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From TOULOUSE (BLAGNAC) AIRPORT to BARDIES

Upon leaving the airport, follow the signs towards **Tarbes/Lourdes** and **A61/62**. (Keep a close eye on the signs, as this involves taking several junctions.) After a few kilometres the A61 and A62 divide; you want the **A61** (towards Montpellier).

Soon afterwards, follow the sign for the **A64** and **Tarbes/Lourdes/St. Sebastien**. (Warning: try not to miss this junction! However, if you do, stay on the A61 towards Montpellier and then take the A66 to Foix and follow the directions from Foix below. This will however add up to 45 minutes to your journey.)

Stay on the **A64** for about 45 kms (You will need 1.50 Euro for the toll after a few kms; credit cards accepted.) Come off at **Junction 23** and follow the signs for the **D6** towards **Cazères** and **Ste. Croix-Volvestre**. Stay on the D6, which will take you through **Cazères** and **Le Plan** before arriving at **Ste. Croix-Volvestre** about 18 kms after leaving the autoroute.

Stay on the main road through the village and you will find yourself on the **D627** towards **St-Girons**. Follow this for a few kms through the hamlets of **Merigon** and **Montardit**.

About 5 minutes after Montardit, a small sign on your right announces your arrival in the hamlet of **Gavats** (spelt "Les Gabats" on the Michelin map). Start to slow down, as almost immediately to your left, there is a sign to **Montesquieu Avantès**. Turn left here (just before the sign itself), wind through the hamlet and follow the narrow track for a kilometre or so and you will see the house immediately ahead.
(Total journey time: approx. 1 hour.)

NB. This is also the quickest route from Toulouse direct to **St-Girons**. Instead of turning left at Gavats, simply keep going on the D627 for a further 8 kms and turn right when you reach the D117. For a more direct, but slightly longer route to St-Girons, see directions below.

From CARCASSONNE – ROUTE 1 (via Autoroute)

(This is the most straightforward route from Carcassonne but not necessarily the quickest. Not recommended during evening rush hour.)

Take the **A61** to **Toulouse**, then follow the signs for the **A64** towards **Tarbes/Lourdes** and follow remaining directions from Toulouse Airport (above).
(Total journey time: 1 ½ - 2 hours, depending on traffic.)

From CARCASSONNE – ROUTE 2 (Cross country)*(Recommended during rush hour.)*

Upon leaving Carcassonne airport, turn right on the **D119** towards **Montreal**. After about 10 kms you will come to Montreal and after another 10 kms you will arrive at a roundabout where you should take the D119 towards **Fanjeaux**.

Follow the road up the hill to Fanjeaux and then stay on the D119 for a further 20 kms until you get to **Mirepoix**. At Mirepoix, take the D119 towards **Pamiers**.

After about 15 kms, before you reach Pamiers, you will pass a small airfield on your left called **Les Pujols**. Shortly after, keep an eye out for a left fork which is the **D12**, signposted (I think) to **Foix**. Turn left here and keep going for 4 kms, over a couple of small roundabouts, then follow the signs for the **N20** southwards towards **Foix**. (This involves doubling back at a roundabout to get into the N20.)

After about 10 kms on the N20 you will arrive in Foix. Turn right over the bridge, drive through the town and out the other side onto the **D117** towards **St-Girons**, then follow the directions from Foix (below).

*(Total journey time: approx. 1 ½ hours.)***From FOIX**

Take the **D117** towards **St-Girons**, through **la Bastide-de-Sérou** and **Castelnau**. About 5 kms on from Castelnau turn right at **Rimont** taking the **D518** towards **Montesquieu Avantès**. After 3 kms you will come to a crossroads at the **D119**. Go straight ahead, following the **D18** towards **Montesquieu Avantès**. After about 5 kms you will come to a T-junction where you turn right on the **D418**, also signposted to **Montesquieu Avantès**.

A few hundred metres further on you will arrive in **Montesquieu Avantès**. At the village green, bear left, following the small signs to **Lara** and **Bardies**. After 1 km you will come into the tiny hamlet of Bardies and you will see the house up on the hill ahead of you to the right. Continue through the hamlet, follow the road round to the right and turn right through the white gates.

*(Journey time: approx. 35 minutes.)***From ST-GIRONS**

Take the **D117** eastbound towards **Foix**. A few hundred metres after leaving St-Girons, you will see a used car garage to the left. Turn left immediately before the garage and you will find yourself on a small roundabout where you should take the first exit to the right. This is the **D627**, signposted to **Montesquieu Avantès** and **Audinac-les-Bains (Camping)**.

Follow this road for about 8 kms, past **Audinac** (ignoring the first sign to Montesquieu Avantès) and **Lara**.

Soon after Lara you will arrive at the hamlet of **Gavats** (spelt "Les Gabats" on the Michelin map). Turn right here, following the sign to **Montesquieu Avantès**. Follow the road as it winds through the hamlet and then up a hill for a kilometre or so. You will see the house immediately ahead. (For parking and camping, follow the road to the right for 50 metres and park in the field to the left.)

(Journey time: 15 minutes.)

From TOULOUSE AIRPORT TO ST-GIRONS (Avoiding Country Roads)

(This is a bit longer than going past Bardies, but is more straightforward.)

Upon leaving the airport, follow the signs towards **Tarbes/Lourdes** and **A61/62**. (Keep a close eye on the signs, as this involves taking several junctions.) After a few kilometres the A61 and A62 divide; you want the **A61** (towards Montpellier).

Soon afterwards, follow the sign for the **A64** and **Tarbes/Lourdes/St. Sebastien**. (Warning: Try not to miss this junction! However, if you do, stay on the A61 towards Montpellier and then take the A66 to Foix and then the D117 all the way to St-Girons. This will however add up to 45 minutes to your journey.)

Stay on the **A64** for 65 kms (You will need 1.50 Euro for the toll after a few kms; credit cards accepted.) Come off at **Junction 20**, signposted to **Salies-du-Salat** and **St-Girons** and follow the **D117** for 26 kms, all the way to St-Girons.

(Journey Time: 90 minutes.)