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# Toulouse heritage



CRUISE ON THE CANAL

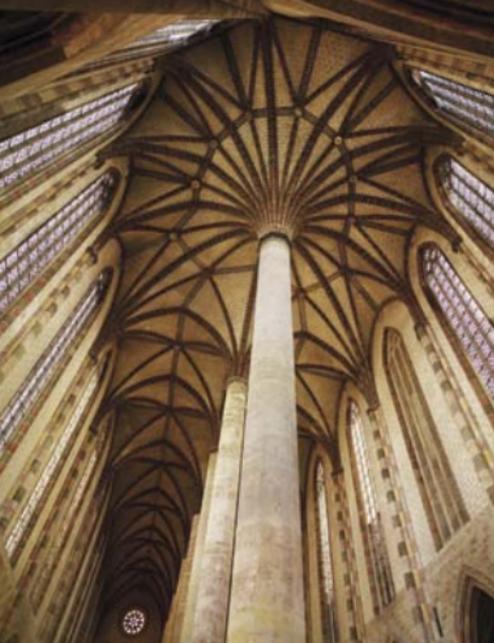
Toulouse, a city with an exceptional heritage, has some wonderful surprises in store for you. Private mansions from the golden age of wood (a plant grown in the 16<sup>th</sup> century for its blue pigment), religious buildings with brick and stone decorations, rich collections in museums based in remarkable monuments and converted industrial sites: so many amazing places to see! Let the pink city reveal all its history and charm as you travel among its streets and monuments. In the evening, the façades, the River Garonne and the city's monuments take on a new look with clever lighting.



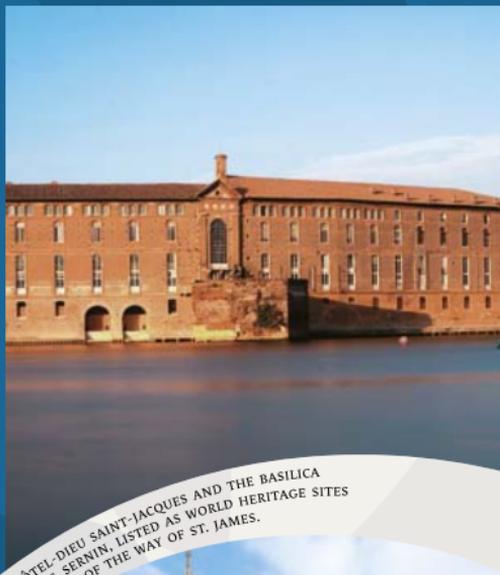
ASSÉZAT MANSION



THE CAPITOLE



THE JACOBINS PALM TREE



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THE SKELETON WALL AT THE MUSEUM





# Toulouse art of living

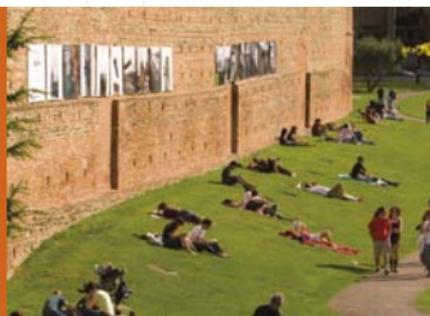


CAFÉ TERRACE

Enjoying the gentle way of life in the Toulouse area of Southern France means taking the time to live. Wander the bustling streets for a spot of shopping, stroll around the markets, or take a break on a café terrace. The atmosphere here reveals the personality of people in the South: authentic and friendly. While Toulouse knows how to live, it also knows how to entertain guests, often around a table laden with local products to savour: *foie gras*, duck breast, *cassoulet*, Toulouse sausage, wine (Fronton, Gaillac, Armagnac), cheese (Roquefort, Tomme des Pyrénées), violet treats and more...



CASSOULET



THE RAYMOND VI GARDEN



THE VICTOR-HUGO MARKET

PLACE DES CARMES



TOULOUSE PLAGES (BEACH FESTIVAL)



PLACE SAINT-GEORGES



# Toulouse fiesta



PARADE IN THE CITY STREETS



THE STADE TOULOUSAIN

Toulouse is an active, bustling city whose pronounced taste for celebration makes it similar to nearby Spain. Its enthusiastic personality finds expression at the rugby matches of the Stade Toulousain, and football games with the TFC "violets". Its cultural life gives free rein to creativity and emerging new trends at festivals such as Río Loco, Toulouse en piste and La Novela, as well as events such as the Violet Festival, carnival, the Toulouse Metro-pole Marathon, Toulouse plages beach festival and more... Our cinemas, theatres, restaurants, casinos, bars and discos are also great places to continue your evening.



