



How to Arrive/Depart to and from Avignon Provence Dreams Tour June 14 – June 23, 2025

We have arranged for a private coach transfer to our Château from the Avignon TGV train station on Saturday June 14th. 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 14th, 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 15–25-minute taxi ride depending on traffic (3 miles) from the center of Avignon.

If you will be traveling to Avignon from either Paris or Marseille on June 14th, you will find details below on how to arrive at the Avignon TGV train station via train (just **scroll down** this pdf to the **appropriate hyperlinked topic for your needs**).

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

- [You will be arriving in Paris prior to June 14th](#)
- [You plan on heading to Avignon directly from the Airport in Paris](#) (Charles De Gaulle, CDG)- Possible before June 14th, **NOT POSSIBLE ON JUNE 14th.**

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

- [You will be arriving in Marseille prior to June 14th and plan on staying in Marseille](#)
- [You plan on heading to Avignon directly from the Marseille Airport \(MRS\)](#)

We highly encourage all guests to utilize the group transfer, as it provides a convenient and organized way to get to the location. Additionally, we will be holding a brief orientation shortly after your arrival, and, even more excitingly, we'll be serving a welcome drink! This will be a great opportunity to start your experience with us. However, if for any reason you are unable to arrive in Avignon by June 14th before the group transfer departs at 2:45pm, please inform us as soon as possible. In this case, we will provide you with the necessary directions and details to help you arrive on your own after 3:30pm. Please note that early check-in is not be available.

Other Topics below :

- [Info on Departure Trains to Paris on Monday June 23th](#)
- [Info on Departure Trains to Marseille Airport \(MRS\) on Monday June 23th 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

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

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 1st class section like the **TGV**, but you can pay extra for certain "perks". The trains are double decker trains (sky deck = upper deck, earth deck = lower deck). Some cars have limited XL seats, subject to availability.

OUIGO has 2 types of 2nd Class:

2nd Class: Offre Essentiel Adulte	2nd Class: Offre Ouigo Plus Adulte
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handbag (14.2" x 10.6" x 5.9") (free)• Small overhead rack luggage (free) (21.6" x 13.8" x 9.8") (free)• Extra piece of luggage +5 €• Select a seat from a seating chart from 3 €	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No queuing (departing from Paris)• Handbag (free)• Small overhead rack luggage (free)• Additional small overhead rack luggage or an Oversize luggage up to 66 pounds(free)• Each Extra piece of luggage +5 €• Select a seat from a seating chart including XL seats, if available (free)

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 <https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/> or Email Mike (mike@bonbeer.com) for Assistance.

If you use the **sncf-connect site**, **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.