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8	Intro (see brief)	Travellers will find that they're well connected travelling by *train to France* , where discovering the vast and diverse French landscape is made easy with France's high-speed trains and Intercité services. France is home to picturesque towns and villages, stunning mountain ranges, beautiful countryside and unparalleled cities such as Paris, Bordeaux, and Marseille. Each region has its own unique identity, which is combined with its own style of architecture and distinctive cuisine. In this article travellers can find information about the most visited destinations in France, ticketing options and details of the most popular train routes in and out the country.
9	COPY 1 TITLE - CITY 1 (see brief)	[Travel to Paris, https://www.trainline.eu/destinations/trains-to-paris]
10	COPY 1 SECTION - CITY 1 (see brief)	For centuries Paris has been one of Europe's major hubs for music, art, commerce, fashion and science. It is also a major centre for rail, motorway and air transport; Paris has numerous train stations, with some of its busiest including [Gare du Nord, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/paris-gare-du-nord], the hub for the [Eurostar, https://www.trainline.eu/information/eurostar]; [Gare de l'Est, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/paris-gare-de-est]; [Gare d'Austerlitz, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/paris-austerlitz] and [Gare de Bercy, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/paris-bercy-bourgogne-pays-dauvergne]; all of which are within easy reach of the city centre. Travellers will find many *things to do in Paris* . By and large the iconic Eiffel Tower is a must-see and visitors may also like to visit the Louvre Museum, one of the world's greatest art museums and home to the painting of Mona Lisa; Notre Dame Cathedral, a famous piece of gothic architecture which dates back to the 12th century and the famous Moulin Rouge Theatre. With Paris being a world leader in the fashion industry, be sure to visit some of Paris' endless range of designer outlets and boutiques, bringing you the very best of Chanel, Dior, Louis Vuitton and Lacroix.
11	COPY 1 TITLE - CITY 2 (see brief)	[Travel to Marseille, https://www.trainline.eu/destinations/trains-to-marseille]
12	COPY 1 SECTION - CITY 2 (see brief)	Marseille is located on France's south coast and is the country's second largest city. Marseille's most central train station is Marseille-Saint-Charles, with other centrally located stations being [Marseille-Blancarde, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/marseille-st-charles] and [Arenc-Euroméditerranée, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/arenc-euromediterranee]. *The climate in Marseille* benefits from a Mediterranean climate, with mild winters and warm, dry summers. Popular *things to do in Marseille* include The Old Port or Vieux-Port, which is lined with beautiful looking boats and restaurants to dine in; Fort Saint-Jean which lies at the entrance to The Old Port, which was built in 1660 and is now a museum; Parc National des Calanques, one of France's national parks harbours a wide range of fauna and flora and is a wonderful place to go hiking and see some truly stunning scenery. It's also worth paying a visit to Basilique Notre Dame de la Garde, a catholic basilica where you can find a panoramic viewpoint of the city.
13	COPY 1 TITLE - CITY 3 (see brief)	[Travel to Bordeaux, https://www.trainline.eu/destinations/trains-to-bordeaux]
14	COPY 1 SECTION - CITY 3 (see brief)	Bordeaux is a famous and major wine-growing hub, as well as a port city on the Garonne River in the south west of France. The cities main train station is [Gare de Bordeaux-Saint Jean, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/bordeaux-st-jean], which is well interlinked with France's major railway networks. Many parts of Bordeaux are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, owing to its many historic and iconic attractions which combine classic and neo-classical architecture. The Port of the Moon, a Site of World Heritage, has a stone bridge

		and views of the docks and harbour. It can also be a beautiful site to eat and drink in the evening. Many of the places of interest and *things to do in Bordeaux* are based around its international prominence in the wine industry. To discover the history behind Bordeaux's world leading wine-hub, be sure to visit La Cité du Vin - a wine museum with a unique architectural style. La Cité du Vin sheds some real insight into the world's wine industry and its history. A trip to Bordeaux wouldn't be complete without a wine tour and some wine tasting. At the Office de Tourisme visitors can book day tours to the wine districts outside of the city.
