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**Additional information for the retreat**

**You will need to be in Albi at the train station by 6pm** **on Saturday June 29,** for the pick up by minivan to go to the retreat center. We will have dinner there.

**The retreat will finish after Breakfast on Saturday July 6th.** **We will drive** **back to the train station in Albi where we will arrive by 9:30am (on time for the 9:45 trains on Saturday July 6th).**

**Hotels in Toulouse:**

Hotel Occitania (3\*very good near the train station), Hotel d’Orsay (seems nice with Garden)

Center of town: Hotel Ours Blanc Wilson, Hotel Royal Wilson

**Hotels In Albi :**

Center of town: Hotel Saint Clair (with inner garden in the old part of town) Hotel le Viel Albi

Near the train station: Hotel D’Orleans (3\*), Hotel Ibis

Albi is a wonderful city to hang out and rest for a few days before the retreat. It is better to stay close to the old city if you are planning to spend a few days in Albi

Near Albi (30-45 minutes by bus) you can visit **Cordes sur Ciel**, high on the edge of a cliff which is one of the most beautiful village in France. If you decide to spend a night in Cordes I recommend staying at Hostellerie du Vieux Cordes in the center of the old town. Cordes is worth spending a night or 2 if you have time.

**What to bring**: Yoga clothes, light summer clothes, a warm sweater or sweatshirt (nights and mornings can be cool as well as the Yoga studio for the morning classes), a light rain jacket, sun lotion, sun hat, light microfiber towel (for the pool & canoeing), swimming suit, good light hiking shoes (for hiking on small roads and on rocky trails).

Weather permitting we are planning to do a canoe float trip on the Tarn river so bring a pair of water shoes or water sandals. (This is required by the company renting the canoes).

If you are planning to travel before or after the retreat you may want to bring a light travel mat, a small foam block and 2 belts. You do not need to bring any props for the retreat.

**About the trains**: It is advisable to book your train ticket for Paris to Albi or Paris to Toulouse in advance through the **SNCF** website (there is a link on my website) or with **Euro Rail** (in English).

**Toulouse-Albi:** takes about 1h15 by Train operated by SNCF. No reservation for this segment.

**Paris- Albi (via Toulouse):** takes about 7h Reservations is required on the TGV part to Toulouse

**Paris- Toulouse:** takes about 5h30 TGV Reservations is required

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We will be in France around June 25. Please let us know that you have safely arrived in France or in the EU.

If for some reason you are not able to be at the train station in Albi at 6pm on June 29 to drive to the retreat center please call or text us on our cell phones.

Any questions let us know. Looking forward to seeing you soon in France!

Anne and Villard