



HOW TO GET HERE by CAR

Our postal address is:

Maison du Couvent, 4 Venelle des Ursulines, Villebois-Lavalette, 16320 Charente.

GPS and Lat/Long:

Most GPS systems cannot find our postal address (!), because it's a medieval alley, so use either:

a) this lat/long reference: 45.4816085N, 0.2806245E; or

b) enter this postal address: 1, chemin de l'Enclos des Dames, 16320 VILLEBOIS-LAVALETTE

This postal address is directly opposite our green/grey gates and driveway.

Our telephone number is:

+33 (0) 5 45 23 55 65

There's a map on the last page that you should also print-out!

BY CAR from the NORTH

If you are coming **from the North**, you'll find Villebois Lavalette 20kms (12 miles) south of Angoulême, capital city of the Charente department. Assuming you'll have driven down the N10 from Poitiers, when you are on the west side of Angoulême take the D1000 exit toward Périgueux/Angoulême-Sud/Saint Michel/Puymoyen; at the roundabout at the top of the N10 slip road, take the third exit onto D1000 – then keep to the right and drive past the hospital. At the hospital roundabout, take the second exit, signposted D1000 *Rocade Est*, and then make a sharp right under a bridge and drive up the hill. At the next roundabout take the second exit, following the signs for D1000 *Rocade Est*. At the next roundabout take the third exit, again follow the signs for D1000 *Rocade Est*. There's then a third roundabout at which you take the second exit, and signposted D1000 *Rocade Est*.

The final roundabout on the *Rocade* is a major roundabout with a MacDonald's set back on your right. Take the second exit, south, on the D939 – it's signposted to Périgueux. There are a couple of roundabouts on the D939, but just drive over them following the signs to Périgueux.

After you have passed through the town of Dignac, (which is on the D939), at the next crossroads you'll see the signpost to Villebois on the right - this is the D23, which you should take.

Drive on the D23 all the way into Villebois, do not turn off the road at any junctions – just keep driving until you come to a T-junction in the town. Just to your right at the T-junction is the *Hotel/Restaurant Le Commerce*, but you cannot turn right, (it's no-entry), so turn left and drive, slowly, up the hill. At the second no entry sign, (by *Les Halles*), turn right and drive past *Les Halles*, which will now be on your left.

Leaving *Les Halles* behind you, keep driving ahead. You'll pass the *Brocante* (an antique shop) on your left as you enter rue Andre Bouyer, but watch it, the road narrows for about 25-30 yards. As the road begins to widen, slow down and take the sharp left turning into rue l'enclos des Dames. Proceed up the hill and turn into our entrance, which is signposted, on the left and opposite the *Médiathèque*.

BY CAR from the SOUTH EAST and EAST

There are number of routes to Villebois Lavalette, if you are coming from the East, South or West.

From the East - If you're coming from the Périgueux area, take the D69 from Périgueux to Brantôme; then the D939/D25 from Brantôme towards Angoulême. Shortly after passing through La Rochebeaucourt, (which is on the D939), take the D5 on your left towards Villebois.

As you approach Villebois, its chateau becomes increasingly visible. The D5 takes you along the east slope of the chateau; it then swings round to the left across the north slope. The road then straightens out as you descend the hill towards a crossroads – (you'll see a Bricorama at about two o'clock on the right side of the road after the cross-roads.)

At the crossroads, turn left - you'll pass a florist and hairdresser on your left before you arrive at a T-junction. Just to your right at the T-junction is the *Hotel/Restaurant Le Commerce*, but you cannot turn right, (it's no-entry), so turn left and drive up the hill. At the second no entry sign, (by *Les Halles*), turn right and drive past *Les Halles*, which will be on your left.

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BY CAR from the SOUTH

From the South - If you're coming from the Bergerac area, or Bergerac Airport, you'll need to get on the D13 that runs north-west out of Bergerac towards Mussidan. (We mention "north-west" because our sat-nav always tries to take us north-east towards Périgueux – which is silly as this is a much longer route!)

When you get to Mussidan, you need to keep heading north, so follow the signs to Ribérac. After you have crossed the river l'Isle river, take the D709 to Ribérac. Drive straight through Ribérac in a northerly direction and you should then find yourself on the D708 heading towards Verteillac.

Drive through Verteillac and on up to La Rochebeaucourt, where you will need to keep to the west to get on to its new bypass. At the first roundabout you come to, take the D939 towards Angoulême.

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BY CAR from the SOUTH WEST and WEST

From the West – To get here from the West, say the Bordeaux area, and you want a peaceful drive up to Villebois, we suggest you go via Coutras, then La Roche Chalais and then Chalais. The N10 going north and east out of Bordeaux is a good and fast, but big trucks dominate the road.

So, from Bordeaux, follow the signs to Libourne – your objective is to get on the D674 from Libourne to Coutras. At Coutras, keep on the D674 and head on up to La Roche Chalais. then Chalais, and then Montmoreau-Saint-Cybard. About 3 miles north of Montmoreau turn right on to the D16, which is signposted to Villebois Lavalette.

As you enter the outskirts of Villebois you will see the chateau on the hill ahead, and at the first cross-roads, with the Bricorama shop on your left, turn right i.e. follow the signage to “Centre Ville”.

You’ll then pass the west side of the chateau on your left and a florist and hairdresser on your right before you arrive at a T-junction. Just to your right at the T-junction is the *Hotel/Restaurant Le Commerce*, but you cannot turn right, (it’s no-entry), so turn left and drive up the hill. At the second no entry sign, (by *Les Halles*), turn right and drive past *Les Halles*, which will be on your left.

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