



## How to Arrive/Depart to and from Avignon Provence Dreams Tour June 8 – June 17, 2023

If you will be traveling to Avignon from either Paris or Marseille on June 8<sup>th</sup>, you will find details below on how to arrive in Avignon 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 8<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 8<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [You plan on heading to Avignon directly from the Marseille Airport \(MRS\)](#)

Please note that you will be responsible for making your own way to/from the hotel.

**Hôtel de l'Horloge** is located at 1 Rue Félicien David 84000 Avignon +33 4 90 16 42 00

- The Hotel is about 3 mile taxi ride (20 min) from the [Avignon TVG train station](#) (Gare d'Avignon TGV)
- The Hotel is about a 7/10 of a mile walk from the [Avignon Central train station](#) (Gare d'Avignon Centre)

Check in time at the Hotel is 3pm, however if you arrive early and your room is not ready you should be able to drop off your bags and then walk around town until it is ready.

We have arranged for a private coach transfer from our Château to the Avignon TGV train station on **Departure, Saturday June 17th**. This will make it easier for everyone to arrive at the Avignon TGV. Our transfer bus will be leaving for the Avignon TGV train station from the Château at about 8:45am.

**Departure Train Hyperlinks:**

- [Info on Departure Trains to Paris on Saturday June 17th](#)
- [Info on Departure Trains to Marseille Airport \(MRS\) on Saturday June 17th 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.