Travel Guide

For participants.

Vast Early America: A Transcontinental Conversation

19–21 June 2024
Paris Charles de Gaulle

Travelers arriving at Paris Charles de Gaulle can catch a high-speed train (TGV) operated by SNCF for a direct connection to Poitiers's centrally located train station. The typical travel duration for this journey ranges from 2 to 3 hours.

Paris Orly

Upon arrival at Paris Orly, it is recommended to take the Orlybus to the "Montsouris-Tome d’Issoire" stop. From there, transfer to metro line 4 to reach Montparnasse train station. Alternatively, travelers can opt for a taxi. At Montparnasse, there are trains available connecting to Poitiers’s train station. Online reservation is highly recommended for train tickets.

London Stansted

A convenient flight connection is available between London Stansted and Poitiers Airport (Biard). Upon arrival at Poitiers Airport, transportation options include taking bus number 14 (you have to walk around 15 minutes to join the bus station) or using taxi services provided by Taxipoitiers.com (phone: 0033 5 49 88 12 34) or Poitiers-taxi.fr (phone: 0033 6 95 83 13 62).
The fastest way to reach the city center is by taxi, readily available nearby. Approach one directly for prompt transportation, but be aware that taxi prices are relatively high. From the train station to the city center, prices may range from 5 to 15 euros. It’s recommended to inquire about the price beforehand to ensure clarity on pricing.

Bus tickets will be provided at your hotels for use during your stay. If you opt to take the bus from the train station to the hotel, you’ll need to obtain the first ticket. You have three options: purchase an online version through the suggested app "Vitalis," buy a ticket at the automatic ticket office near the bus station, or acquire one at a tobacco shop next to the train station.

If you’re driving to Poitiers and staying at a hôtel in the city center, you have two parking options for your car: Parking Carnot and Parking Notre Dame.
Useful Information

Transportation

In order to check bus schedules, get the Vitalis app from the App Store or Google Play. It provides a map, bus lines, stops, and real-time schedules.

The five recommended hotels are centrally located in the city center. For bus travel, lines 12, 13, 0, and 2B serve various areas. Head to the bus station by the train station. Refer to the picture for the correct bus stop. Exit at Victor Hugo or Magenta to reach your destination. (More details on pages 5-9)

Accommodation

For convenience, especially without a car, consider booking a hotel in the city center. Receptionists at these hotels speak English fluently, and online booking is available (e.g., booking.com).

All suggested hotels offer easy access to the campus via bus and are within walking distance of main venues. Enjoy exploring the car-free, charming city center, especially delightful in June.
Hôtel de l’Europe offers a high level of comfort, & reasonable prices. Located at 39 rue Carnot. Phone: 0033 5 49 88 12 00

Hotel Ibis Poitiers Centre; another good accommodation option located near Hôtel de l’Europe. Situated at 15 rue du Petit Bonneveau. Phone: 0033 5 49 88 30 42.

Best Western Poitiers Centre, provides good price-to-quality value and is located at 28 rue Carnot. Phone: 0033 5 49 60 90 60

Hôtel Central Poitiers offers a commendable price-to-quality ratio. You can find it at 35 place du Maréchal Leclerc. Phone: 0033 5 49 01 79 79.

Hôtel Mercure Poitiers, known for its high standards and beautiful setting within a monastery, stands as a more luxurious but relatively expensive option. It is located at 14 rue Edouard Grimaux, 86000 Poitiers. Phone: 0033 5 49 50 50 60.
By Bus:

To reach Hotel de l’Europe by bus from the train station, follow these steps:

1. Walk to the Bus Stop Near the Train Station: Exit the train station and head to the bus stop located nearby.
2. Board Bus: Wait at the bus stop and board either Bus Line 2B or Bus Line 13. Both of these buses will take you in the direction of your destination.
3. Ride for approximately 4 stops.
4. Get off at Bus Station "Magenta": When you arrive at the fourth stop, alight at Bus Station "Magenta". This is where you’ll disembark the bus.
5. Walk to Hotel de l’Europe: After getting off the bus at Bus Station "Magenta", proceed to walk to Hotel de l’Europe. The hotel should be within walking distance (1mn) from this bus stop.
Heading to the Hôtel Ibis Poitiers Centre from the train station

On foot: 1.1km (17min)

To reach Hôtel Ibis Poitiers centre by bus from the train station, follow these steps:

1. Exit the train station and head to the bus stop located nearby.
2. Wait at the bus stop and board either Line 2B or Line 13. Both of these buses will take you in the direction of your destination.
3. Ride for approximately 5 stops.
4. When you arrive at the fifth stop, get off at Bus Station "Magenta".
5. After getting off the bus at Bus Station, proceed to walk (follow the directions in the picture). The hotel should be within walking distance (1min) from this bus stop.

