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DIRECTIONS TO LE LAVANDIN FROM PARIS or FROM MARSEILLE

Have a wonderful drive in the French countryside!!

IF YOUR CAR HAS A GPS/NAVIGATION SYSTEM, YOU CAN GIVE IT MY ADDRESS - 1830 Chemin du Val de Guilhaud 84210 Pernes-les-Fontaines, France - AND IT SHOULD GET YOU SAFELY TO Le Lavandin, although not necessarily by the route I give below. (Please note a GPS might have my street name slightly misspelled as Val de Guillaud.)

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IF YOU ARE COMING FROM PARIS and as you begin to get in the South toward **Lyon** the major Autoroute **A7** direction that you will follow will be the direction of **Marseille**.

IF YOU ARE COMING FROM MARSEILLE OR NICE you will also get on **Autoroute A7** and go **NORTH/NORTHEAST** toward **SALON**, then **VALENCE/AVIGNON**, depending on where you pick up the A7. The directions now become the same whether coming from the North or the South.

As you near **Avignon** you will begin to see signs for **Avignon Nord**, (the sign may also say Vedene as well as other village names), **EXIT 23**. This will be your exit off the **Autoroute A7**. The exit numbers are small black numbers in the upper left hand corner of the sign—the word exit or sortir is not used

As soon as you exit at **Avignon Nord** on **EXIT 23** you will go through the peage (toll booth). Choose the booth that is at the far right because immediately after paying you will see the sign for **Vedene, St. Saturnin** (and perhaps others) and that directs you to the road that is on your far right. Continue to watch for the markers for **Vedene** and for **Saint Saturnin les Avignon**. You will first come to **Vedene** but **will not go** into the Centre Ville. Instead you will continue choosing the markers on the roundabouts going toward **Saint Saturnin les Avignon**. (You are more or less going in a southerly direction).

There is a new rond-point (roundabout) that has just been opened between VEDENE and ST SATURNIN; it is identifiable by a new and fairly large Boulangerie (Bakery) that will be on your right as you get to the rond-point. You will take the **second exit** which is marked **CHATEAUNEUF de GADAGNE** (the first exit says simply CENTRE VILLE and means the center of ST SATURNIN but is not where you want to go); you do not want the CHATEAUNEUF village either as it is beyond ST SATURNIN but this is the direction you will drive for a few blocks. Confusing, right?!?!?! I think they have not finished the signage yet but hopefully they will soon.....

You will come to an intersection with a traffic light which you will continue through and at the next traffic light which is not very far, make a **left turn** and you will see the markers pointing you toward **PERNES-LES-FONTAINES**. (This is a difficult sign to see---it will be across the street to the left---and not visible until you are almost out in the intersection ready to make your turn. The sign that you can see easily shows Centre Ville to the right and is the intersection you want--- but remember **left turn**). You should now be on **D28**.

You now have a straight stretch for 10 or 15 minutes heading mostly in an easterly direction past fields, vineyards, wonderful old French mas and three roundabouts. At the first two roundabouts go straight through and continue in the direction of **PERNES LES FONTAINES**.

The second roundabout will have a large and lovely old stone wall with drawings on both sides of the road announcing you are in **PERNES**. Continue in the same direction until you come to the third and final roundabout which will have the first exit to your immediate right marked **I'Isle Sur la Sorgue**. **Turn right** toward **I'Isle Sur la Sorgue** --- **note the Renault business on your immediate right**. You are now on a route marked **D938** and again heading in a southerly direction. You are getting very close.....

You will not go very far when you will see on your left a large sign written on a cinderblock-like wall; **CARROSSERIE ABATE**, and on your right a not-too-large cream-colored sign that reads **Chez Laurette**. Just past that will be a very small rectangular sign (on your right) that says **Motocross** and across from it (to your left) is a small country road that turns off D938. You will know it is the right road because there is a log cutting business on the corner, on your right, as you **turn left**.

Drive down this small country road following its squiggles until you come to a 3-way choice of roads. **Do not turn left and do not go right---** **INSTEAD take the center choice** which will again be marked **Motocross** and will have a small street sign reading **Chemin de Val du Guilhaud**. This is my street!!

Continue on this road until you come to a canal with a little bridge. Cross the canal and keep going— you will see a couple of nice houses and then you see my neighbor, Madame Pigeot, who has lived there since birth almost ninety years ago. She, with the help of her son, is still trying to grow a huge vegetable selection to take to the Marche Agricole in Avignon five or six days a week and it is just too much for them to cope with; consequently her property is unlike the meticulous farms so typical of France. She owns just about all the land you can see around the area but that seems not to matter---it's about the good ole' cash flow problem. Anyway, I am the next property on the left, marked **1830**. Ring the buzzer at the gate, someone will answer, and then enter and park facing the olive grove in the area directly ahead of you as you drive onto the grounds.

Just a reminder that **check-in is between 4:30 and 6:30** unless we have made other arrangements. I will be waiting and watching for you!!!! AND, I'm very excited about having you as guests!

TRAVEL SAFELY AND ENJOY!! BON CHANCE!

A bientot,

Georgia

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