

List of prohibited items on board Thalys trains

To ensure the safety and comfort of all passengers, Thalys has issued a list of prohibited items on board its trains.

This list includes, albeit non-exhaustively, the prohibited items on board in compliance with legislation and instructions from the competent law enforcement agencies/customs and border control authorities.

DANGEROUS, FLAMMABLE, CHEMICAL OR BIOLOGICAL ITEMS:

FIREARMS

- Firearms, even if decommissioned
- Replicas or toys with the appearance of a real weapon
- Ammunition (all calibres, all quantities)
- Any other article manufactured, adapted or intended for use as an assault weapon

BLADES

- Pocket knives and blades (even professional cooking knives) with a blade longer than 3 inches/75 mm
- Razors other than disposable
- Ceremonial blades or those used for martial arts

EXPLOSIVES

- Any explosive item or substance, for example: shells (including souvenirs and historic replicas), detonators, smoke cartridges, grenades, mines, military explosives, fireworks, flares, pyrotechnics, etc.
- Replica bombs

GAS AND LIQUIDS

- All items containing gas, liquids or other inhibitory substances (including CS gas sprays)
- Flammable substances except in very small quantities (lighter fluid, methylated spirit)
- Fuel, paint, methylated spirits, paint thinner, flammable spray in significant quantities

LUGGAGE THAT PRESENTS A HEALTH RISK

- Items emitting an unpleasant smell or that risk spilling in the train
- Luggage that contains parasites

OTHER

- Gardening equipment and tools (e.g. chainsaw, secateurs, etc.)
- Weed killer, chemical products, flammable household products in significant quantities (e.g. solvent)
- tear gas/pepper spray

OVERSIZED LUGGAGE THAT EXCEEDS THE DIMENSIONS SET OUT IN THE LUGGAGE POLICY, for example:

- Household electrical goods (TV, microwave, fridge, etc.)
- Mattresses
- Furniture
- Oversized packages
- Plants or vegetation

PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR COMMERCIAL USE:

- Products whose quantity and/or packaging unambiguously indicate that the "passenger" ticket has been misused for the purposes of carrying merchandise that should have been carried by a specialist freight company

OTHER PRODUCTS or ITEMS:

- Any product prohibited by customs or any other administrative authority of one of the four Thalys countries (for example: drugs)
- Alcohol in quantities exceeding regulations
- Any object, the possession of which is prohibited in the country of boarding or destination

SPORTS EQUIPMENT:

- More than 2 m long
- Crossbows, crossbow bolts, bows, arrows and starting pistols
- Dangerous sports equipment (for example, spear guns)

The following sports items are allowed:

- Skis in covers maximum 2 m long
- Snowboards in covers maximum 2 m long
- Surf boards maximum 2 m long
- Bicycles with both wheels dismantled in a cover with the following dimensions 135 x 85 x 30 cm
- Musical instrument maximum 2m in length
- Golf bag

PETS:

Domestic animals can travel free of charge on board Thalys trains if they are transported in a carrier not exceeding 45 x 30 x 25 cm and if they weigh less than 6 kg.

The Passenger can take a maximum of 2 animals which must be vaccinated. Documents confirming the vaccination status must be presented.

As an exception, pets weighing more than 6 kg can travel without a carrier provided that they are muzzled so as not to disturb other passengers. Dogs travelling without a carrier are only permitted on board upon purchase of a "Dog" fare ticket and provided they travel on the lap of their owner or are kept on a lead on the floor of the carriage and muzzled so as not to be a nuisance to other travellers. Upon request of another passenger, the Train Manager may move the animal and its owner to another part of the train.

Guide dogs accompanying blind travellers as well as assistance dogs travel free of charge.

With the exception of guide dogs accompanying blind travellers and assistance dogs, pets are not accepted on Thalys Snow and Sun trains as well as on connecting trains departing from or travelling to London.

Dangerous dogs, wild animals and birds (parrots, canaries) are not allowed on board.

If the Train Manager considers a piece of luggage to present a risk to the safety of the train and/or to impact the comfort of the travellers, he/she has the right to refuse the luggage or where applicable to issue a fine to the passenger in question, in accordance with the Thalys Transport Terms and Conditions.