

How to get there

There are lots of options for getting to Margon.

If you like driving you can fly into Paris or Barcelona and take your time exploring along the way.

From Paris the simplest and quickest route is via the A10 down through Orléans, Bourges, Clermont-Férrand then via the A75 all the way to Pezénas. The new viaduct just recently opened at Millau is a spectacular sight, being the highest viaduct in the world, spanning an incredible 1.5 miles across the Tarn valley.

If you would rather take the train from Paris, the TGV (very fast train) and other rail services operate all the way to Montpellier.

Travel time: under 4 hours.

Costs: about \$100 one way

Car hire is available in Montpellier just next to the station or at the airport.

Travel time: about 7 hours.

If a more leisurely pace appeals, Bourges has a wonderful regal past and is considered to be "one of the most beguiling towns in central Europe...wandering around the sinuous streets, half-timbered buildings and gothic architecture" (The Sunday Times, UK, April 10 2005).

From Barcelona the drive is very easy.

Travel time: less than four hours

Route: via the A7 in Spain and A9 in France, exiting at Sortie 34, follow the signs to Pezénas via the A75. Margon is 10 minutes drive west of Pezénas.

If you feel like a detour, enjoy a couple of nights on the Costa Brava, we recommend the seaside village of Calella de Palafrugell which is lovely.

From Montpellier the drive to Margon takes about an hour.

Alternatively, RyanAir has flights from London to Carcassonne, Toulouse or Nimes, so there are plenty of options.

If you are spending over four weeks in Europe you may find leasing a car instead of hiring, better value.

Getting to Margon:

The easiest way to find Margon, is to come via Pezénas. Exit the A9 at Sortie 34 (if you are coming West from Montpellier, or East from Narbonne) and follow the signs to Pezénas via the A75.

On the A75 follow the signs to Pezénas Sud and look out for signs (at roundabouts) to Bedarieux and then Roujan. Drive to Roujan, and in the middle of Roujan you will see a sign on the left to Margon. Turn left and drive about 2 kilometres through the vineyards to the next village which is Margon. You will see the turrets of the Chateau from quite a distance.

Finding the house:

If you are coming from Roujan drive through to the other end of the village (away from Roujan) and just before the town ends there is a little triangular carpark (for about 6 cars). Stop there and look sharply to your right where the old archway is. Walk through the archway and you are directly facing the house, which is on a corner. It has the street sign "rue du Banastes" on it, (which is the street adjacent to rue du Chateau). The front door for the house is up two or three wide steps around the corner (not up the long set of steps to La Petite Maison).

If you are coming from Pouzolles you will see the little triangular car park on your right when you first drive into the village with the archway on your left.

Parking:

You should park your car in the triangular car park near the house, or in La Place (Village square full of large old plane trees) if there is no room near the house.