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Paris hotel cancellations rose 29% after the October 17 unrest

Data from 35 hotels suggests the disruption spread beyond damaged properties, with winter and early spring bookings down 33%

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Hotel cancellations in Paris continued to rise after the October 17 unrest, while new bookings weakened through spring, according to industry data released by the GHR, a French hotel and restaurant trade group. For the city’s hospitality sector, the figures suggest that the impact has spread beyond properties that suffered direct damage and is now affecting future demand across a broader group of hotels.

In a press release carried on Friday, November 6 by Le 10 Minutes Hôtelier, GHR cited data from HCommunity covering a panel of 35 Paris hotels with 1,834 rooms. The publication said it posted the statement as received, without editorial changes. The figures were not independently verified.

According to the data, canceled room nights rose 29% in the 15 days after October 17, reaching 12,885 canceled room nights across the panel. That marked a sharp change from the period from September 19 through October 16, when cancellations had been broadly stable, down 2%.

The deterioration also showed up in net bookings, which the release defined as new room nights booked minus canceled room nights. GHR said that balance fell 27% from the same period in 2025 after October 17, compared with a 15% decline before the unrest. Cancellations made fewer than 15 days before arrival increased 62%, a sign that hotels were facing more short-notice losses that are harder to replace.

Those trends matter for hotels because they affect occupancy planning and revenue management at a time when properties would normally be building business for the winter and early spring travel periods. A rise in short-lead cancellations can also complicate staffing decisions and reduce visibility on near-term demand, especially for urban hotels that depend on steady flows of international and business travelers.

The outlook in the release was weaker still for future stays. GHR said new bookings for trips scheduled from December 2026 through April 2027 were down 33% from the comparable booking period in 2025. New group bookings fell 43%, after having risen 9% before October 17, according to the same data.

That drop in group business is especially important for the hotel market because group reservations often help fill rooms well in advance and can support food service, meeting space, and other hotel operations. A pullback in that segment can leave operators more dependent on last-minute individual travelers, a higher-risk mix when cancellations are already increasing.

The release did not provide a citywide total for Paris, and the panel covered only 35 hotels. Still, the numbers point to a sustained slowdown in booking activity rather than a short disruption limited to the days immediately after October 17. GHR said the economic effects were continuing to weigh on Paris hotels well beyond the cost of repairing damaged properties.

All of the comparisons in the release were measured against the same period in 2025, based on HCommunity data. Neither GHR nor Le 10 Minutes Hôtelier published a fuller methodological note in the text carried on Friday, November 6 beyond the panel size and room count.

GHR used the figures to call for public support for affected businesses, including hotels that were not directly damaged but have still seen lower activity. The group said assistance measures should be extended to help establishments absorb the impact of cancellations and weaker foot traffic.