

High-Speed Rail and Transit Tour of France

The Midwest High Speed Rail Association welcomes you to join a study tour of high-speed rail and transit facilities in France next September. Space is limited to 15 people.

Contact The Society of International Railway Travelers® at 800-478-4881 to reserve your space. Please contact Rick Harnish, Executive Director at 773-334-6758 with any general questions.

Summary

When: Sept. 12 –18, 2010

Where: Tour begins and ends in Paris, France.

Highlights: TGV factory at La Rochelle, presentations by SNCF and DB and others, tram tours; TGV Atlantic - Paris to La Rochelle; TGV Duplex from Lyon–Paris; ICE Saarbrücken to Paris

Tour Operator: The Society of International Railway Travelers®
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Email: ehardy@irtsociety.com.
Toll free number: 800 478 4881

Tour Guide: Rick Harnish, Executive Director, Midwest High Speed Rail Association

Cost: \$2,995 per person, double occupancy, \$600 single supplement
Note: Rate is based on the Euro rate on 2/24/2010. IRT reserves the right for a currency surcharge if this shifts. No currency padding is built into this pricing.

How to book: Call or write The Society of International Railway Travelers to hold your space. Deposit of \$1,000 by check or credit card should follow within 5 days with signed booking form. Final payment is due 90 days before departure by check.

Included: 6 nights accommodation in well-located hotels, first-class train tickets, site tours, presentations, breakfast daily, 4 dinners. Tour leader: Rick Harnish.
International air not included; alcoholic beverages not included.

Itinerary

- » Please note that there will be almost no time for general sightseeing. We recommend arriving early or extending the trip in order to visit museums and cultural sites. Please let the Society of IRT know upon booking if you desire extra nights and services.
- » This is a study tour designed to study high-speed rail and transit. Thus, we will be using the systems just like the residents do. Please pack lightly in an easily handled roller bag because you will be handling your own baggage between cities. Transfers will be on public transit or by walking.

Sunday, September 12

Arrive Paris and meet your tour leader at the hotel, Rick Harnish.

Welcome Dinner

Overnight at Hotel Novotel, Paris Montparnasse



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Monday, September 13

Presentations by SNCF, operator of the French TGV

Transit tour of Paris

Overnight at Hotel Novotel, Paris Montparnasse

Tuesday, September 14

TGV Atlantic - Paris Montparnasse to La Rochelle

Tour Alstom factory, see AGV and TGV under construction

Regional train – La Rochelle to Bordeaux

Dinner in Bordeaux

Overnight at Best Western Hotel Royal St-Jean, Bordeaux

Wednesday, September 15

Tour Tramline with in-street third-rail

Regional train - Bordeaux to Montpellier

Dinner in Montpellier

Overnight at New Hotel du Midi, Montpellier

Thursday, September 16

TGV – Montpellier to Lyon Part Due

Presentations, tours TBD

TGV Duplex – Lyon Perrache – Paris Gare d’Lyon

Overnight at Marceau Champs Elysees, Paris

Friday, September 17

TGV – Paris Est to Saarbrücken, 205mph

Presentation on German high-speed trains

ICE – Saarbrücken to Paris Est, 205mph

Farewell Dinner at Le Train Bleu

Overnight at Marceau Champs Elysees, Paris

Saturday, September 18

After breakfast, depart for US or extend your stay.



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