

SCENIC ROUTE FROM THE PROVENCE REGION & MONTPELLIER

If you are travelling to La Villa from Provence this scenic route will allow you to make the most of your journey to us rather than just taking less scenic autoroute.

The approximate direct drive time to Mazamet (without stops) from Nice (5 hrs); Marseille (4 hrs); Nimes (3 hrs) and Montpellier 2.5 hrs). So you can judge for yourself if you would like to take our suggested scenic route based upon either your arrival time into a regional airport or your departure time from your previous location.

THE ROUTE

If travelling from Provence, you will **take the A7** (from Nice & Aix) or the **A8** (from Marseille) in the direction of Nimes and then towards **Montpellier on the A9**. **Montpellier** is a wonderful city to visit but do allow at least two hours here as there is a lot to see, this will whet your appetite for a return stay.

From Montpellier you will **take the main A9/E15/E80** (common in France for a road to have multiple numbers!) in the direction of **Beziers**, this is the main autoroute that runs through to Spain.

Exit at **junction 34** for the town of **Pezenas** which is a very interesting town of Roman origin. There is one of the region's largest markets (*Saturdays*) and is also well regarded for its antique shops which can be found on the **N9** (*the old Beziers road*) and normally open Tuesday-Saturdays. If you arrive in time for lunch, our favourite spot is **L'Entrepot**.

Leave Pezenas on the D13 in the direction of **Roujan** and then **Gabian**, you will take this road through to village of Faugeres - this is vineyard countryside and very pretty - a lovely little place for a bite to eat is **Dame Jane**. Leaving the village of Faugeres, **take the D909** which,



after a short time, will split and you take the **left fork which is the D909a** towards **Herepian**.

At Herepian, you will **turn left onto the D908** in the direction of **Olargues**, make time to stop at Olargues which is one of the "Les Plus Beau Villages de France"; **continue left from Olargues on the D909** and you will (*after 15/20 mins*) reach an intersection with the main road **D612, turn right in the direction of St. Pons de Thomieres** and this is the main route through to Mazamet which you will reach in around 45 minutes (*you can*

then pick up the directions here on our website under the section Montpellier/Beziers [Directions](#))

Should you have the time (*and if your journey after La Villa will not take you back along this route*) just prior to Olargues you can take a de-tour to visit the village of Roquebrun which sits on the banks of the river Orb. **Take the D14 on your left**, over the metal bridge, and follow this road down through the stunning scenery of vineyards, deep valleys, and rocky outcrops - there are a couple of places to have lunch in Roquebrun itself too. When you leave Roquebrun, return on the same direction you arrived and turn left after you re-cross the metal bridge onto the **D908 towards Olargues**.

IMPORTANT NOTE - when travelling from Provence/ Montpellier to Mazamet and using a Satnav, do not follow directions that take you via Narbonne & Carcassonne. This is a VERY long route. If you wish to simply come to us direct, exit the A9 for "Castres & Mazamet" and follow the directions from our [website](#).

