Contact the airline to check the hold luggage in advance

Useful information will be updated regularly on the airport's website (www.gva.ch), on its app and on Twitter ([@GeneveAeroport](https://twitter.com/GeneveAeroport)).

Genève Aéroport invites travellers to refer to the information provided by the Cantonal Police regarding the solutions set up to ease the road traffic.

In view of the saturation of roads expected during the afternoon of 21 June and to ensure airport operations, Genève Aéroport made certain arrangements and urged its partners to do the same. These actions include:

- **Encourage all non-essential staff to leave the airport site at noon.**

- **Advance the arrival on site of the staff performing operational tours the afternoon so that they are present before the expected congestion periods.**
- **Ensure that additional personnel are planned to handle the surplus of passengers who may miss their flights.**
- **Suspend any non-essential mission to the smooth running of the day's operations.**

As stated in its public communication, Genève Aéroport invites passengers to get to the airport earlier than usual, therefore it is to be expected that some of them arrive before the usual check-in hours.

To raise passengers' awareness, we suggest sending the following message to those who travel that day, both for departures and arrivals.