

Annual Smartex Trip

TRUSTECH 2017 (Cartes as was)

Cannes, France



TRUSTECH event dates: 28th-30th November 2017

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Information and Invitation

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Smartex will once more be leading its legendary annual pilgrimage, again to Cannes on the beautiful Cote d'Azur. We have naturally conducted an exploratory trip to make the necessary arrangements, information about which is provided below.

Because most of you will choose to fly down there, it is important that – in order to get the best prices – you book your flight there as early as possible. If you wish, we can do this for you. Annabel and I will be travelling outbound from Gatwick to Nice on Monday, 27th November on easyJet EZY8355, departing at 12.55pm, and returning on Wednesday, 29th November on EZY8360 departing from Nice at 9.10pm. You may select flight times, dates or airlines different from these, and book them yourself. The current easyJet return price per person is about £90 all-in. From Nice to Cannes is by train, bus or taxi. Annabel and I will probably take the train as the service is very good and not expensive. Cannes railway station is a short distance from our main hotel choice.

Here are the salient features of the Smartex trip deal:

1. Hotel

Finding hotels near the **TRUSTECH** venue has been a nightmare, as all convenient places have been block-booked by the **TRUSTECH** people and may or may not become free very close to the trip date. Accordingly, we have booked and paid for some rooms at a very convenient hotel for the venue, which is a bit basic but perfectly adequate. The price per night is €155 plus breakfast. The name of the hotel is Best Western Hotel Univers, to Rue Marechal Foch, 29 Rue d'Antibes, Cannes. Once these rooms have been taken, we will

assist guests in locating other convenient hotels nearer the date of the event, when there may be some more free space.

2. Restaurants

As always, we shall offer dinner for the evenings of Monday 27th November and Tuesday 28th November. After some research and testing, we have chosen a pleasant restaurant very close to the above hotel for Monday: [Petit Paris](#), 13 rue des Belges.

For Tuesday, we shall, by popular demand, return to Le Relais des Semailles in Cannes, about 5 minutes' walk from the **TRUSTECH** venue, where last year we had a splendid evening and serious French food (no website but see [here](#)).

3. VIP access to the Exhibition

We are delighted to confirm that we have again managed to secure VIP access to Trustech for our delegation. The VIP passes give access to: the Keynotes, the show floor, the main stage where the pitching sessions will be held, and the VIP Networking lounge. They do not however provide access to the conference track sessions. Conference track session tickets may be purchased in advance from the organisers.

4. The price

Mainly because flights are involved, we are pricing our trip in a more modular way, which will also make it easier for you to select a non-standard package. Each component (flight, hotel, dinners) will have a price and may be selected separately or in any combination. The flight price will increase over time, this being the policy of easyJet etc., and that is why early booking is important. Smartex will add £50 administration fee to each member booking, and £100 for non-members.

- a. Flights – please make your own arrangements as detailed previously (currently about **£65++** return)
- b. Hotel - **£140** plus breakfast per night
- c. Restaurant Monday night, 27th November - **£45**
- d. Restaurant Tuesday night, 28th November - **£55**
- e. VIP pass: **£30**
- f. Smartex Administration fee - £50 for members and £100 for non-members (not applicable if only dinner is required)
[please note that variations on the package can be accommodated at a tailored cost]

We would much appreciate your early indication of whether or not you and/or colleagues would like to join us for all or part of our trip.

See map below for locations,

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Locations map.

