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TRAVEL COMPANY

# Le Grand Tour France



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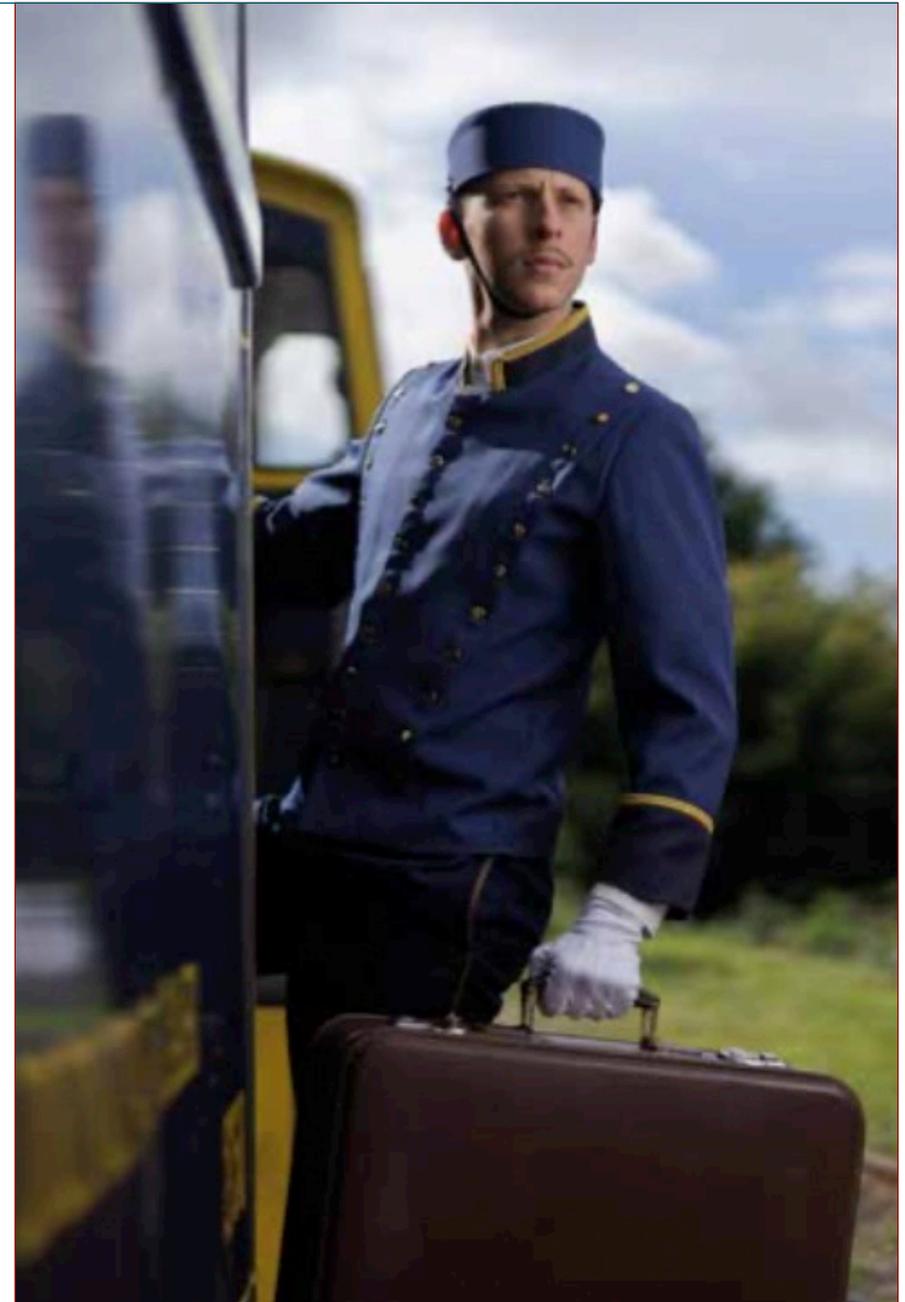
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## ABOUT OUR COMPANY

Established as one of the leading, independent and family owned luxury train specialists, our focus is on well thought through private and personally selected rail adventures. Our emphasis is very much on the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We regard the rail journeys we offer as a trip of a lifetime and use our experience and knowledge to make it that for you.

The Luxury Train Travel Company is a trading name of Headseast Ltd, a UK based, independent, family owned travel company. We operate several brands in addition to The Luxury Train Travel Company including [“The Latin America Travel Company”](#) [“The Trans-Siberian Travel Company”](#) and [“The China Travel Company”](#). Our clients come from all over the world.



# LE GRAND TOUR : A LUXURY TRAIN EXPERIENCE AROUND FRANCE

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find full details of this itinerary in this dossier. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

The Luxury Train Travel Company.

