

Travel to the Moulin

Travel by Air

The Moulin is 90 minute drive South of Toulouse, or South West of Carcassonne. Below are some of the carriers as of September 2010.

Ryan Air: Fly to Carcassonne from the following airports
Stansted – Daily; **Liverpool** – Tues, Thurs, and Sundays ; **East Midlands** Mon, Wed, Fri ;
Leeds – Sun. and Wed ; **Glasgow** – Sun, Mon, Wed. ; **Dublin** – Sun- Fri,

Easyjet: Fly to Toulouse from **Gatwick** and **Bristol** Daily

Flybe: Fly to Toulouse Saturdays from **Birmingham**

BMIBaby: Fly to Toulouse Sundays from **Manchester**

Car Hire: We recommend you book your car hire separately over the internet, and when you pick it up, the driver is advised to let his/her partner supervise the luggage, and go straight through to car hire to be first in the queue. If you go with the airlines recommended company and await your luggage, you will be delayed !

Directions from the airport to the Moulin.

From Toulouse: Take the directions to Foix by the Motorway (Initially the Motorway will be in the direction of Barcelona) See directions in “Travel by Car” below.

From Carcassonne: Turn right out of airport and take the road to **Fanjeaux** and **Mirepoix** (We recommend you stop for a coffee in atmospheric Mirepoix with its medieval square and church well worth a visit) Continue on the road to **Foix** and take the directions listed under “Travel by Car” below.

Extra nights: If your flights do not fly you in on a Sunday and return you on a Saturday. You could consider a night & day to explore Carcassonne or Toulouse. Alternatively, there may be room available at the Moulin for an extra night. Please make enquiries. We can advise where to stay, but using www.booking.com will get you a discount on most hotels.

Travel by Car / Ferry

The Moulin is about a 9 hr drive from most Channel ports.

The cheapest Crossings are from Dover – served by Sea France, P & O Stenna and LD Lines. It is worth checking them all to see the most suitable time for you. For those living in the West Country, Brittany Ferries do the longer, more expensive routes.

However I personally find www.ldlines.co.uk the cheapest. I usually cross at lunch time to Boulogne and stay a night in Rouen. Which leaves a 7 – 8 hr drive to the Moulin. If you go for this option, I recommend that, rather than risk the traffic in Paris, take the route via **Evreux, Dreux** and **Chartres**. It also saves on some Motorway tolls!

Directions from Boulogne : Take the A16 south past **Abbeville** and follow the directions for **Rouen**. After Rouen take the A154 direction **Paris**, but then turn South on the N154 towards **Evreux, Dreux & Chartres**. Continue you on N154 - directions **Orleans** and pick up the **A10 autoroute** going South past **Orleans**. Transfer to the **A71 direction Toulouse** and continue heading for Toulouse at **Vierzon** where you pick up the **A20 South** that takes you past **Chateauroux, Limoges, Brives, Cahors & Montauban**. After Montauban take the **A62 East** - direction **Toulouse** and continue round Toulouse taking the Autoroute direction **Foix, Carcassonne** and **Barcelona**. About 30 kms East of Toulouse take the **A66 south** direction **Foix** and **Andorre**. Just before **Foix** come off the motorway, proceed through the centre of Foix and west on the **D117** – direction **St Girons**. After 20 kms you pass through **Le Bastide de Serou**, continue on D117 for another 2 kms and turn right on the **D15** – direction **Durban sur Arize**. After 500 metres you will pass the entrance to **Le Moulin de la Materette** on the right (Too tight to turn in). Continue past 200 metres and turn in the road opposite a left hand drive and rubbish bin. Continue back and turn down the drive to the left and over the bridge into the car park. **A cold beer or Kir awaits! !**

A more relaxed option: If you have the time and wish to enjoy the French Experience more, you could allow time to visit the cathedral and medieval streets at **Rouen** and at **Chartres**. Then stay at an excellent Hotel/Gastronomique Restaurant midway through France – **Relais St Jacques** www.relais-st-jacques.com – just off the motorway north of **Chateauroux**. (4 -5 hrs from the Moulin) Whichever route and time you cross we recommend you **avoid Paris Monday – Friday**. The weekend is much easier particularly if you have a Sat Nav.

You could also consider a night in the **Dordogne**, near **Sarlat** or **Domme**, particularly if you have never explored that area, if you do this you would leave the A20 at Souillac (South of Brive) This would leave you a 3 hr drive to get to the Moulin, next morning. For finding hotels I recommend you use www.booking.com to get excellent discounts, unless you have found one in particular you like, alternatively you could consider staying an interesting stopovers listed in **Alistair Sawdays – French B & B** - www.sawdays.co.uk where you will find anything from a Farm, Water Mill to a Chateau to stay in and greeted by the owner who will probably also cook an excellent evening meal. There are plenty of stopover villages (Villages Etaps) close to the Motorway as you approach Lomoges and afterwards

Another option is to take the expensive 24 hr ferry to **Santander in Northern Spain**, but only recommended if you particularly wanted to visit this area as part of your extended holiday.

Do not hesitate to contact me for further help and recommendations.

If you are running late or are getting lost please phone us on 0561 65 80 07 and we shall assist you.