How to join ICOST2009?

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Acronyms

TGV \textit{Train à Grande Vitesse}, High Speed Train

RER \textit{Réseau Express Régional}, Paris suburban train system

CDG (IATA Airport Code) Paris Charles De Gaulle International Airport (located in Roissy, 25 km north-east of Paris)

ORY (IATA Airport Code) Paris Orly International Airport (15 km south of Paris)

TUF (IATA Airport Code) Tours Loire Valley International Airport (6 km from the conference venue)

SNCF \textit{Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer français}, french national railway company. Operates trains, TGV and some RER in Paris

RATP \textit{Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens}, Paris transportation company. Operates metros, buses and some RER
1 From Paris Charles De Gaulle (CDG) International Airport

1.1 Directly from CDG

CDG ⇔ Tours City ≈ 1h50 by TGV

As illustrated by figure 1, the TGV station is located between the terminals 2C-2D and 2E-2F. You can join the station:

- via the moving walkways for terminales 2A∼F;
- from terminal 2G via the N3 shuttle bus (2G to 2C);
- from terminal 1 and 3, by taking the free CDGVAL shuttle train.

You can find more information on the airport web site.

![Figure 1: CDG International Airport simplified map](image)

Table 1 presents the TGV schedule valid from June 30 until July 2 (CDG ⇒ Tours).

- Some TGV may stop at St Pierre Des Corps, Tours peripheral railway station. A free shuttle is then provided to join Tours central station (5 minutes). Usually the shuttle is located on the same platform, opposite side.

- **A reservation is required for TGV trains.** You can book your e-ticket on the TGV website:
  - departure town: AIRPORT CDG 2 TGV
  - arrival town: TOURS

- Ticket price mainly depends on the booking date (early booking = low price) and the train occupancy rate.

- Table 2 presents the Tours ⇒ CDG TGV schedule for July 3.
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Table 1: Train schedule - **CDG ⇒ Tours** - valid from June 30 until July 2

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Table 2: Train schedule - **Tours ⇒ CDG** - valid for July 3

1.2 Via Paris City

**CDG ⇔ Paris City Center ≈ 45 min. by RER**

The simplest way to join Paris from CDG airport is the RER (line B). There are two RER stations inside the airport (see figure 1): “CDG 1” near terminal 3, and “CDG 2 - TGV” (same station as the TGV one, see section 1.1). Both are on the CDGVAL shuttle way. To take the RER, follow the “Paris by train” indications in the terminals and stations.

- RER frequency: each 15 min;
- ≈ €8,40 (single). The same ticket can be used for the metro when you arrive in Paris. Tickets can be bought at the station;
- More information on the transportation in Paris on the [RATP website](http://www.ratp.fr) The metro and RER map is [here](http://www.ratp.fr);
- To join Tours from Paris city, see section 3.

2 From Paris Orly (ORY) International Airport

**ORY ⇔ Paris City Center ≈ 35/45 min. by bus**

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To join Tours from Orly airport you first have to join Paris city and then take the TGV at the Montparnasse station (see [3]). The simplest and direct way to join Paris Montparnasse railway station from the airport is the Air France bus:

- Air France bus (in french “les cars Air France”): Line 1 or 1*;
- frequency: each 30 min.;
- stops at Orly:
  - Orly West Terminal: entrance H on the Arrivals level;
  - Orly South Terminal: entrance L;
- your stop in Paris: “Gare Montparnasse” (Montparnasse railway station);
- price: €11.50 (single). You can buy your ticket on the bus or at the airport (Air France desk);
- more information on means of transportation from/to Orly airport on the [Airport website](#).

### 3 From Paris City

#### 3.1 By High Speed Train (TGV)

![Paris City Montparnasse Station ⇔ Tours City ≈ 1h05 by TGV](#

Table [3] presents the TGV schedule valid from June 30 until July 2 (Paris Montparnasse ⇒ Tours).

- Some TGV may stop at *St Pierre Des Corps*, Tours peripheral railway station. A free shuttle is then provided to join Tours central station (5 minutes). Usually the shuttle is located on the same platform, opposite side.

- **A booking is required for TGV trains.** You can book your e-ticket on the [TGV website](#) :
  - departure town : PARIS MONTPARNASSE
  - arrival town: TOURS

- Ticket price mainly depends on the booking date (early booking = low price) and the train occupancy rate.
- Table [4] presents the Tours ⇒ Paris Montparnasse TGV schedule for July 3.
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Table 3: Train schedule - **Paris Montparnasse ⇒ Tours** - valid from June 30 until July 2

#### 3.2 By conventional train

By conventional train, you can also join Tours by “conventional” train. Conventional train are named “Corail Inter-cités”. There are many other differences than the time between TGV and conventional trains:

- the railway station is Paris Austerlitz (no train from CDG airport);
- booking is not necessary for conventional trains (but is possible). You can buy your ticket at the station or book it by visiting the SNCF / TGV website;
- the way is different: conventional train may stop at most of the Loire Valley cities;
- may be less expensive, but not half the TGV price (as the time is twice).

#### 4 Tours Loire Valley International Airport (TUF)

You can join Tours directly by flight from the United Kingdom. There are regular flights from London Stansted and Dublin (Ryanair airline). The airport is at 6 km from the conference venue. Please visit:

- [Ryanair website](https://www.ryanair.com)
- [TUF website](https://www.toursloirevalleyairport.com)

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4.1 **From Tours central station to the conference venue**

The railway station is at 300 meters from the conference venue (see figure 2). You can visit the [ICOST2009 Google map](#) for more information (accommodations, etc.).

![Conference Venue Location](image)

Figure 2: From Tours central station to the conference venue

5 **By car**

6 **In french ...**

*More to be added ...*

- Single
- Return
- Montparnasse railway station
- Aller simple
- Aller-retour
- Gare Montparnasse

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