



## How to Arrive/Depart to and from Avignon Provence Dreams Tour June 17 – June 26, 2023

We have arranged for a private coach transfer to our Château from the Avignon TGV train station on **Saturday June 17th**. This will make it easier for everyone to meet centrally and arrive together at the Chateau. Our transfer bus will be leaving the Avignon TGV train station for the Château at about 2:45pm.

**If you will be in Avignon or nearby prior to June 17th**, you can take a taxi to the Avignon TGV train station. Please make sure to arrive by 2:30pm. The Avignon TVG train station is about a 20–25-minute taxi ride (3 miles) from the center of Avignon.

**If you will be traveling to Avignon from either Paris or Marseille on June 17<sup>th</sup>**, you will find details below on how to arrive at the Avignon TGV train station via train (just **click on the appropriate hyperlink**).

**If you are traveling to Avignon from Paris and...**

- [You will be arriving in Paris prior to June 17<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [You plan on heading to Avignon directly from the Airport in Paris \(Charles De Gaulle, CDG\)](#)

**If you are traveling to Avignon from Marseille and...**

- [You will be arriving in Marseille prior to June 17<sup>th</sup> and plan on staying in Marseille](#)
- [You plan on heading to Avignon directly from the Marseille Airport \(MRS\)](#)

We encourage all guests to take advantage of this group transfer, as we will have a short orientation (and more importantly a welcome drink!) shortly after arrival. If, for some reason you cannot arrive in Avignon on June 17<sup>th</sup> before our transfer departs at 2:45pm, please let us know and we will send you directions and information so you can arrive on your own after 3:30pm. Please note that early check-in is not available.

### Other Hyperlinks:

- [Info on Departure Trains to Paris on Monday June 26th](#)
- [Info on Departure Trains to Marseille Airport \(MRS\) on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> for same day flight](#)

If you need assistance or have any questions on your arrival to Avignon via train please let Mike know at [Mike@bonbeer.com](mailto:Mike@bonbeer.com)

If you would like assistance finding a private transfer from the Marseille Airport to either the Chateau or the Avignon TGV, need pre or post hotel reservations or have questions on travel insurance please let Ruth know at [Ruth@bonbeer.com](mailto:Ruth@bonbeer.com)

## Here are a couple of important notes about High Speed Train tickets.

- When you purchase a ticket on the High Speed Trains (Thalys, TGV or Eurostar etc.) you are purchasing a reservation on a specific train car with a specific seat, so if for some reason you miss your train you will have to go to the ticket office and see if there are any availabilities on any of the next trains (there might be an additional charge for this service).
- Pricing on High-Speed Trains can change daily as they are demand driven. Different days of the week or different times of the same day can be different prices. If you wait until the last minute to purchase your ticket, you risk your train being sold out/higher priced.
- In France there are 2 different types of High-Speed Train carriers in France. One is the **TGV** aka (**TGV inOUI**) and the other is **OUIGO**.(aka Grande Vitesse)

### The 2 different types of High-Speed Train carriers in France.

There is a comparison of the **TGV trains** as being likened to *British Airways* and the **OUIGO** trains as being like *Ryanair*.

NOTES on **OUIGO** which has some limits on Baggage size as follows:

1 Free carry on size 21.6" x 13.8" x 9.8" **plus** 1 Free smaller bag at 14.2" x 10.6" x 5.9"

If you Travel with the **Ouigo Plus upgrade** you'll get an extra piece of luggage ( up to 78" x 78" & up to 66 pounds)

**OUIGO** does not have a 1<sup>st</sup> class section like the **TGV**, but you can pay extra for certain "perks".

**OUIGO** has 2 types of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class:

<b>2nd Class: Offre Essentiel Adulte</b>	<b>2nd Class: Offre Ouigo Plus Adulte</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Handbag (14.2" x 10.6" x 5.9")</li><li>• Small overhead rack luggage (free) (21.6" x 13.8" x 9.8") (free)</li><li>• Extra piece of luggage <b>+5 €</b></li><li>• Bicycle folded under cover <b>+5 €</b></li><li>• Select a seat from a seating chart <b>from 3 €</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No queuing (departing from Paris)</li><li>• Handbag (free)</li><li>• Small overhead rack luggage (free)</li><li>• Additional small overhead rack luggage or an Oversize luggage (free)</li><li>• Extra piece of luggage <b>+5 €</b></li><li>• Bicycle folded under cover <b>+5 €</b></li><li>• Select a seat from a seating chart (free)</li></ul>

Also with **OUIGO** you will need to be at the train tracks at least 30 minutes before departure, while with the **TGV** you can arrive a few minutes before the train departs.

To Purchase your High Speed Train tickets (or the local train TER) use either <https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/> or <https://www.raileurope.com> or Email Mike ([mike@bonbeer.com](mailto:mike@bonbeer.com)) for Assistance.

If you use the **sncf-connect** site, which I would recommend, make a free account with them and then download the app called "SNCF Connect". This way you can travel with peace of mind knowing that you will find all the information you need during your trip on your smartphone: e-tickets, real-time timetables & live traffic information.