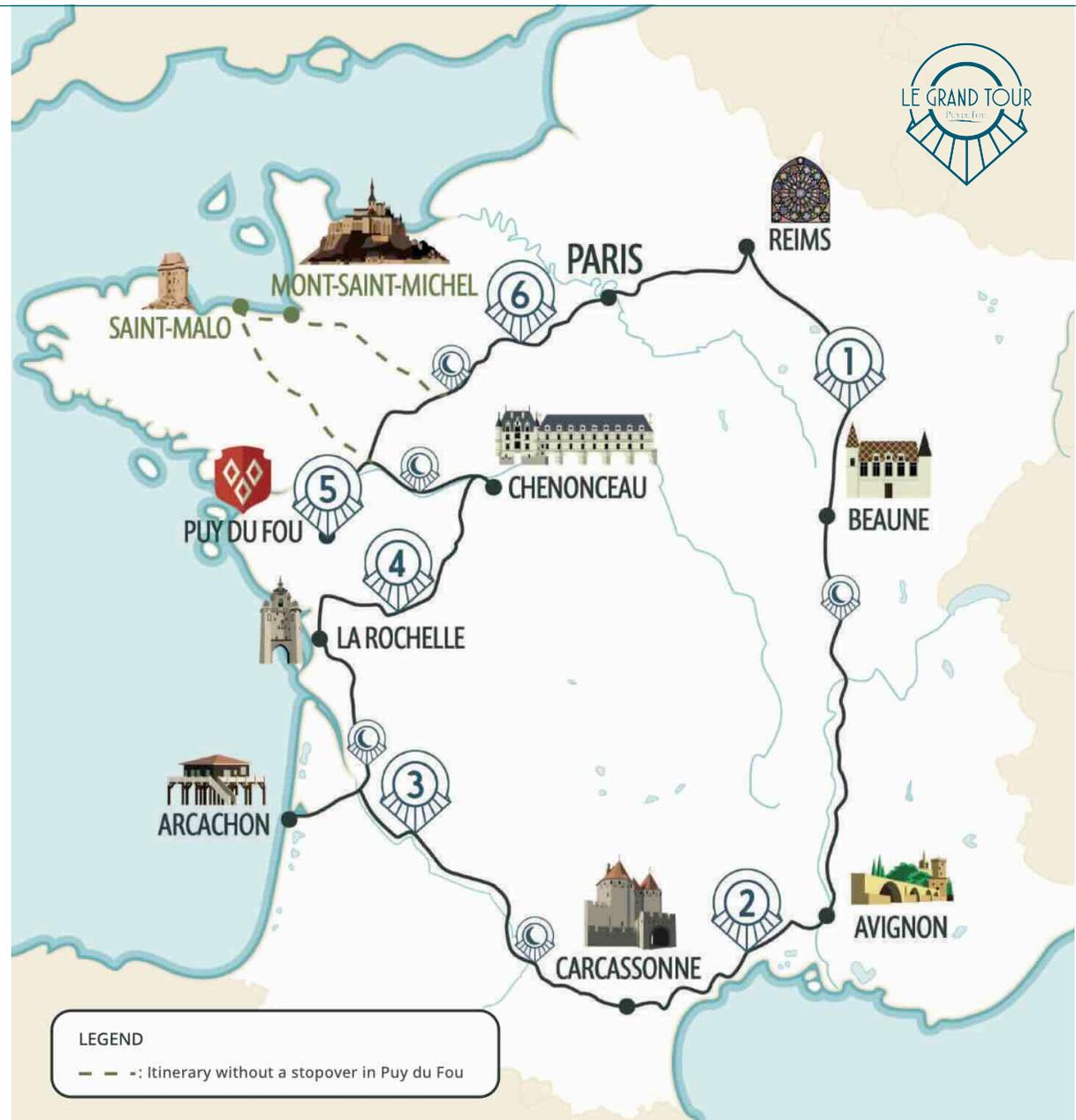
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## EXPLORING THE WONDERS OF FRANCE

Le Grand Tour is more than a journey; it is a show lasting 6 days and 5 nights, spent discovering the splendours of France.

During the 4,000 kilometres travelled, each stop sets the scene for an unforgettable thrill, imagined and staged by Puy du Fou, with its surprises, wonderment, special moments and spectacular adventures!





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In the shadow of the needles of time, Puy du Fou has envisioned for you a 4,000 kilometre spectacle aboard a legendary train. Le Grand Tour of Puy du Fou stands as a true ode to beauty and refinement.

A genuine masterpiece on rails thanks to its elegant silhouette evoking a bygone era. Its cars adorned with delicate gilding are like open doors to a time when beauty and elegance were paramount.

Like a memory bearer, our vintage train guides you around France to encounter the past and forgotten periods, illuminating the windows of history.

Small attentions reveal themselves at every moment: the delightful scent of tea mingling with the effluvia of history, the delicate dishes that awaken the taste buds, the whispered voices of passionate guides revealing the secrets of the treasures encountered.

Through the windows, the landscape slowly unfolds like a living painting. Comfortably settled in your cabin, let yourself be enthralled by the changing panoramas, the hues of vineyards, the waves of golden wheat, and the sparkling rivers. Every kilometre traveled is an invitation to contemplation. In this enchanted bubble, time seems suspended.



