

Southern French Byways

Departs 06 October 2017 for 5 days

TOUR COST

From London
St Pancras: £1240.00

Single
Supplement: £235.00

Deposit: £250.00

TOUR INCLUDES

- * 2nd Class Rail from London St Pancras & return
- * Steam excursion Toulouse to Sarlat and return
- * Railcar excursion to Axat with lunch
- * Private coach transfers Narbonne to Espira and return
- * 4 nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- * Breakfast daily
- * Services of a Railtours Manager

Travel to the sunny south of the country to enjoy a mainline steam train ride into the Perigord Region of the Dordogne, sample the amazing narrow gauge line high in the Pyrenees and a vintage railcar ride past dramatic Corbieres hills and ancient hilltop forts.

Friday 06 October:

Travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras then fast TGV through France to arrive Toulouse in the evening for three nights stay at a Hotel by the station.

Saturday 07 October:

Enjoy a full day travelling behind steam (2-8-2 141R1126) from Toulouse via Agen and Le Buisson to the lovely historic town of Sarlat- capital of the Perigord and a gourmet centre - a 500km round trip! Time to stroll around the cobbled streets and relax over lunch before returning behind steam to Toulouse.

Sunday 08 October:

Excursion by fast train to Narbonne and private road transport to Espira for a vintage diesel railcar ride over viaducts, through tunnels and past hilltop forts 60kms to the village of Axatin the Pays Cathare region of France.

Enjoy a leisurely lunch (included) with regional specialties before returning by vintage railcar to Espira, road to Narbonne and train to Toulouse.

Monday 09 October:

Time to look around the old town part of Toulouse situated on the River Garonne before taking the train high into the Pyrenees to the triple gauge station of La Tour de Carol. Here we experience the Cerdagne Railway or "Little Yellow Train" to Villefranchel. This 63km narrow gauge electrified (third rail) line through the heart of the Pyrenees features steep grades, ledge running, sharp curves and a railway suspension bridge. Connect onwards to Perpignan for overnight stay at a hotel by the station. No worry carrying luggage today, it will have been transferred by road directly to the Perpignan Hotel.

Tuesday 10 October:

Depart Perpignan this morning on a TGV through the center of France to Paris, then Eurostar to London St Pancras arriving late afternoon.

A minimum 10 persons is required for the tour to operate

Connecting rail travel tickets to London St Pancras International available from us at special fares.

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