



TAILOR MADE RAIL

Provence Rail-Drive Holiday

From £899 per person // 8 days



Speed through France by high-speed TGV and then pick up a hire car and head into the beautiful region of Provence, staying for 7 nights in the stunning surroundings of the Parc Naturel Régional des Alpilles. Enjoy time at leisure to explore nearby Arles, Avignon, Aix and the unique landscapes of the Camargue.

The Essentials

- London to Avignon by Eurostar and TGV (or direct train)
- Car hire for the duration of your stay so you can explore freely
- A week's stay at a hotel in a semi-rural location, complete with swimming pool
- Return journey through France back to the UK

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 7 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Private transfers between stations in Paris
- 7 days car hire (Peugeot 208 or similar) from Avignon
- City maps and comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Avignon

Catch a train from London, Ebbsfleet or Ashford to Paris where a private transfer driver will be waiting to take you across to the Gare de Lyon. Perhaps grab some lunch to eat on the train (though there is also a bar buffet car on the TGV service) before speeding through France to historic Avignon. On arrival at Avignon TGV station, pick up your hire car. The station is out of the centre, so you'll quickly be on your way out into the Provençal countryside. Your home for the next week is the Best Western Le Val de Majour (or similar), located near to Arles in the Parc Naturel Régional des Alpilles.



Days 2 To 7 - Provence

Enjoy a full six days exploring Provence at your own pace. Along with lively, cultural cities like Avignon and Aix, there are also some stunning hilltop villages such as Gordes and Lacoste, beautifully situated abbeys like the endlessly photogenic Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque (pictured), and impressive Roman remains in Nîmes, Arles and Orange. You can visit some of the local wineries, take in the unique landscapes of the Camargue National Park with its indigenous horses and flamingoes or even head for the coast. Marseille is only just over an hour's drive from Arles.



Day 8 - Avignon To London

At the end of your relaxing holiday in Provence, it's time to drive back to Avignon and return your hire car. From Avignon TGV station, your train will take you back to Paris, with a connecting transfer back to the Gare du Nord for your Eurostar service home. TMR RECOMMENDS: You'll need to drop your hire car in the morning of your last day in order to make your connection. Why not spend an extra night in this lovely Provençal city to end your holiday?

Pricing

From £899 per person

Low season (October-March) **from £899pp**

High season (April-September) **from £999pp**

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.