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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 1

### BOARD THE TRAIN

- Departing Paris visit Reims & Beaune, exploring the Cathedral & Hospices.

In the early morning, we leave the city of Paris. The train sets off for Reims, the promise of an enchanting escapade. The scenery flies by, anticipating the discovery of the city of kings and its sublime cathedral.

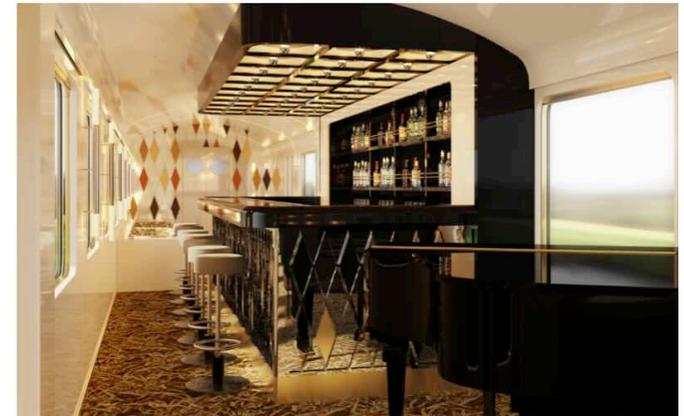
After lunch, the journey continues to Beaune, the jewel of Burgundy. The region offers some of its most beautiful scenery and polychrome roofs. We assist to a private tour to discover the unusual and secret sites of the famous Hospices.

 **Meals Included:** Lunch & Dinner.

### BOOKING ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Ask us about pre and post tour accommodation in Paris. We recommend the [Hotel Parister](#) or the [Hotel de Nell](#).

## OVERNIGHT ON TRAIN



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 2

### ON THE TRAIN

- Arriving in Avignon, exploring, wine tasting to Carcassonne at sunset.

The night guides us towards Provence, and we arrive in Avignon. The palace of the popes reveals its best-kept mysteries right up to the rooftops. A unique tasting of the region's finest wines and produce awaits us.

We leave Avignon behind and return to the train. Picturesque

landscapes follow one another until sunset, adorning the majestic city of Carcassonne in a unique dress. In the cobbled streets, the footsteps of knights preparing for battle still echo.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT ON TRAIN



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 3

### ON THE TRAIN

- Iodised air, Arcachon's splendours, timeless pinnacle voyage awaits.

The iodised Atlantic air beckons and the Bay of Arcachon reveals its splendours. Fresh from the Dubourdieu workshops, we climb aboard a pinnacle for a timeless moment on the basin.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT ON TRAIN



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 4

### ON THE TRAIN

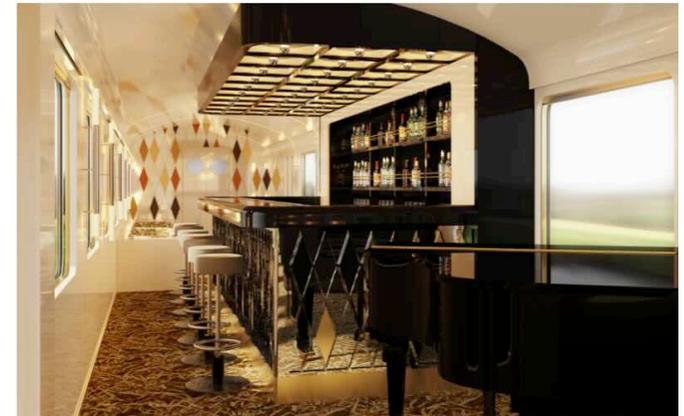
- Visit La Rochelle and experience Chenonceau glowing at sunset.

The vibrations of the train awaken us. Jewel of the Atlantic, La Rochelle proudly stands on the shores of the ocean. In the distance, the medieval towers rise with elegance, bearing witness to its rich maritime past. The paved streets come alive with a friendly atmosphere, where the aromas of seafood mingle with the sea breeze.

The end of the day illuminates the Cher with golden reflections. On the horizon rises a limestone miracle adorned in the warm hues of sunset: Chenonceau, The Ladies' Chateau. A moving private tour awaits us.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT ON TRAIN



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 5

### ON THE TRAIN

- Puy du Fou dazzles, Mont-Saint-Michel bids brilliant farewell.

Le Grand Tour ends with a spectacular journey back in time at Puy du Fou. Over the course of a day, history blends with legend to come alive again until nightfall, when the grand spectacle of the night shimmers under the stars.

**ON SELECTED DATES:** From October 14, 2024, as dawn breaks, Brittany and Normandy gently emerge to welcome us for a day to remember. Their mist-shrouded coasts dance with the ocean as the sun reveals the emerald glow of these magical lands, awakening to the whispers of forgotten legends.

We begin our day in Saint Malo. The waves whisper ancient tales as the first light of day embraces the narrow streets of the corsair town.

