

# Art & Spirit Workshops & Retreats

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## France Train Information



SNCF is the rail service within France. TGV is the high speed line.

You must purchase a reservation as well as a regular ticket for any TGV train. The ticket gets you on the train, but the reservation gives you a specific seat on that train, and you need to compost your ticket before getting on a train. You will see orange metal boxes shaped something like small mail boxes at the entrance to train platforms. Place your ticket in the slot in the box until you hear it stamp the ticket. If you don't hear it stamp your ticket, which is what often happens, keep turning the ticket around until you do hear it stamp or 'compost' the ticket. You can be fined if you forget to compost the ticket. However, most train conductors know that foreigners often don't compost their tickets so they'll go easy on you.

Here is how you can book your ticket(s) before you go:

<http://www.raileurope.com/index.html>

or

[http://www.sncf.com/en\\_EN/flash/](http://www.sncf.com/en_EN/flash/)

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