

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

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

Most people will arrive at the international airport in Nice. After arrival, turn left in the arrival hall of Terminal 1 and leave the arrival hall by the exit on the left (showing the number A0), which leads to the bus stops. If you arrive at Terminal 2 instead, take the shuttle bus to Terminal 1. Please pass all the bus stops till you reach the last one – stop number 6 – from where the local bus number 23 departs every 12 minutes, on Sunday every 17 minutes. You can buy the bus ticket from the bus driver for 1,30 €.

Please note that the “Chemins de Fer de Provence” is a private train company with its own station called “Gare de Provence”, rue Alfred Binet. If you arrive in Nice by train it will be at the “Gare de Nice Ville” from where you can take the bus number 23 to the Gare de Provence. Your ride from the airport to the station will take approximately 40 minutes. The bus station near the Gare de Provence is called “Place de Gaulle” where you have to get off. On the other side of the street you see the old station building dated 1892. Don’t panic as the station is in ruins but pass the building on its left side, yellow signs are guiding you as well. Pass along the former railway hall – in ruins as well – cross a parking lot and cross the small street in front of you (rue Alfred Binet) and you are in front of the new station. There is no official luggage deposit but in case you have some time left for sightseeing in Nice you can leave your luggage at the restaurant (but they charge rather a lot).

Gare de Provence – Annot

You have to buy your ticket at the station and the train ride costs 10,10 € (for students 8,10 €, so please take your student identity card with you) and takes according to the schedule 1.47 h till Annot. But the train makes a lot of stops at small stations and often takes longer.

Annot – Peyresq

Please stay in front of the station in Annot where you will be picked up by a bus if many of you are scheduled to arrive with the same train, or by taxi if you are only a few. Therefore I need your exact arrival and departure times in order to organise this.

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. Below is the internet address of the time table of the Train de Provence, departing from Nice, so please check the departure times carefully.

<http://www.trainprovence.com/provence.Asp?laliste=0;693>

In case you should need a hotel here is a suggestion which I found sufficient, situated near the SNCF Station (which you pass on your way with bus 23) and which costs 53,- € including breakfast for a single room with shower: Hotel Amaryllis, 5 Rue Alsace Lorraine, Tel: +33-(0)4-93 88 20 24, Fax: +33-(0)4-93 87 13 25, <http://www.hotelamaryllis.com/> and E-mail: reception@hotelamaryllis.com

There is a youth hostel in Nice as well which charges 9,10 € per night:

http://www.fuaj.org/fra/auberges/aj_fiche.php?aj_id=141