We now head for Mont-Saint-Michel. Under the warm twilight, shadows stretch gently along the cobbled streets, while the sea, time's accomplice, lulls the island into a brilliant farewell.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT ON TRAIN



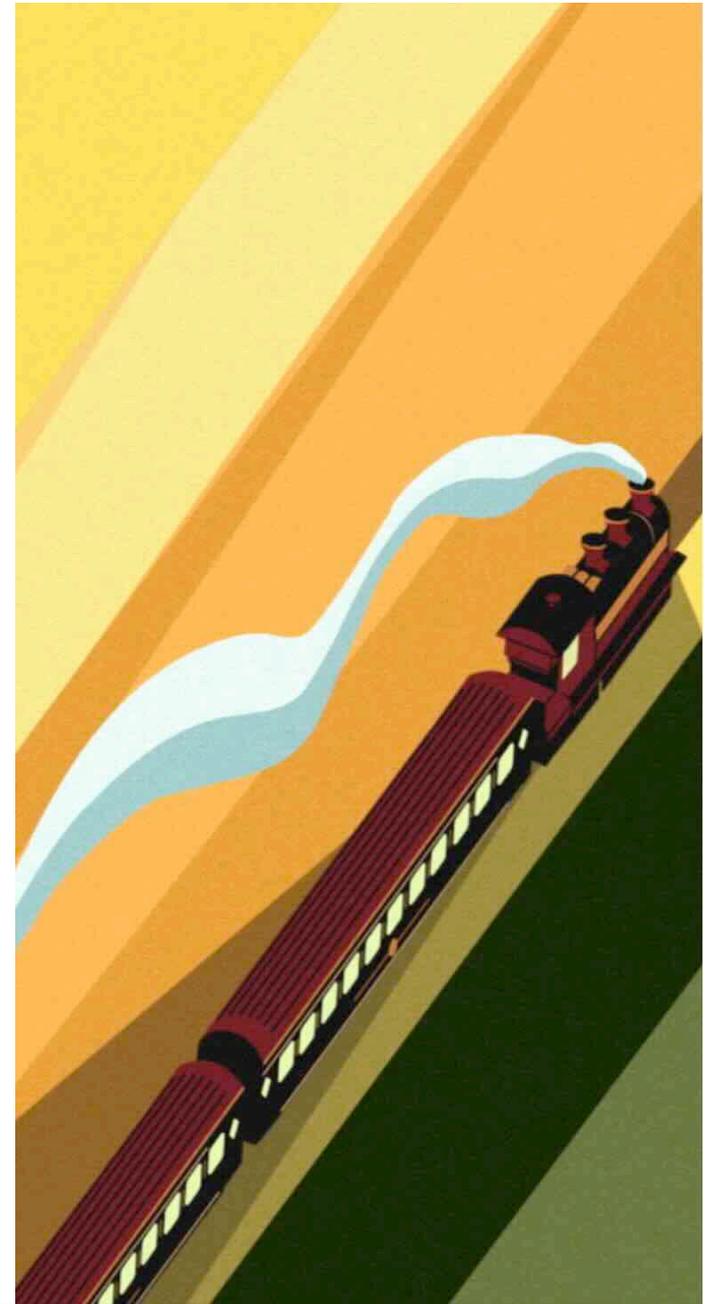
## DAY 6

### DISEMBARK

- Return to Paris where this journey ends.

As we enjoy a brunch on board, the scenery gently unfolds. In the blond light, the breeze sculpts the wave across the wheat fields. Our memories will carry a scent of eternity for a long time to come.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.



# 2026

## 5 NIGHT - LE GRAND TOUR - START DATES & PRICES PER PERSON IN EUROS\*

\* All Dates Subject To Availability - Many Trips Sell Out Long In Advance \*

Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	Oct 2026	Nov 2026	Dec 2026
TBC											

CABINS - see pages further on for cabin descriptions	EUROS per person
Cabin - twin / double - per person	€ TBC
Cabin - Single Occupancy	€ TBC
Suite Cabin - twin / double - per person	€ TBC
Suite Cabin - Single Occupancy	€ TBC
Connecting Suite Cabin - 2 people - per person	€ TBC
Connecting Suite Cabin - 3 people - per person	€ TBC
Connecting Suite Cabin - 4 people - per person	€ TBC
Connecting Suite Cabin - 5 people - per person	€ TBC

\* The published prices for this tour are in Euros. However, we can quote and accept payment in GB Pounds, US Dollars, Singaporean Dollars, Australian Dollars, Canadian Dollars and more. **Contact us** for a confirmed quote in your preferred currency.

# LE GRAND TOUR INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Participation in Le Grand Tour with full board, all breakfasts, lunches and dinners being included in the trip
- ✓ The beverage package on board the Train, including bottles of mineral water, table wine provided according to the menus, coffee, tea and soft drinks
- ✓ Participation in the Main Stopovers booked by the Vendor
- ✓ Transfers between the Le Grand Tour Train and the Main Stopover locations.

## NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of your trip - we can book these flights on request.
- ✗ Visas (if required) - we can advise and partner with [VisaCentral](#).
- ✗ Trip cancellation, trip interruption and repatriation assistance insurance costs in the event of an accident, illness or death. - we recommend [Citybond Suretravel](#).
- ✗ Custom Stopovers presented by the Le Grand Tour teams to be booked before departure by Clients (we send you these option a month before the trip starts).
- ✗ Transfers to the Custom Stopover locations.
- ✗ Beverages other than those mentioned above in the inclusions.
- ✗ Tourist tax if applicable.
- ✗ Clients' personal expenses.
- ✗ Tips for the Stopover tourist guides
- ✗ External services not reserved by the Vendor and directly requested by the Client, in particular supplements during meals, including à la carte wine during meals
- ✗ For all additional services received during the trip, the service prices shall be those displayed in the Train by Le Grand Tour or applied by the external service providers for the Custom Stop-overs.
- ✗ Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The tour may be cancelled if the minimum number of participants required for a trip is not met. It is rare this happens and if it does you will be offered a date / trip change or refund of the deposit (any decision is taken outside 60 days before the trip start date). Note there may be no refund for additional services such as flights or other travel arrangements you have made separately.
- We require all clients to take out travel / trip cancellation and to have valid medical insurance for all our trips.
- Due to the intricate logistics of this tour, itinerary changes sometimes occur.
- On booking a non-refundable deposit of 25% of the total tour price plus any international flights we are booking for you.
- A second deposit of a further 25% is required by 180 days before the trip start date.
- Full payment is required 90 days before the trip start date.
- International flights, tips, beverages, visa fees and any services not mentioned are not included in the price.
- **Cancellation conditions:**
  - 181 or more days prior to departure: 25% of total price
  - 180 to 91 days prior to departure: 50% of total price
  - 90 to 61 days prior to departure: 75% of total price
  - 60 and less days prior to departure: 100% of total price
  - Any part of the program that is missed because of late arrival is non-refundable.

## WHY BOOK THROUGH US ?

### EXPERIENCE ✓

We have been arranging luxury train tours since 2008 and have long relationships with key providers.

### PRICE PROMISE ✓

In most cases we will offer to match any bona fide, like for like quote for your trip from another agent or operator.

### INDEPENDENT ADVICE ✓

We give open and impartial advice and it is important to us that you book the right rail trip for you.

### PEACE OF MIND ✓

We are members of ABTA and most trips are protected by our IPP cover and ATOL bonding.



*"I just wanted to say thank you for organising our wonderful holiday. All went smoothly and we were well taken care of. Thank you for the seamless organisation."*

**Kristopher Forbes**



*"The trip was great. Everything was smooth. This was very important to me as a solo female traveller. I felt safe and secure at all times. It was a well-balanced and organised trip. I really appreciated the effort that went into the trip."*

**Sarah Orozco**



*"You are amazing! Thank you so much for the fast response to my initial email, and the rapid answer to any questions I had, no matter how stupid they were! Your organisation was a great choice for me... I would highly recommend it."*

**Rachael Klein**



*"The booking process was very efficient. We appreciate you answered all our questions and presented a good plan. The trip itself was a wonderful old world Africa experience on the train – loved it."*

**Paige & Hugh Christensen**



*"It was the best trip we've ever taken! It was amazing! I cannot say enough about it. The ease of train travel, and guides were all pleasant surprises."*

**Lawrence & Conner Dudley**



*"We appreciated how easy it was to talk with you on the phone, person-to-person. This was very helpful. It's nice to meet people with similar interests and goals. We thank you and your company for everything you did to create a memorable train experience."*

**Bethany Leblanc**



*"You made booking flights and everything else very simple. You always provided excellent service, and responded to our inquiries promptly. Thanks for your attention to detail towards your customers."*

**Tania & Arthur Lindsey**



*"I can't tell you how much we appreciate all the pre planning you helped us with. Thanks again for all you did for us."*

**Gail & Cathy**

# ABOUT LE GRAND TOUR TRAIN

Get on board the most extravagant and unique stage to experience a 4,000-km showstopper where the wonders of France are centre stage. Puy du Fou has designed a plush Belle Époque train to whisk you away on a magical and spectacular adventure that's full of surprises and thrills. Embark on a unique adventure to discover and taste the wonders that make up the charm and wealth of France. Le Grand Tour - France is our greatest show!



# ABOUT LE GRAND TOUR TRAIN

## A MASTERPIECE OF BELLE ÉPOQUE DESIGN

The dawn of the 20th century was full of promise and the golden age of train travel. The enormous metallic colossus, with its titanic power, was finally tamed. Elegant new and tasteful styles came on board its glossy and plush interior.

The train brought with it the carefree spirit of the Belle Époque which opened up new horizons, cultivating a spirit of adventure. The train then became a genuine work of art, where the cosy atmosphere of the enchanting cabins met the warmth of the bar car and the bright colours of the dining cars.

## THE BAR

The bar exudes a sense of relaxation and character. This social yet cosy setting is a peaceful haven where you can dive into a novel plucked from our library or sample the finest French wineries' produce.

## THE RESTAURANT

The dining car celebrates French gastronomy. It is the pleasure of savouring meals conceived by a three starred French chef and prepared with fresh and local products from the regions that pass before our eyes day after day.