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Heading to the Hôtel Central Poitiers from the train station

On foot: 1km (15min)

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2. Wait at the bus stop and board either Line 2B or Line 13. Both of these buses will take you in the direction of your destination.
3. Ride for approximately 4 stops.
4. When you arrive at the fourth stop, get off at Bus Station "Victor Hugo".
5. After getting off the bus, proceed to walk (follow the directions in the picture). The hotel should be within walking distance (1mn) from this bus stop.
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To reach Hôtel Mercure by bus from the train station, follow these steps:

1. Exit the train station and head to the bus stop located nearby.
2. Wait at the bus stop and board Bus Line 0.
3. Ride for approximately 3 minutes, non-stop.
4. Get off at Bus Station "Place Lepetit".
5. After getting off the bus, proceed to walk. The hotel should be within walking distance (2mn) from this bus stop (Follow these indications).
Heading to the University from the city center

To go from the city center to the University, start at Hôtel de Ville, which is conveniently situated in the central area close to three hotels. If you are staying at Hotel Mercure, just head back to the bus station where you originally got off.

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**Step 2**

Head to the bus stop at Place Lepetit (follow the walking route below), board bus 1 headed towards Milétrie Patis, wait for 6 stops, and get off at the bus station Cité U.

**Step 3**

Cité U is situated near the two buildings where the conferences will take place. (Refer to the picture below for your reference).
Recommanding Restaurants

Auberge Chez Cul de Paille
3 rue Theophraste Renaudot, 86000 Poitiers
Phone : 05 49 41 07 35

La sérrurie
28 Rue des Grandes Ecoles, 86000, Poitiers
France
Phone : +33 5 49 41 05 14

La vinglèque
37 rue Carnot, 86000 Poitiers
Phone : 05 49 55 07 03

Les archives
14 rue Edouard Grimaux, 86000 Poitiers
Phone : 05 49 30 53 00

Au Bureau
13 rue Carnot, 86000 Poitiers
Phone : 05 49 47 87 42

La Mangeoire
55 Place Charles de Gaulle, 86000 Poitiers
Phone : 05 49 38 77 91
Events & Receptions

Events and dinners are scheduled to take place in these spots:

Espace Mendès France
Plenary duo 1 + reception
Wednesday 19th 5:30 p.m

Le Rooftop
Dinner Thursday 20th 8 p.m (Reservation required)

UFR Droit- Place Charles de Gaulle
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**Event 3 - Plongez dans le passé**

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Additional Events in Poitiers (21th-22th June)

La fête de la musique (21th June)

Our academic event in Poitiers coincide with La Fête de la musique!
La fête de la musique, also known as Music Day or Make Music Day, is an event celebrated annually on June 21st in France and around the globe. It’s a day when musicians of all kinds take over the streets, parks and cafes and perform.
It’s the perfect moment to discover new artists, enjoy some tunes, dance and enjoy.
Main places:
City center (bars & streets).
Parc Blossac 5mn walking from City hall.
Théâtre auditorium de Poitiers (TAP)

Plongez dans le passé (22th June)

Join us for the additional Saturday program "Plongez dans le Passé" organized by Professor Elodie Peyrol-Kleiber, co-chair of the conference program committee.

"Plongez dans le Passé: l’Amérique des XVIIe et XVIIIe siècles à Poitiers" will take place on Saturday, June 22nd. This free-access one-day event aims to showcase the diversity of populations and cultures in the Americas during the 17th and 18th centuries.

Experience live interviews, reenactments, historical debates, music, storytelling, and scientific exhibition posters introducing Early America. Students will actively participate throughout the day. Join us for an immersive journey into history in Poitiers.
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