

Travel Information

Saint Loup Lamairé is a very small village, about 35 minutes (by car) west of Poitiers, in southwestern France.

A bus will take participants from the main train station in Poitiers on **Monday June 15, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m. (18h00) and will get everyone to Saint Loup by 7:00 p.m., in time for an "apéritif dinatoire" (drinks plus some finger food). So, you should plan to arrive to the train station sufficiently before 6:00 p.m. to avoid problems in case your train is late.

For those flying to France, you can either land at CDG (Charles de Gaulle airport) or Orly, in the Paris region, and take a TGV train directly to Poitiers. There are direct TGVs from CDG to Poitiers (without going through Paris proper). From Orly, you need to get a shuttle and subway to the Massy TGV station, where you can get tickets directly to Poitiers as well. An alternative is to fly to Bordeaux, and then take a TGV to Poitiers. Make sure you get a ticket to the main train station in Poitiers, and not to the Futuroscope, which is about 10kms north of Poitiers.

There is also an airport in Poitiers. There are very few flights, via Ryan Air, from Barcelona, Edinburgh, and London Stansted. Some booking agencies will allow you to combine two successive Ryan Air flights (or, as I have done occasionally, you can book these two flights yourself independently), so that you can fly from many more destinations into Poitiers, at a very cheap price. Once you get to the airport, you can take a taxi to the train station. If there are many people arriving at the airport, I can ask the bus to make a stop there at some point, before or after picking people up at the train station.

On the way back, on **Friday the 19th**, there will be a bus leaving Saint Loup Lamairé at 8:30 a.m. and going first to the airport, then to the train station. Normally, you should be able to catch any train after 10:00 a.m., without any problem.