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Beginners are Welcome!

Non-painters & photographers welcomed too! Please click here

If you are thinking of requesting a brochure please click here

If you are thinking of renting a car as part of your holiday, we can recommend the use of Europcar. We use Europcar ourselves whenever we have need for a rental car either in France or the UK

Europcar have offices at Bergerac and Bordeaux airports, and also at Marmande (16kms from 'chez

Getting Here By Plane, Train or Car

Transport from your home is not included in our price. However, once you have arrived in our area, a free transfer service to and from airports or railway stations is provided by us, as detailed below.

You should aim to arrive on a Saturday if at all possible. This is because our painting and photography schedules run from Monday to Friday inclusive. Saturday is pick-up/drop-off day and Sunday is a free day for guests and a 'catch up on garden/pool/house maintenance / office work' day for us!

If you can only get flights on a Sunday, you will need to get a train from the nearest town to your chosen airport to Tonneins (we'll pick you up at Tonneins station) and you would need to book hotel accommodation near your chosen airport on the Saturday prior to your departure.

Of course if you prefer to hire a car and drive to us (perhaps because one person is not going to participate in the painting or photography schedules and/or because you wish to arrive mid-week and want to make your own arrangements for getting here) Europcar and others have desks at the arrival airports.

In any event, whether you choose to fly to us, drive, or come by train, you will find that getting here is very easy....

Two worldwide low-cost flight price comparison websites have recently been launched:

Skyscanner.net

Dohop.com

(we can't yet vouch for the results produced from these sites and so would be pleased to receive your feedback regarding their usefulness and reliability)

To Bergerac, Bordeaux or Toulouse

Bergerac and Bordeaux are our two preferred airports as there are flights in and out on Saturdays and your transfer time is only approximately one hour for either.

Toulouse is twice as far and so has a transfer time of apx. 2 hrs, dependent on traffic. We have to levy an extra charge of 125 euros each way for Toulouse pick-ups/drop-offs

By Air from the UK

Clicking the links in black type below will connect you to the airlines and airports listed:

Ryanair	To: Bergerac	From: Bristol, London Stansted, East Midlands & Liverpool (Online booking may not be available from October to March inclusive from some of these airports)
	To: Bordeaux	From: Cork & Edinburgh
British Airways	To: Bordeaux and Toulouse	From: London Gatwick with connecting flights to several other UK airports if required - <u>please check with British Airways for details</u>
Bmibaby	To: Bordeaux	From: Manchester & Birmingham (Online booking may not be available from October to March inclusive)

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FlyBe (Online booking may not be available from October to March inclusive from some of these airports)	To: Bergerac	From: Birmingham, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, Leeds-Bradford, London Gatwick and Southampton
	To: Bordeaux	From: Southampton
	To: Toulouse	From: Birmingham
EasyJet	To: Bordeaux	From: Luton
	To: Toulouse	From: London Gatwick
Other...	Lufthansa, Air France and several others also fly in to the area	
By Air from other countries	Paris is the main 'hub' for long-haul international flights, with connecting flights to Bordeaux from there. However, Amsterdam, Munich, Frankfurt and London have all been used as 'hubs' by previous clients. Bordeaux tends to deal more with European and North African flights. Therefore, if your country of departure is outside Europe you will need to bear this in mind.	
By Rail within France	<p>The high speed TGV runs to Agen and Bordeaux enabling connections to our local station at Tonneins</p> <p>We will collect you from Tonneins station (10 minutes away)</p> <p>Please check with the French rail service, SNCF, for full service information in English. You may book tickets online and have them posted to the UK. Discounts apply to the over-60s. An alternative site is SNCF from UK</p>	
 <p>©2011 Google - Map data ©2011 Google, Tele Atlas -</p> <p>View Painting-Photography-France in a larger map</p>		
By Road within France	<p>We are just 15 minutes from the A62 autoroute</p> <p>If you have a GPS/SatNav device that allows navigating to precise co-ordinates (such as Tom-Tom), you can target us at these co-ordinates : 44° 23' 14"N - 0° 15' 40"E. Failing that, enter the town/village as "Lagruere" and the address as "St. Juin" There is no house number.</p> <p>If you are using a road atlas then....</p> <p>From Bordeaux.... Take the A62 autoroute, leaving at Jct 5 (Marmande). From the roundabout after leaving the toll booth, follow the sign to Casteljaloux and Samazan and apx. 500 metres later, at the next roundabout, turn left and take the D289 to St. Marthe and Le Mas d'Agenais. Eventually you will hit the T junction with the D6 (Le Mas d'A to Casteljaloux road), turn left here to Le Mas d'Agenais After you have come down the hill in Le Mas, turn right at the crossroads (signed D143 to Calonge and Damazan). After you leave the village, take the next turn left onto the D234 signed</p>	

Lagruère.

Follow this road, and, after you enter the village of Lagruère, turn left at the T junction. Then, JUST BEFORE the canal bridge ahead of you, turn immediately right, following the signs to The 'Halte Nautique'. This will take you on through the rest of the village of Lagruère.

You will eventually pass the 'Mairie' (Mayor's Office), on your right, and then you will go steeply downhill, curving sharp left to take you across the canal.

Once over the bridge, bear right and keep straight on, past 'La Halte Nautique' with the canal on your right and stay straight on this road.

Turn next right by the old ruined church (signed to Villeton) and you will see the gated entrance to "Les Peupliers" immediately on your left. just after you make the turn.

From Toulouse...

Take the A62 autoroute, leaving at Jct 6 (Aiguillon / Tonneins) at the village of Damazan.

From Damazan, there are two roads signposted to Tonneins. DO NOT follow the sign to Tonneins which has the sign for Heavy Goods Vehicles on it! Take the other road.

You are now on the D300 (although this first sign doesn't say so)

Follow the D300 towards Villeton for about 8 kilometres.

On the edge of Villeton cross straight over the D120 and continue ahead for apx 3 kms until the road forks. The left fork leads over the canal bridge to Lagruère and Calonges. Take the right fork and drive down away from the trees to the T junction near the ruined church at St Juin. The gated entrance to "Les Peupliers" is immediately on your right just before you reach this junction

From Bergerac....

Take the D933 to Seyches

In Seyches, take the D641 to Gontaud-de-Nogaret, continuing on the D641 for 3.5 kms until you reach the N113. Turn left here to Tonneins.

In Tonneins town, turn right at the first set of traffic lights (signed D120 - Casteljaloux). Cross the Garonne river and then turn right at the sign for Lagruère and "Halte Nautique"

Turn first left at the sign for "Halte Nautique de Lagruère"

Turn left at the ruined church (signed Villeton)

The gated entrance to "Les Peupliers" is immediately on your left as you turn at this junction

You may find it helpful to plan your route using the [AA European Route Planner](#)