

French Pyrénées 2018

How To Get There



Our transfer options are summarized below. To take advantage of the scheduled transfers, please make your arrival and departure plans accordingly.

ARRIVAL DETAILS

City/Date: Toulouse airport (TLS-Aéroport Toulouse-Blagnac) – Sunday, July 22, 2018.

Meeting & Early Arrival Hotel: **Holiday Inn Toulouse Airport**, Place de la Revolution, 31700 Blagnac, France * Phone: +33(0)534.360.020

VSV TRANSFER – TLS TO SAINT MARTORY

Our initial meeting place is the lobby of the Holiday Inn Toulouse Airport hotel, which is a 5-minute drive from the airport terminal. Our chateau accommodations are in the town of Saint Martory; the group transfer is from the Holiday Inn on July 22, leaving at **1:00pm**.

➔ RECOMMENDED TRAVEL OPTION

There are daily flights from Paris (CDG & ORY) to Toulouse (TLS). Based on schedules (December 2017), we recommend: AF7518 dep CDG 09:45, arr TLS 11:05. There are other Paris flight options that will work as well, and also routings to TLS via many major European and UK airports.

ARRIVAL DAY SCHEDULE

VSV staff will be at the Holiday Inn Toulouse Airport the morning of July 22. Based on flight arrival information, we will shuttle guests arriving that morning from the airport to the Holiday Inn. The transfer from the Holiday Inn to the chateau departs at 1:00pm; the drive is about an hour. Upon arrival in Saint Martory, move-in will be followed by personal bike assembly or rental bike setup. Once bikes are ready, we will take a short “shakedown” ride. There is a brief orientation meeting, followed by our welcome dinner and program overview around 7:30pm.

EARLY ARRIVAL OPTIONS

We always recommend spending at least one overnight in France or Europe after the transatlantic flight to give yourself more time to absorb the jet-lag. If you wish to stay an extra night at our meeting place hotel near the Toulouse airport, we recommend reserving that in advance. The hotel is only 5-minutes drive from the terminal and they have a shuttle-on-demand service. It is possible from the hotel to follow low-traffic roads and bike paths onto country roads for a decent bike ride.

DEPARTURE DETAILS

DEPARTURE CITY

Biarritz Airport (BIQ), Sunday, July 29, 2018.

DROP-OFF LOCATION/TIME

Final Biarritz transfers will group guests based on the individual flight departure times.

TRIP DEPARTURE LOCATION

Saint-Jean-de-Luz, which is a thirty-minute drive from the Biarritz (BIQ) airport.

➔ RECOMMENDED TRAVEL OPTION

For those flying from Biarritz, there are daily direct flights to Paris, London, Geneva, and other major European cities. The best timing for those flights is dictated by connections for transatlantic flights.

TRAIN FROM SAINT-JEAN-DE-LUZ TO PARIS

There are several high-speed train options, though no schedule for July is yet available. Of currently listed departures, we recommend 11h31, arrive Paris-Montparnasse 16h08.

DEPARTURE DAY SCHEDULE

Due to the necessity of a morning departure dictated by international flight schedules, there is not a set ride on July 29. We recommend packing your bike after our last ride, July 28.

BIKE BOXES-TRAVEL CASES

Boxes will be transported directly to the Chateau Saint Martory after initial arrival and stored there for the duration. Transfers to Biarritz will include transport of any bikes/cases.

The recommended travel options are based on past experience and are generally the most convenient routes based on travel time and access. There are other travel options that will work well, particularly if you are planning other travel in Europe and/or spending additional time in France. The notes below may be helpful if you are considering alternative travel. We can arrange custom transfers from other regional airports or train stations and help in other ways to ensure your travel program is as smooth as possible.

AIR, RAIL, ADDITIONAL HOTEL OR RENTAL VEHICLE

Most of our guests book their own airfare or do so through their regular travel agent. Please don't hesitate to contact us directly or have your agent contact us to ensure that your travel plans are coordinated properly with our program. We are happy to recommend a travel agent or hotels for additional overnights or suggest the best train routing and car rental pickup/dropoff locations. If you would like to arrive one day early and spend the night at the Holiday Inn Toulouse Airport, you may reserve that directly through their website or have your travel agent make the reservation.

CUSTOM TRANSFERS

If you must make different flight arrangements that do not coordinate with our group transfer timetable above, please let us know. We can arrange a custom transfer as needed (additional cost).

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE OPTIONS

AIR

There are direct flights from CDG and several other international airports to Pau (PUF), which is 1hr20 drivetime from Saint Martory.

RAIL (PARIS-TOULOUSE)

Trains leave from central Paris or CDG airport, taking 5h30 or longer. It is approximately 1 hr by car or local train from Toulouse to Saint Martory.

PARIS VISITE

If you choose to spend additional time in Paris we recommend contacting your travel agent about the Paris Visite transport pass. Paris Visite allows you to travel throughout the Paris region on the subway, regional trains, suburban trains and buses for one low price. It also includes free or discounted visits to various museums and sites of interest. Cards are available in 1, 2, 3, and 5-day increments and can also be purchased in Metro stations and at the airports.

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