



CIRCLE OF MISSE

Travel Information for Independent Retreats

FREE PICK-UPS FROM SAUMUR

As anyone who has joined us for a retreat will tell you (check out their comments on our site), they represent tremendous value: accommodation, meals, tea/coffee and snacks always available, transport to/from Saumur, attention to detail and downright pampering. Replicating this package at this price anywhere else would be challenging.

A large part of our ability to offer you such value on retreats is that we ask you to make your own way via train to our regional rail station in Saumur where we will pick you up for free. Even if you don't speak French it's a cinch. Please find detailed instructions below.

We try to coordinate arrival times for course participants arriving from multiple destinations, so we do ask for your understanding and patience if we ask you to wait for a short time when we pick you up.

The return bus journey between Tours airport and station costs €10. The return train journey between Tours and Saumur stations costs €25 (prices correct on 01.12.11).

You can double-check rail prices on www.voyages-sncf.com and airport-train shuttle bus prices on http://www.tours.aeroport.fr/page_en.php?id=23

FLIGHTS

Arrival - (Sunday)

Ryanair - from London Stansted to Tours, operates the most convenient flight service from the UK. On Sundays it departs at 11:50 and arrives at 14:10. The connecting shuttle bus to Tours Station leaves twenty minutes after arrival and takes twenty minutes. A taxi costs about €15 and takes less than fifteen minutes.

Train No. 60115 from Tours Station departs 15:12 - arrives Saumur 15.52. This is a local train, not a TGV, so tickets can be purchased on the day at a ticket counter or an automated ticket machine at the station. Tours station is not very big and is easily navigated.

We will pick you up directly at Saumur station. If you have any questions, please just ask. We are happy to help.

Departure - (Sunday)

We will take you directly to Saumur Station.

Train No. 60004 departs at 10:22 - arrives St Pierre des Corps at 10:55. Change here for the local train service (navette) departs 11:00 - arrives Tours Station 11:08.

The Ryanair shuttle bus is located outside Tours Station. It departs at 12:35 - arrives at Tours airport with plenty of time for the Ryanair flight which departs at 14.35h.



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TRAINS

Arrival - (Sunday)

If you are coming from **Paris**, change trains at Tours Station. Train No. 8333 departs Paris Montparnasse Station at 13:38 - arrives Tours Station 14:49. Train No. 60115 then leaves for Saumur at 15:12 - arrives Saumur 15:52. You can purchase train tickets in advance on www.voyages-sncf.com or on the day at an automated ticket machine or ticket counter at the station. We will pick you up directly at Saumur Station. If you have any questions, please just ask. We are happy to help.

If you are coming from **Paris CDG2** (Charles de Gaulle Airport Station), you will need to change trains at Angers. Train No. 5224 departs CDG2 at 12:48 - arrives Angers 15:08. Change here for train No. 5332 for Saumur, departs 15:34 - arrives 15:55. You can purchase train tickets in advance on www.voyages-sncf.com or on the day at an automated ticket machine or ticket counter at the station. We will pick you up directly at Saumur Station. If you have any questions, please just ask. We are happy to help.

Departure - (Sundays)

We will take you directly to the station at Saumur.

If you are going to either Paris Montparnasse or CDG2 you will need to change at St Pierre des Corps. Train No. 60004 departs Saumur at 10:22 - arrives St Pierre des Corps 10:55.

For Paris Montparnasse take train No. 8322 - departs 11:19 arrives 12:24.

For Paris CDG2 take train No. 5264 – departs 11:01 arrives 12:39.

N.B. - All times given above are from information published by SNCF and Ryanair. Times are subject to change, so please do check local information for any changes.

PRIVATE CAR

We can arrange a private car from Tours to Misse (90 minute journey - £100 return).

Arrival Times/Days Outside of the Above

As mentioned on the Independent Retreats web page, due to logistical constraints, ensuring a conducive work week with minimal interruptions and to provide retreats to you at such a low cost we simply cannot accommodate shorter retreats or different arrival/departure dates.

We do understand that things do come up and life sometimes throws hurdles in the way. We'd hate for you to miss your whole retreat because you can't find a child-minder until the Monday, for example. In those circumstances, we simply ask that you make your own way to Thouars station (our closest rail station) where we will pick you up (we'll provide detailed instructions for trains).

Retreats are sold on a weekly basis regardless of the days you are actually able to make. We are not able to offer a daily rate.