

SCENIC ROUTE FROM BORDEAUX

Driving direct from Bordeaux to Mazamet will take approximately 3.5 hours, with the most direct route taking you via the Toulouse 'périphérique' (ring-road). As the route takes you close to Toulouse's 'Blagnac' airport, you can either follow the directions from our [website](#) or the scenic route below.

THE ROUTE

Head in the direction of Toulouse on the A62. If you have not been to [Agen](#) (90 mins from Bordeaux and a short detour from the A62) it's a nice city to spend a couple of hours and explore.

Continuing in the direction of Toulouse, you will eventually reach the exterior ring-road where you will continue until you reach the **turning onto the A68 in the direction of Albi.** You will only stay on this motorway for a short distance and **exit onto the D888** which will be signed for Rabastens.

Continue on the D888 in the direction of Lisle-Sur-Tarn and again stop in this village for a wander around (a good spot for lunch too at the local's "[Café du Centre](#)"); leaving Lisle-Sur-Tarn, **take the D888 in the direction of Gaillac** and again stop and walk through the streets down towards the river to see the church and ancient bridge suggested lunch stops [La Table du Sommelier](#) & [Vigne en Foule](#)



(Both Gaillac & Lautrec are popular locations on our Self-Drive Day Tours if you wanted to leave a visit for another day)

From Lautrec, **take the D83 in the direction of Castres** and after 10/15 mins you will reach a roundabout above a major road and you want to **take the slip road onto this (N112) in the direction of Mazamet.** Stay on this road for about 10 mins until you reach a roundabout with some sports fields on your right, **take the second exit signposted Mazamet (this is still the N112 but sometimes the D621 also).**

From Gaillac, head on the D964 towards Graulhet and pick up the **D83 signposted for Lautrec & Castres.** Stop at [Lautrec](#) which is a lovely medieval village, walk up to the old windmill (*if the weather is good*) for a stunning view towards the Montagne Noire and beyond to the Pyrenees. Have a coffee in Café Plum or, if arriving at lunch time, a great little restaurant [Le Close d'Adèle](#)

Continue on this road (*about 10 mins*) until you reach a set of traffic lights with an "Aldi" supermarket on your left, this is the "K Junction" described on our website's downloadable directions which you can view & print from this [link](#) (*following the directions for the last few minutes to La Villa*)

