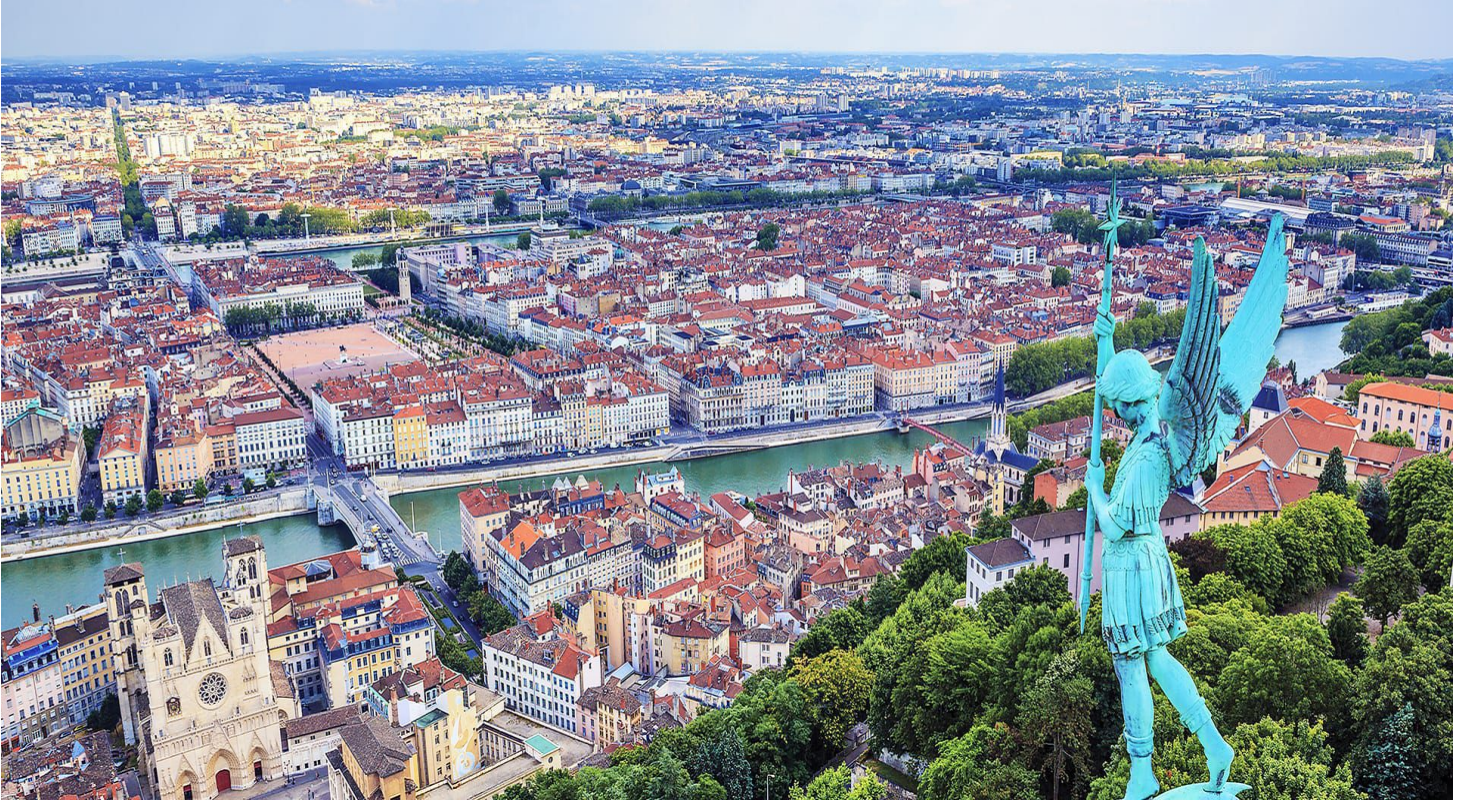


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## Paris, Lyon & Marseille

From £899 per person // 8 days



Hop across the Channel by Eurostar and visit the wonderful city of Paris on this fabulous French itinerary, before speeding south to gastronomic capital Lyon and Mediterranean Marseille.