## THE SERVICE

Our train manager is the heart and soul of your journey. His attentive kindness and close bonds with our butlers ensure you have a relaxing break with us. Eighteen cabins, thirty-six passengers and fifteen crew members, all ambassadors of elegance and the French art of travel.



## ABOUT LE GRAND TOUR TRAIN

### FOOD CREATED BY A THREE STAR MICHELIN CHEF

The Grand Tour train is a celebration of French heritage, so the dining car menu has been created by Alexandre Couillon, an internationally renowned chef boasting three Michelin stars. Like Puy du Fou, he is driven by a love of our land and the desire to share the best of France with diners all over the world.

Alexandre Couillon is the chef at La Marine, on Noirmoutier island. A creator of exceptional dishes combining tradition, modernity and culinary technique, he is known for his originality and unique skill. Obsessed by taste, freshness and quality ingredients, at his restaurant he cooks with fish from the Criée de Noirmoutier and vegetables from his own garden, a 4,000 m2 plot cultivated in a spirit of respect for the earth and the seasons. This insatiable search for excellence earned Chef Couillon three stars in the Michelin Guide (first star in 2007, followed by a second in 2013 and third in 2023) and the title of “Chef of the Year” in 2017 in the Gault et Millau restaurant guide. The American giant Netflix devoted an episode of its documentary series “Chef’s Table : France” to this French chef, whose restaurant has been listed among the top 180 in the world since 2019.

Alexandre Couillon’s cuisine is creative, modern, and sophisticated. Its roots run deep. “The greatest compliment I could receive is people coming out of La Marine saying : ‘We could taste your region, your island, your land’,” explains the chef from Vendée. On the menu he has designed for Le Grand Tour, Alexandre Couillon celebrates French heritage by exalting products from all our regions. The dream, the land, our roots : all these are part of the gastronomic experience planned for our excursion in the France of flavours. All the regions Le Grand Tour travels through will therefore be celebrated in our dishes. From the flavours of Burgundy to the fragrances of Provence, from local vegetables to fish from our coasts, each dish reflects the landscapes we discover on Le Grand Tour. The chef creates dishes that have a connection with the region we see before us.



# LE GRAND TOUR CABIN CLASSES

## ABOUT THE CABINS

Designed to enchant you by day and amaze you by night, our cabins are decorated with refinement and take you back to the previous century, the golden age of train travel and the French art of living. Marquetry, fabrics, furniture and automation will make your personal space aboard our train a bubble of elegance and charm.

The 18 cabins, designed and prepared with care ahead of your arrival, will take you on a journey back in time. Named after famous figures from the Belle Époque, our cabins are an encounter with History.

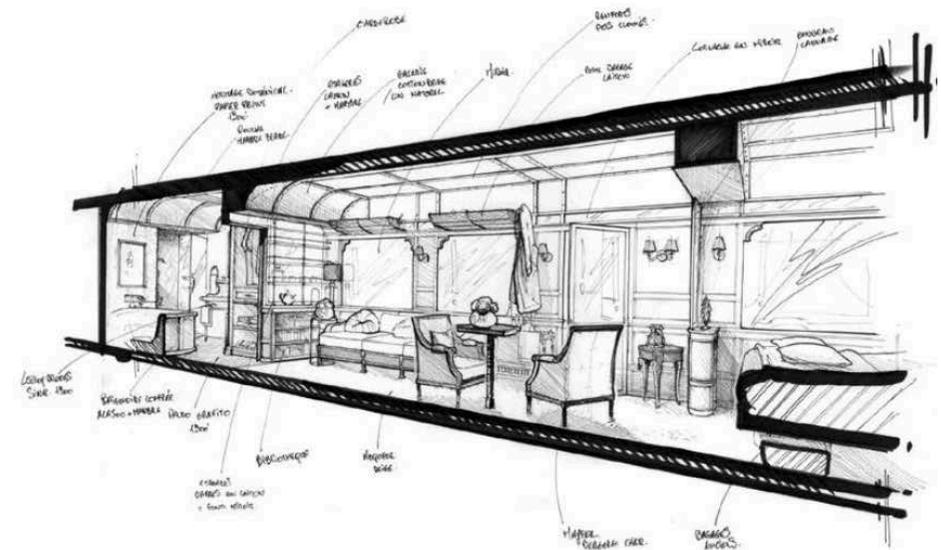
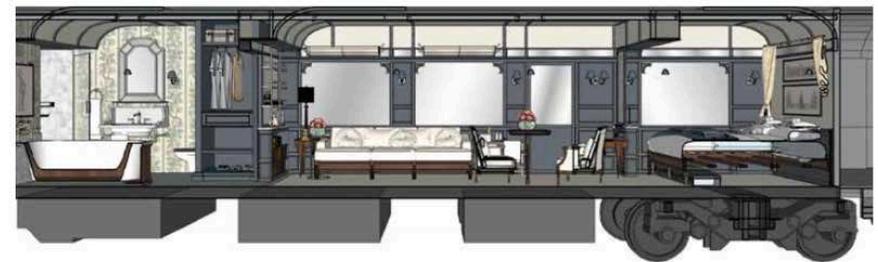
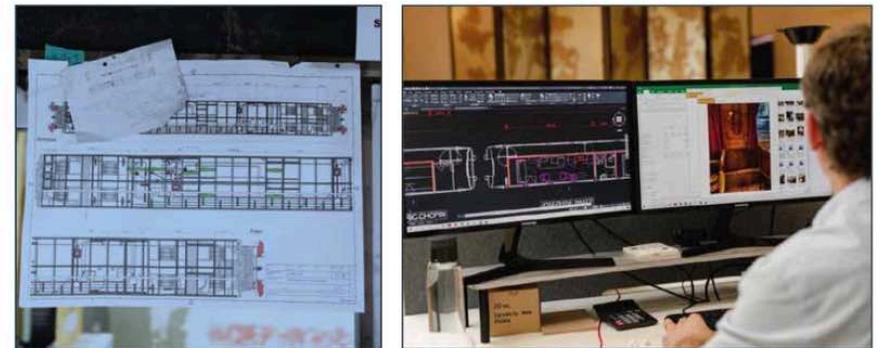
They are private lounges by day, then become bedrooms of incomparable comfort by night, transforming in accordance with your wishes. The spacious cabins can be arranged in various ways so you can be sure of a perfect night's sleep.

