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Paris was awarded the Games at the 131st IOC Session in Lima, Peru, on 13 September 2017. After multiple withdrawals that left only Paris and Los Angeles in contention, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved a process to concurrently award the 2024 and 2028 Summer Olympics to the two remaining candidate cities; both bids were praised for their high technical plans and innovative ways to use a record-breaking number of existing and temporary facilities. Having previously hosted in 1900 and 1924, Paris became the second city ever to host the Summer Olympics three times (after London, which hosted the games in 1908, 1948, and 2012). Paris 2024 marked the centenary of the 1924 games and the 1924 Winter Olympics in Chamonix (the first Winter Olympics), as well as the sixth Olympic Games hosted by France (three Summer Olympics and three Winter Olympics) and the first with this distinction since the 1992 Winter Games in Albertville. The Summer Games returned to the traditional four-year Olympiad cycle, after the 2020 edition was postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Paris 2024 featured the debut of breaking as an Olympic sport, and was the final Olympic Games held during the IOC presidency of Thomas Bach. The 2024 Games were expected to cost €9 billion. The opening ceremony was held outside of a stadium for the first time in modern Olympic history, being outdoors in the Paris's downtown and with as athletes were paraded by boat along the Seine. Paris 2024 was the first Olympics in history to reach full gender parity on the field of play, with equal numbers of male and female athletes.

Host selection

Having previously hosted the 1900 and 1924 Games, Paris did not attempt to host the Olympics again until it bid, unsuccessfully, for the 1992 Games which were awarded to Barcelona. Subsequent bids for the 2008 and 2012 Games were also unsuccessful, as they were awarded to Beijing and London, respectively. Undeterred, Paris decided to bid once more for the 2024 edition, which would mark the centenary of its last Games.

The six candidate cities were Paris, Hamburg, Boston, Budapest, Rome, and Los Angeles. The bidding process was slowed by withdrawals, political uncertainty, and rising costs. Boston surpassed Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington, DC, for the official U.S. bid. On 27 July 2015, Boston and the USOC mutually agreed to terminate Boston's bid to host the Games, partly because of mixed feelings among city residents. Hamburg withdrew its bid on 29 November 2015 after holding a referendum. Rome withdrew on 21 September 2016, citing fiscal difficulties. Budapest withdrew on 22 February 2017, after a petition against the bid collected more signatures than necessary for a referendum.

Following these withdrawals, the IOC Executive Board met on 9 June 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland, to discuss the 2024 and 2028 bid processes. The International Olympic Committee formally proposed electing the 2024 and 2028 Olympic host cities at the same time, a proposal which an Extraordinary IOC Session approved on 11 July 2017 in Lausanne. The IOC set up a process whereby the LA 2024 and Paris 2024 bid committees met with the IOC to discuss which city would host the Games in 2024 and 2028 and whether it was possible to select the host cities for both at the same time.



Following the decision to award the two Games simultaneously, Paris was understood to be the preferred host for 2024. On 31 July 2017, the IOC announced Los Angeles as the sole candidate for 2028, enabling Paris to be confirmed as host for 2024. Both decisions were ratified at the 131st IOC Session on 13 September 2017.

Host city election

Paris was elected as the host city on 13 September 2017 at the 131st IOC Session in Lima, Peru. The two French IOC members, Guy Drut and Tony Estanguet, were ineligible to vote under the rules of the Olympic Charter.

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| **2024 Summer Olympics bidding results** | | |
| **City** | **Nation** | **Votes** |
| **Paris** | **France** | **Selected as 2024 host** |
| Los Angeles | United States | Selected as 2028 host |
| Hamburg | Germany | Withdrew |
| Rome | Italy |
| Budapest | Hungary |

Development and preparations

Venues

Most of the Olympic events were held in the city of Paris and its metropolitan region, including the neighbouring cities of Saint-Denis, Le Bourget, Nanterre, Versailles, and Vaires-sur-Marne.

The basketball preliminaries and handball finals were held in Lille, 225 km (140 mi) from the host city, Paris; the sailing and some of the football games were held in the Mediterranean city of Marseille, which is 777 km (483 mi) from Paris; meanwhile, the surfing events were held in Teahupo'o village in the overseas territory of Tahiti, French Polynesia, which is 15,716 km (9,765 mi) from Paris. Football was also hosted in an additional five cities: Bordeaux, Décines-Charpieu (Lyon), Nantes, Nice and Saint-Étienne, some of which are home to Ligue 1 clubs



Picture 1: Facilities in Paris

Sports included in the Olympics.

### Archery

There are five medal events in the Olympic archery competition: mixed team recurve, which is making comeback following its debut in Tokyo, men’s individual, women’s individual, men’s team, and women’s team. The archer is 70 metres away from the target in all cases.



Picture 2: Archery

### Athletics

Along with cycling, fencing, gymnastics, and swimming, athletics is one of the five sports that have been competed in at every summer Olympic Games since 1896, Twelve men’s track and field events – the 100-, 400-, 800-, 1,500- 100-meter hurdles, marathon, high jump, pole vault, long jump, triple leap, shot put and discus throw- have been competed in at all the Games. Four women’s events-the 100-meter sprint, the throw-have competed in at every Olympic Game



Picture 3: Athletics

### Badminton

A mixed Doubles event was added to the Olympic Games for the first time in 1996 in Atlanta. Badminton made its Olympic debut as a full-medal sport at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain.



Picture 4: Badminton

### Breakdancing

Breakdancing is one of the four sports (sport climbing, skateboarding, and surfing) that would be included in the Olympic Games schedule for 2024 in Paris. Breakdancing in Paris 2024 will feature head-to-head “battles with 16 athletes in each gender.



Picture 5: Breakdancing

### Swimming

There are 35 swimming events in the pool for the 2024 Games in Paris, including the 4 x 100m mixed medley relay and 17 events for men and women. The 10 km open water swimming marathon for men and women is the other swimming competition at the Olympics.



Picture 6: Swimming

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