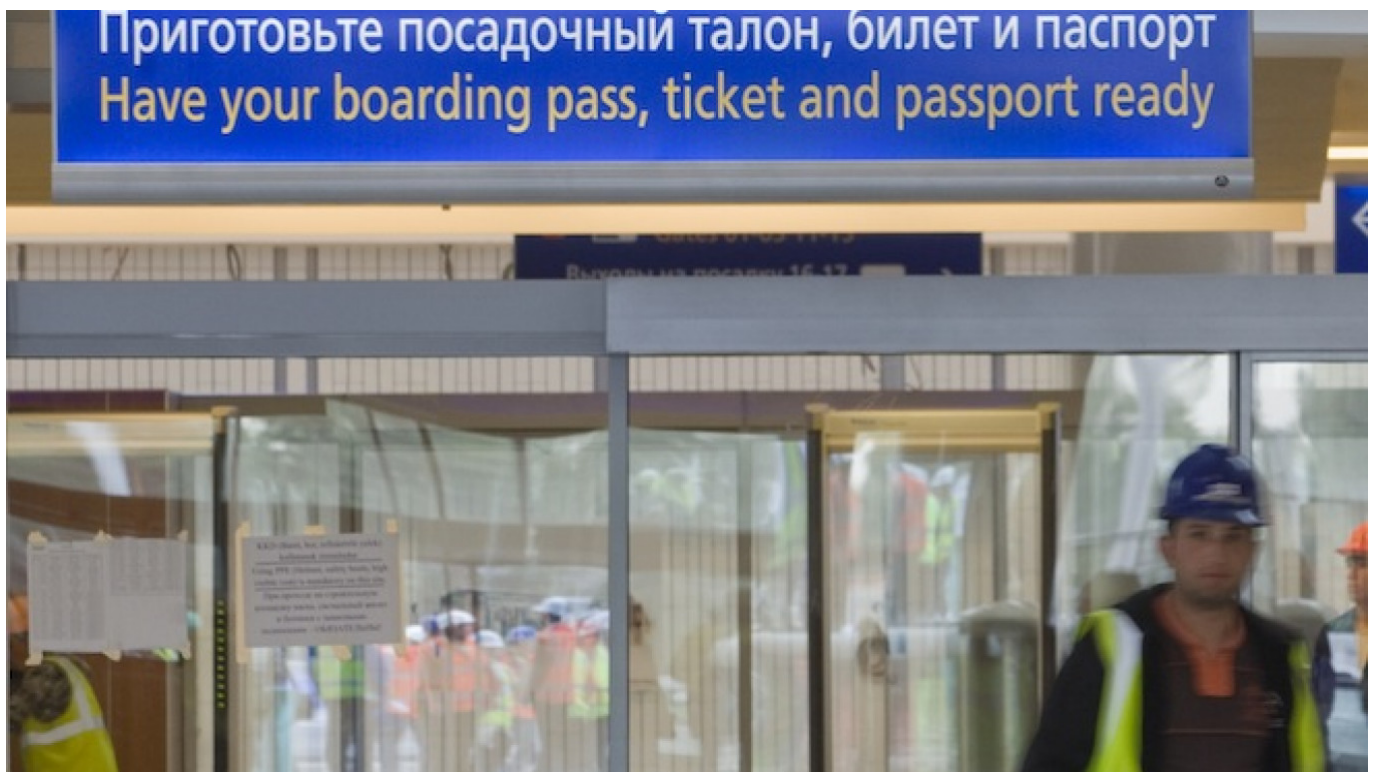


Russian Tourism Union: 'No Panic' After Paris Attacks

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Russian tour operators have reported a few individual cancellations of trips to France and other European countries following the Paris terror attacks, Russian Tourism Industry Union spokeswoman Irina Tyurina said, the Interfax news agency reported Monday.

“We have had tourists set to leave within the next few days cancel or request a date change,” Tyurina said, Interfax reported Monday. “However, we have been told by tour operators that no customers due to set off today or tomorrow have refused to travel.”

She went on to say that travelers realize that they would receive no refund or compensation, given that the Russian Foreign Ministry has issued no warning against travel to France.

However, Tyurina acknowledged that travel companies were expecting a consequent fall in

demand for package tours to the continent, the Rusnovosti.ru news website reported Saturday.

“Some customers have asked to postpone their holidays regardless of which European country they’re scheduled to visit. People are afraid,” Tyurina said, Rusnovosti.ru reported.

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