

## TRAVEL BETWEEN CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT AND UXEAU

Participants will need to purchase their own train tickets for travel to and from Paris for reimbursement after the workshop. ONLY Economy class ("restricted 2<sup>nd</sup> class") fares will be reimbursed.

Participants have the option of taking the train from Paris to either Le Creusot/Montchanin or the Luzy train stations. The train from Paris to Le Creusot/ Montchanin is the TGV (*Train à Grande Vitesse*, French for "high-speed train"), France's high-speed rail service. The trains to Luzy are the slower SNCF (the French national railway company) and require a change of trains in Nevers.

There is one direct TGV between Charles de Gaulle (CDG) airport and Le Creusot/Montchanin daily, departing CDG at 8:48 PM and departing Le Creusot/Montchanin 6:53 AM. For other departure times that better suit your flight schedule, see the schedules and fares at [www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com). IMPORTANT NOTE: the schedule for trains going to Le Creusot/Montchanin is called out on the web site as "Le Creusot/Mo". DO NOT make the mistake of selecting simply "Le Creusot" as your destination.

If you are not taking the TGV train directly from CDG, the recommended departure station in Paris is Gare de Lyon. There is an **Air France Coach (Line 4)** that travels between CDG and Gare de Lyon on a regular basis (approximately every 30 minutes) throughout the day. The fare is €16.50 one way. Taxi fares in Paris will not be reimbursed except in extraordinary circumstances.

For detailed information on the Air France bus see [www.airfrance.us/](http://www.airfrance.us/). The bus information is found under the "Information and Services" tab in the "Practical Information" pull-down menu. Once you are at the Air France Buses page, click the link for "Lines Information and Fares" and then the "Learn More" link. Clicking on the orange "4" will give details about the bus between CDG and Gare de Lyon station. Note that CDG airport is called out as "Roissy CDG" on the route map. The "Practical Tips" link gives locations of the bus stops at the airport. You may purchase your ticket at the Air France Coaches counter or directly from the driver.

It is recommended that for determining your train schedule, you allow 3 hours between your scheduled flight arrival time and the departure time of your train to Le Creusot/Montchanin or Luzy. CDG has a reputation for slow baggage handling (up to an hour) and the bus trip to the train station, although notionally ½ hour, may take up to an hour depending on traffic. You may also need to allow time to change money, purchase your train ticket, and contact the staff in Uxeau with your expected arrival.

One of the staff members already in Uxeau will pick you up at your arrival station. **BEFORE YOU BOARD THE TRAIN IN PARIS, PLEASE CALL EITHER CAROLE CRUMLEY at Le Chatelot (project headquarters), telephone 03-85-85-39-94 OR KATHY HIBBARD telephone 001 303 881 9830 TO NOTIFY THEM OR YOUR EXPECTED ARRIVAL STATION AND ARRIVAL TIME.**

Return travel to Paris will be organized in Uxeau.

## **DETAILS ABOUT THE TGV vs. THE SNCF TRAINS AND YOUR DESTINATIONS:**

There are two kinds of train tracks in France, the high speed (TGV) line and the conventional SNCF line. In some cities (Paris, Dijon) the city terminal accommodates both; in many other cities (le Creusot/Montchanin) there are two stations a considerable distance apart, with the TGV station outside the city and the conventional station downtown. Thus it is possible that you will be offered a ticket to le Creusot/Montchanin which goes to the city station and NOT the TGV station well outside of the city. Do NOT buy a ticket to le Creusot/Montchanin unless you are **certain** that it goes to the TGV station. A regional train (not a TGV) runs between Dijon and Nevers and serves le Creusot/Montchanin city station and the Luzy station (much closer for your pick-up). The agent may suggest a TGV to Dijon and then a regular train to le Creusot/Montchanin, which will leave you in the city of le Creusot, causing confusion and difficulty for everyone. If you do you change to the regional train in Dijon, stay on it past le Creusot city station and disembark at Luzy station. Beginning your train trip from de Gaulle airport or Paris Gare de Lyon, you can change to the regional line in either Dijon or in Nevers and arrive in Luzy. There are also some TGV trains from Gare de Lyon that will take you to the le Creusot/Montchanin TGV. In sum, book your final destination to ONLY these two stations: le Creusot/Montchanin \_TGV\_, or Luzy (the regional line).

## **DETAILS ABOUT GARE DE LYON STATION IN PARIS**

The Gare de Lyon is a great cavernous structure with the tracks that have letters (such as "A" or "G") in front of you as you come in. To the left and through an archway is another hall, with ticket windows on the right and tracks at the far end of the hall that are numbered. Ticket windows that sell tickets for the same day are numbered 47-52. Don't forget to "compostez votre billet" (to stamp your ticket) before you get on the train (otherwise there's a fine). Yellow free-standing machines stamp tickets; they are about a meter high, and located at each platform just before you start walking alongside the train to your assigned car. Some trains have open seating but your ticket will probably tell you where your seat is: VOITURE is which car on the train is yours (you can see a paper number on the door) and PLACE ASSISE (seat number) is also indicated. The TGVs work essentially the same way.