15	COPY 2 TITLE (see brief)	Popular train routes in France
16	COPY 2 SECTION (see brief)	<p>There are normally two possible train rides every hour between [Paris and Marseille, https://www.trainline.eu/train-times/paris-to-marseille]. Journey times are around 3h30min, with the occasional route having a change at [Lyon Part-Dieu, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/lyon-part-dieu] or [Avignon TGV, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/avignon-tgv], which can add an extra 30 minutes to the journey time. Customers can buy several different types of tickets, depending on their flexibility requirements. Both Marseille and Paris are well connected to their numerous public transport routes, including buses, underground subways and train links.</p> <p>Trains between [Paris and Bordeaux, https://www.trainline.eu/train-times/paris-to-bordeaux] run regularly throughout the day, with there being at least one every hour. Journey times normally last around 2h10mins and some can be over three hours depending on the time of travel. There are a variety of ticket options available to suit passengers individual flexibility needs. Visitors will find a wide range of public transport options in both cities.</p> <p>Travellers will find that there are trains which operate every hour between [Bordeaux and Marseille, https://www.trainline.eu/train-times/bordeaux-to-marseille], with journey times usually lasting between six and seven hours. When travelling from [Bordeaux to Marseille, https://www.trainline.eu/train-times/bordeaux-to-marseille], on some routes you are required to change at [Paris Montparnasse, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/paris-montparnasse] before taking an additional train at [Paris Gare de Lyon, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/paris-gare-de-lyon] and sometimes there can be another change from here to [Aix-en-Provence, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/aix-en-provence-centre]. Upon returning from [Marseille to Bordeaux, https://www.trainline.eu/train-times/marseille-to-bordeaux], for some routes you may need to change at [Avignon TGV, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/avignon-tgv] in order to take a train to [Paris Gare de Lyon, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/paris-gare-de-lyon], before making your last change at [Paris Montparnasse, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/paris-montparnasse], to travel to [Bordeaux St-Jean, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/bordeaux-st-jean]. On other routes for your return journey you may be required to travel to [Massy TGV, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/massy-tgv] first before taking a train to [Bordeaux St-Jean, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/bordeaux-st-jean].</p>
17	COPY 3 TITLE (see brief)	Popular international routes to France
18	COPY 3 SECTION (see brief)	<p>[Train travel between Paris to London, https://www.trainline.eu/train-times/london-to-paris] takes place on the [Eurostar, https://www.trainline.eu/information/eurostar]. The Eurostar leaves from [London St Pancras Int'l, https://www.thetrainline.com/stations/london-st-pancras-international] and arrives at [Paris Gare du Nord, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/paris-gare-du-nord]. Passengers will find that there is usually a train leaving London every hour. The UK is one hour behind France and journey times between [London and Paris, https://www.trainline.eu/train-times/london-to-paris] normally last 2h30mins and don't require travellers to make any changes. Customers can choose from several types of ticket depending on their flexibility needs and also they can choose to reserve a first or a second class seat. Travellers will be required to go through security and passport control, so we recommend that all passengers arrive at least 45 minutes before their departure time.</p> <p>Trains between [Amsterdam and Paris, https://www.trainline.eu/train-times/amsterdam-to-paris] run frequently throughout the day and there are normally several trains leaving every hour from different stations in Amsterdam. The most convenient route is from [Amsterdam-Centraal, https://www.trainline.eu/stations/amsterdam-centraal] requiring no changes, has a journey time of around 3h20mins and arrives at [Paris Gare du Nord,</p>

		https://www.trainline.eu/stations/paris-gare-du-nord]. Passengers may choose from a range of ticket options according to the level of flexibility required, along with either a first or a second class seat. Travellers will be required to go through security and passport control, so we recommend that all customers arrive at least 45 minutes before their departure time.
19	COPY 4 TITLE (see brief)	Train types in France
20	COPY 4 SECTION (see brief)	<p>For long and medium distances France operates its nationally owned TGV and Intercité trains. The TGV trains are France's fastest trains, with a top speed of 300 km/h. The lower cost train service provider for travellers on a budget, Ouigo, uses double-decker TGV trains and makes use of alternative stations to the main ones; tickets for Ouigo can only be purchased online but it is the combination of these cost saving measures which allow them to charge cheaper rail fares.</p> <p>The Intercité (IC) operates on routes outside of the TGV network. Trains on these networks are generally slower than TGV, however the tickets are usually cheaper. There are cheaper TGV tickets available, known as Prem's, which are non-refundable. Prem's are available on routes to and from Paris and join 25 French towns and cities together, including Bordeaux, Metz, Lyon and Lille. All of the seats sold under Prem's are sold at a fixed price and at a minimum price of 15 Euros.</p> <p>Every TGV service has a buffet car and offers seats with power outlets. Wi-Fi services are now available across most of the country's popular rail networks. Passengers will find spaces to store their luggage next to their seats. If travellers wish to travel with a bike on TGV trains, unless it can be folded or dismantled, they must reserve a space for it at the time of purchasing their train ticket. On TER (regional) trains, customers can take their bike on-board the train for free.</p>
21	COPY 5 TITLE (see brief)	Train ticket types in France
22	COPY 5 SECTION (see brief)	<p>For travellers on a budget they will generally find cheaper tickets the earlier in advance their booking is made. The ticket cost for TGV and Intercité trains increases with demand and nearer to the day of departure. TGV and Intercités tickets can usually be reserved up to three months in advance; with the exception of mid-December and mid-January, in addition to holiday times from February to April, where tickets go on sale two months in advance. Customers will also be able to take advantage of the summer ticket sale, which starts four months before the departure date.</p> <p>Loisir tickets, which are available to be bought on TGV and Intercité services, can only be used for the selected train at the time of purchase, but they can be changed up until the train's day of departure. For ticket refunds of up to 31 days before the day of departure a management charge of five Euros must be paid for the ticket and this fee applies up until a day before the departure date. Tickets can also be changed on the day of departure, however; additional management fees must be paid.</p> <p>For travellers looking to find a last minute deal, Prem's tickets can be reserved for TGV trains, which are available up to two weeks before departure, are sold at a fixed price and are non-refundable. Prem's tickets have a minimum price of 15 euros and a limited number of seats. These tickets only become available up to two weeks before the date of departure. Customers may be able to make further savings if they travel outside of peak hours.</p> <p>Customers who are in need of more flexibility can buy a Pro ticket, which can be changed or cancelled up until the day of departure of the train and up until two hours after the departure of the train at no extra cost to the passenger. Passengers wanting to change or cancel their ticket up until two hours of the train's departure must do so at the train station.</p> <p>Booking a train ticket with the trainline is a simple process. Travellers simply need to visit our website homepage, enter their start and end destination, along with the dates, times and type of ticket they wish to purchase.</p>