

Eiffel Tower tourism restricted by strike

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PARIS -- Tourists have been unable to visit the Eiffel Tower in Paris as a result of a strike by site employees seeking increased wages, a union member says.

Karim Herzallah, a General Confederation of Labor member, said Eiffel Tower employees want their salaries to increase just as the cost of visiting the famed French location has risen, Sky News reported Thursday.

"The cost of visiting the Eiffel Tower has just gone up but the salaries haven't. That's not normal," Herzallah said.

As of April 4, the cost of a ticket for the Eiffel Tower increased by \$1.31 to \$17.08.

The strike completely closed the tourist attraction on Wednesday and prevented all but one of the site's four pillars to remain closed Thursday, Sky News said.

While union officials were expected to continue negotiations with tower management on Friday, Scottish tourist Caroline Doyle was left waiting in long lines for a tower visit.

"We arrived this afternoon and it is our first stop at one of the sites so it's quite frustrating actually having to wait this long," Doyle said Thursday to Sky News.

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