From the outset, our cabins are designed to meet the highest standards in terms of comfort and aesthetics.

After each stopover, your cabin awaits you for a moment of relaxation and calm to the sound of your favourite music, bathed in the light of dimmed lamps. The huge window offers a breathtaking view of France's most beautiful landscapes.

For your well-being, Le Grand Tour combines all modern conveniences with a range of exclusive services :

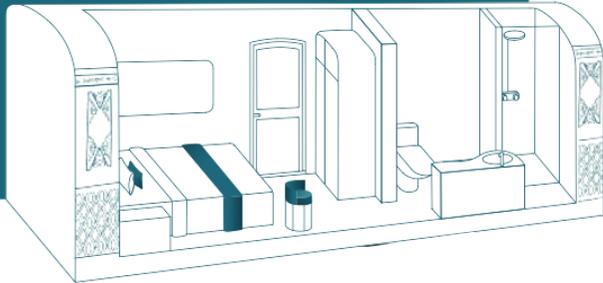
- Each cabin is equipped with an ensuite bathroom and toilet.
- Spacious cabins measuring 10 to 25m<sup>2</sup>.
- The cabins' equipment is fully adjustable for your comfort thanks to automation (temperature, brightness of lights, music, etc.).
- A dedicated steward to respond to any requests you may have.



# LE GRAND TOUR CABIN CLASSES

## CABIN

From 1 to 2 passengers | 10m<sup>2</sup>



Private bathroom and toilet



Air conditioning



Retractable bed

Photos and illustrations are for guidance only and may differ to your actual cabin



# LE GRAND TOUR CABIN CLASSES

## SUITE

From 1 to 2 passengers | 15m<sup>2</sup>



Private bathroom  
and toilet



Air conditioning



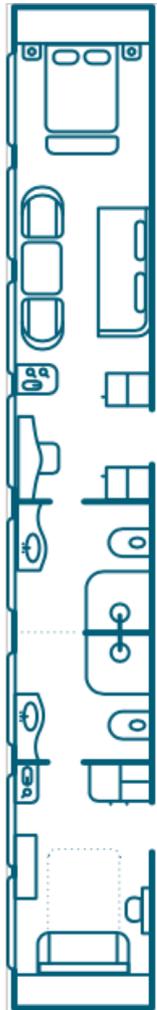
«Twin bed»  
Configuration possible

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## ADJOINING SUITE

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- 2 or 5 travellers
- Size 25m<sup>2</sup>
- Ensuite bathroom & toilet
- Air conditioning
- Extra bed can be added
- Twin bed layout possible
- Dedicated steward
- Exquisite dining included
- Prestige package



## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

### HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK ?

This train tour is an exclusive trip with limited departures through the season and only 18 cabins on the train. Consequently we strongly advise our clients to book as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment.

### CAN YOU OBTAIN & ADVISE ON THE VISAS FOR US ?

For visas (if required and most do not need them for this trip) we recommend using a specialist visa agent and have an arrangement with [CIBT Visa Central](#) who offer a reliable service for all the visas you will need for your trip.

### ARE YOUR TOURS FINANCIALLY PROTECTED ?

Trips sold as packages to UK clients come with financial protection either through our ATOL if the trip includes a flight or insurances which comply with the UK package travel regulations for any trip that does not include a flight. In addition our ABTA membership means we must adhere to their strict code of conduct. Trips sold by us as an agent for train operator do not come with financial protection as even in the event of our insolvency your booking with the train operator would still exist and be honoured.

### CAN YOU BOOK INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FOR US ?

Absolutely! Our ATOL license means that we can book international or indeed internal flights. Just let us know which airports you want to fly from or to and we will be more than happy to give a quote.