TUGAN SOKHIEV, CAPITOLE NATIONAL ORCHESTRA

FÊTE DE LA MUSIQUE (MUSIC FESTIVAL)



TOULOUSE EN PISTE (STREET FESTIVAL)



ON THE BANKS OF THE GARONNE



TANGOPOSTALE FESTIVAL

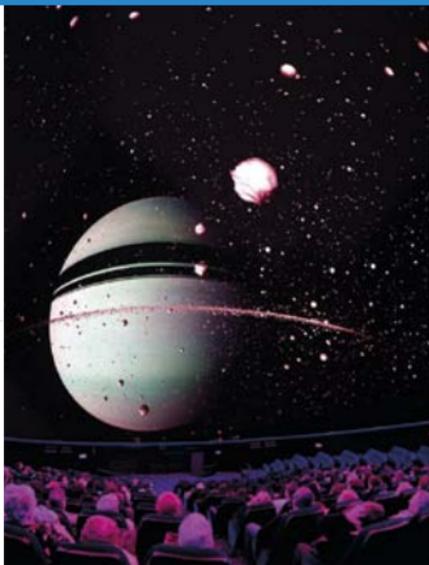


# Toulouse city of knowledge

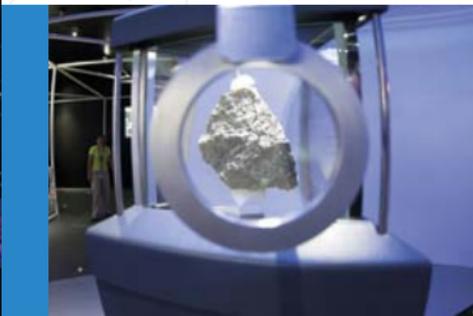


THE SOYUZ CAPSULE AT THE CITÉ DE L'ESPACE

Since the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Toulouse has witnessed many daring innovations: Clément Ader and his curious “aeroplane” machine, then the Aéropostale connections with his heroes such as Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. Today, the A380 sets the standard for research and innovation. Enthusiasts can visit the Airbus production lines. A visit to Toulouse is also an opportunity to learn about the sciences of the Universe through the new activities and exhibition spaces on offer at the Cité de l'espace theme park: the Ariane V rocket, Mir space station, Imax, planetarium and more...



THE PLANETARIUM



MOON STONE



AIRBUS ASSEMBLY FACTORY

THE A380



ON THE BANKS OF THE GARONNE



THE CITÉ DE L'ESPACE



# Toulouse nature



BICYCLE ON PLACE SAINT-ÉTIENNE

Toulouse is resolutely modern and cosmopolitan, yet also retains a human aspect and offers a pleasant combination of green and blue. It's easy to tour the city on foot, by bicycle or on a boat along the water. The *canal du Midi*, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the many parks and gardens offer plenty of natural areas that are ideal for relaxing, walking or playing sports. The River Garonne is the soul of the city: its waters run through the middle of the city and its banks are focal points for life in Toulouse.



PANORAMIC TERRACE OF THE BAZACLE



PONT NEUF BRIDGE



RELAXATION ON THE BANKS OF THE GARONNE



DETAIL OF A FOUNTAIN IN TOULOUSE



CRUISE ON THE CANAL DE BRIENNE



# Toulouse and further afield



ALBI

Feeling adventurous? Want to get away from the urban environment for a while? As the gateway to the Midi-Pyrénées region, next to Languedoc-Roussillon, Toulouse's geographical location makes it the ideal starting point for discovering an area that's full of exceptional sites, listed among the "Most Beautiful Villages of France" or identified as "Great Sites of Midi-Pyrénées". Albi, Lourdes, Moissac, Rocamadour, Carcassonne... Let Toulouse show you the way to admire local treasures of architecture and nature, gems of Romanesque and medieval art, and great bastions of spirituality.



CAHORS



LOURDES



THE PYRENEES

MOISSAC CLOISTER



MILLAU VIADUCT



THE CITY OF CARCASSONNE



# Toulouse in figures





## Located

- 681 km south of Paris
- 150 km from the Mediterranean
- 250 km from the Atlantic Ocean
- 110 km from the Pyrenean ski resorts
  
- France's 4<sup>th</sup> biggest city and 5<sup>th</sup> biggest urban area
- 445,000 inhabitants
- Toulouse Metropole: 711,000 inhabitants
- Over 20,000 newcomers per year
- France's 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest university town
- Capital of Midi-Pyrénées, the biggest region in France
- European aeronautical capital
- 4<sup>th</sup> biggest provincial airport

## Weather

- Temperate climate
- 2,027 hours of sunshine per year on average
- 650 millimetres of rain per year on average
- 4 days of snow per year on average

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