

Travel information from Nice to Peyresq, Alpes de Haute-Provence, France

Nice Airport – Train Station “Gare de Provence” (not SNCF but Chemins de Fer de Provence)

Most will arrive at the international airport in Nice. There are two terminals and from both terminals the bus number 99 goes directly to the central SNCF train station “Gare de Nice Ville”. The bus 99 departs every 30 minutes, the ride takes 20 minutes and the tickets cost 4,-€. (This is a day ticket which allows you to use it the whole day in Nice in case you will have the time.) You can buy the tickets outside of both terminals at a ticket booth. There is another connection to the train station with the local bus number 23 which takes a bit longer but you see more of Nice. Here are the instructions: After arrival turn left in the arrival hall Terminal 1 and leave the arrival hall by the left exit (showing the number A0) to the bus stops. In case you arrive at Terminal 2 take the shuttle bus to Terminal 1. Please pass all the bus stops till you reach the last one – stop number 6 – from which the local bus number 23 is departing at least every 14 minutes, on Sunday at least every 18 minutes. Your ride from the airport to the central station called “Gare de Nice Ville” will take approximately 40 minutes and you can buy the bus ticket from the bus driver for 1,00 €.

From the central train station “Gare de Nice Ville” you have three possibilities to reach the train you have to take at the “Gare de Provence”, rue Alfred Binet, which is the station of the “Chemins de Fer de Provence” belonging to a private company. 1) You can take a taxi for about 13,-€; 2) You can go one station with the tram number 1 from “Gare Thiers” to “Libération” and 3) You can walk about 10 minutes. Please see below the link to the map showing both stations. Print it out and take it with you so you will not get lost! There is no luggage deposit at this small station so in case you have some time left for sightseeing in Nice you have to leave your luggage at the SCNF station.

Here is a map showing both train stations:

http://www.multimap.com/maps/#map=43.70675,7.26030|17|4&p=mm.poi.global.general.railwaystation&bd=useful_information&loc=FR:43.70863:7.25987:17|rue%20alfred%20binet,%20nice|Rue%20Alfred%20Binet,%2006000,%20Nice,%20Alpes-Maritimes

Gare de Provence – Annot

You have to buy your ticket at the station (or in the train if you do not have sufficient time) and there are 3 prices: for “normal” passengers 10,10 €, for students 8,10 € (so please take your student identity card with you) and for seniors 7,60€ (older than 55). The ride takes according to the schedule exactly 1.47 h till Annot, where you have to get off, but the train makes a lot of stops at small stations and needs mostly longer. Please do **not** get off at the station called “Peyresq” as this is down in the valley and you would have to climb up a hiking trail with your luggage.

Here is the link to the timetable of the train:

<http://www.trainprovence.com/templates/6/documents/horaires%20interurbains%20revus%20pour%20site.pdf>

Annot – Peyresq

Please stay in front of the station in Annot where you will be picked up by a bus, when many of you are scheduled to arrive with the same train or by taxi if you are only a few. I need your exact arrival (and later the departure times) for organising this and please do not count on a taxi in front of the station anyhow: There will not be any taxi waiting for you which has not been ordered in advance.

Just in case

In case your airplane is delayed and you would not have enough time to get to the Gare de Provence you have a second chance to jump on the train at another station on the outskirts of Nice: take a taxi to the station Lingostière which takes about 10-15 minutes from the airport. The train stops at Lingostière

15 minutes after leaving the Gare de Provence and you will find a small map on our website for downloading and printing as some taxi drivers did not know where the station is situated.

In case you should need a hotel here is a suggestion which I found sufficient, situated near the SNCF Station and which costs 54,-€ for a single room with shower: Hotel Normandie, 18, rue Paganini, Tel.: +33 - (0)4 - 93 884 883; Fax: +33 - (0)4 - 93 160 433; E-mail: contact@hotel-normandie.com

<http://www.hotel-normandie.com/>