### CAN YOU BOOK FURTHER TRAVEL FOR US ?

We can offer accommodation either side of the trip - ask for details.

### DOES THE TRAIN HAVE ADAPTERS FOR THE PLUG SOCKETS ?

Adapters are available, just ask your steward for one.

### WHAT TYPES OF LUGGAGE ARE ALLOWED ON BOARD ?

You can store 1 cabin bag per person in the cabin. However, larger items of luggage must be placed in the storage area at the end of each car. Just ask your steward if you wish to access them.

### WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE ON LE GRAND TOUR ?

For dinner aboard Le Grand Tour, we ask our travellers to dress in elegant evening wear.

**For men:** trousers, shirt, blazer and smart shoes.

**For women:** a distinguished outfit.

Jeans and trainers are not allowed at dinner. Smart casual attire will be suitable for stopovers.

### DOES THE TRAIN HAVE WI-FI ?

For your comfort, all cabins and communal areas have Wi-Fi access. Please note that this service may be disrupted when travelling through a black spot.

### IS SMOKING ALLOWED ON THE TRAIN ?

In accordance with the European rules and for the benefit of all travellers, smoking is forbidden aboard Le Grand Tour. Vaping is also forbidden on the train.

## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

### ARE SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS CATERED FOR ON BOARD ?

If you have allergies or special dietary requirements, please let our ambassadors know at least two months before the departure date so we can offer you a suitable menu.

### IS LE GRAND TOUR SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN ?

Many of the organised activities are unsuitable for children.

### HOW FAR DOES THE TRAIN COVER BETWEEN EACH STOP ?

The train travels 500-600km per day which amounts to a total of just under 4,000km for the entire journey.

### DOES THE TRAIN TRAVEL AT NIGHT ?

The train stops at a station at night to ensure our travellers get a restful night's sleep.

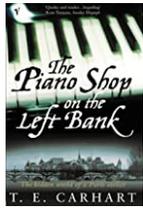
### WHAT LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN ON BOARD ?

The teams on Le Grand Tour are trained to interact with an international clientele and speak at least French and English. The explanations during stopovers will also be provided in French and English.

### CAN I CUSTOMISE MY TRIP ?

During the second meeting with our Le Grand Tour ambassadors, you can choose to take part in the main stopover or book an option from the suggested programme.

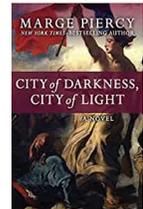




## THE PIANO SHOP ON THE LEFT BANK

T. E. CARHART

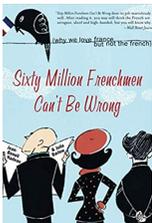
A beautifully written novel exploring both the delights of life in Paris and a love affair with the piano. A wonderful novel for anyone who loves pianos and Paris with equal passion!



## CITY OF DARKNESS, CITY OF LIGHT

MARGE PIERCY

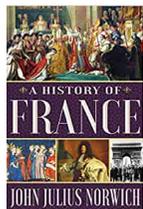
The story of two women who are driven to join the French Revolution. Claire Lacombe and Pauline Leon both come from poor families, but their lives take very different paths.



## SIXTY MILLION FRENCHMEN CAN'T BE WRONG

JEAN NADEAU & JULIE BARLOW

A historical and cultural guide revealing the French approach to land, food, privacy, language, and more and how globalisation led France to become one of the unlikeliest influential countries in the world.



## A HISTORY OF FRANCE

JOHN JULIUS NORWICH

From its earliest days as a Roman colony to the present in this classic history of France, eminent historian J. M. Roberts traces the country's development from Julius Caesar's conquest of Gaul in the first century BC to the end of World War II.



## THE LITTLE FRENCH BISTRO

NINA GEORGE

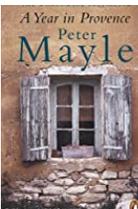
A novel about self discovery and new beginnings. Set in Brittany this novel depicts life in a Breton village as Marianne endeavours to embrace a new life. If this novel doesn't have you booking a trip to Brittany nothing will!



## A MOVEABLE FEAST

ERNEST HEMINGWAY

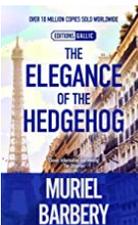
A memoir by American and Nobel-prize-winning writer about his years as a struggling young expat journalist and writer in Paris in the 1920s. The book was first published in 1964 and describes the author's journey, personal struggle and frustrations as he sometimes desperately tries to write a good novel.



## A YEAR IN PROVENCE

PETER MAYLE

In this entertaining and heartwarming memoir, Peter Mayle writes of his experience of living his dream - moving into a 200-year-old stone farmhouse in the remote countryside of the Lubéron, Provence, with his wife and two dogs.



## THE ELEGANCE OF THE HEDGEHOG

MURIEL BARBERY

The Elegance of the Hedgehog is a novel that fits somewhere between literary and commercial fiction. This is a book for philosophy lovers. It's about two extremely intelligent women who feel obliged to hide their intellect in order for society to accept them.