

CANNES CANNES

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In 1883 the Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits created a luxury train to compliment its Orient Express to carry travellers from Paris to the Côte d'Azur and beyond. Within a few years the service had been extended to start at Calais and was renamed the Calais-Méditerranée Express

By the 1920s the Express was exclusively first-class and had a dining car renowned for its haute cuisine. The sleeping cars were painted blue, which lead to the nickname "le train bleu", and it was most popular between November and April when many travellers escaped the British winter to spend time on the French Riviera.

From Calais the Express sped to Paris, picked up more passengers and coaches, and departed Paris early evening. The train made stops at Dijon, Châlons and Lyon before reaching Marseille next morning. Further stops followed at all the major resort towns of the Côte d'Azur

Early passengers included the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII), Charlie Chaplin, Coco Chanel, Winston Churchill and writers F. Scott Fitzgerald, Evelyn Waugh and Somerset Maugham.

Today the TGV (Train à Grande Vitesse) is home to the Cannes Cannes Express companions, sharing and recreating the opulence of the 1920s..!

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London

2013 journey times

London St Pancras to
Paris Gare du Nord
2h 15m

Paris Gare de Lyon to Cannes
5h 10m

Paris

Le Creusat

Lyon

Valence

Cannes

Avignon

Aix en Provence

Marseille

Toulon

St Raphael

Travelling from London to Cannes by
train rather than by plane will save an
estimated 334 tonnes of carbon