### The Essentials

- Travel by Eurostar to Paris, the City of Light
- Continue south to Lyon, one of France's most important gastronomic capitals
- Speed down to the Med for 3 nights in the historic port city of Marseille
- Return via Paris or Lille – or on the direct train from Marseille to London on selected days in the summer

### What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 7 nights handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Easy-to-follow travel documentation
- Despatch of tickets by email, post or collection from our London office

### Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

## - Suggested Itinerary -



### Days 1 & 2 - Paris

Speed under the English Channel to Paris, disembark at the Gare du Nord and head for the Observatoire Luxembourg (or similar) where you will have a 2-night stay. Only 300 miles from London, Paris is a treasure trove of art, culture, history and iconic architecture. Like London, you'll find distinct districts, each with their own vibe and topography from the narrow lined, hilly streets of Montmartre to the wide, elegant boulevards of the 1ere arrondissement. If you've not been before, don't miss a visit to the Musée d'Orsay (we can add tickets for this so you can skip the queues) or a leisurely cruise down the Seine, taking in the city's beautiful bridges. If you want the best views of the city, avoid the Eiffel Tower crowds and head for the Montparnasse Tower.



### Day 3 - Paris To Lyon

It takes around 2 hours by high-speed TGV from Paris to Lyon and there are regular services, so we can include a morning or afternoon departure, depending on how long you want to stay in Paris. Seat reservations are compulsory though so you'll have a scheduled departure taking you through the centre of France and arriving into Lyon's Part-Dieu station. When you arrive, make your way to the Grand Hotel des Terreaux (or similar) and settle in for a 2-night stay.



### Day 4 - Lyon

Lyon is one of France's most important cities. It has a history going back to Roman times, with remains of an arena on the Fourvière Hill dating back to 15 BC. It was also significant centre of trade and artistic development. In the late 19th century, the Lumière Brothers invented the cinematograph here, paving the way for modern cinema. You can find out more about this at the Institut Lumière or visit the roman arena en route to the stunning Fourvière Basilica which boasts sweeping city views. In the evening, why not wander around the buzzing streets of Vieux Lyon and enjoy some justly famous Lyonnaise cuisine in one of a fabulous choice of restaurants.



### Day 5 - Lyon To Marseille

After breakfast this morning, return to Lyon Part-Dieu station for your onward journey south to the French coast, arriving under 2 hours later into Marseille St-Charles. On arrival, head to the conveniently located Escale Oceania Vieux Port (or similar) for a 3-night stay. Founded around 600 BC, Marseille has long been an important port on the Mediterranean Sea. You can spend your first night here enjoying a stroll around the old port area, perhaps with some fresh fish for dinner?



### Days 6 & 7 - Marseille

Enjoy two full days to explore in and around Marseille. The city itself is one of France's most cosmopolitan and has embraced its role as the country's second city since becoming European Capital of Culture in 2013 with fascinating museums and vibrant districts to discover. Among the new museums, MuCEM, or Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations, should be at the top of anyone's must-see attractions. Elsewhere, if the weather is good, it's well worth visiting the stunning Calanques, a series of mini fjords between Marseille and Cassis or the Chateau d'If, a forbidding island castle which is said to be the inspiration for Alexandre Dumas' Count of Monte Cristo. You can also simply relax on one of the beaches on the Corniche.



### Day 8 - Marseille To London

Leave Marseille today for your journey back to London. Services are via Paris with a change of station from the Gare de Lyon to Gare du Nord, or there are services via Lille, changing in the same station.

## Pricing

From £899 per person

**Low season** (Nov – March) **from £899pp**

**High season** (April-October) **from £1,099pp**

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.