

Faugères village itself has a post office and 4 shops selling food, domestic products and craft products. There is a tennis club and a boules area. The Catholic church and Protestant temple are both parts of multi-parish groups; dates and times of services are posted on the doors.

1km from the old village are the garage (fuel and wine only) and bar/restaurant. Two other restaurants some 3 and 5km away are still in the commune which has 5 small hamlets.

Bédarieux, 8km away, is the local market town; with all the usual shops and full market on Monday mornings. There is a Lidl in town and 2 supermarkets on the outskirts with a Macdrive if you get homesick!

Other towns in the area include :-

Lamalou-les-Bains, a spa town which treats paraplegics and has a 1930s atmosphere.

Clermont l'Hérault, with a very large market on Wednesday mornings.

Pézenas, Old capital of Languedoc, home of Molière with all day Saturday market.

Beziers, the "Big City" of the patch with art galleries, museums, bull fighting and rugby.

If you want to be active there are opportunities for archery, climbing, canoeing, fishing, riding, mountain-biking, pony trekking, walking and even occasional bungee-jumping. You can go swimming in various pools, lakes, rivers or the sea which is about 45 minutes drive.

The countryside is very varied; mountains with steep sided valleys and gorges to the north but the plain with charming villages set in vines to the south.

Then there are the restaurants; a wide range of styles and prices from a 40FF pizza or a 68FF lunch of 5 courses including wine and coffee to a 500FF gourmet dinner with wine extra. Wherever you go the food is almost always good but don't be afraid of the frogs legs and snails.



By road, Faugères is a hard 11+hr drive from the Channel; possible in a day but only worth it if you are very short of time or want a relatively cool overnight trip in the high summer. Most people prefer to take 2 days with a night in a hotel. We can suggest some routes or hotels if you want.

The longer ferry routes to Le Havre, Caen, St.Malo or Roscoff have overnight crossings which give an early start to the first day in France.

NB;- French law requires you to CARRY with you and show immediately on demand;-

**the car's registration document,
your certificate of insurance,
the MOT certificate (if appropriate),
your driving licence.**

By public transport; there are rail and air routes but as you will need a car in Faugères try to get car hire included when you book.

Rail routes to Montpellier or Béziers involve changing stations in Paris or there is a Eurostar route via Brussels. For rail enthusiasts the Aubrac Express from Paris to Bédarieux or Béziers via Clermont Ferrand takes 10 hours. Remember the Thames/Clyde Express via Settle-Carlisle?

Air routes all seem to involve either London or Paris. There are direct flights from Stansted to Carcassonne and Perpignan and also from Gatwick to Montpellier.

Of course, public transport limits your scope for taking wine back to UK!

Welcome to our Holiday Gîtes

In *Faugères*



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Faugères is a village in Languedoc, on the south side of the first range of hills inland from the Mediterranean. It is 27km. North of Béziers.

Most of the 400-odd inhabitants grow grapes and make good wine. The village gives its name to the local AOC for red and rose wines from over 30 producers. Most offer tastings and let you buy but they really want your comments.

The village is old; named in a document of 934AD. The heart of the village is at most 300 by 200yds, but people have been known to get lost there.

Our house is at the south-east corner of this part, very close to the church (bells silent at night) , the shops and the village hall “Palais de Bacchus”.



The two self contained gîtes , reached by shared stairs from an entrance hall, have full central heating and TV/Videos (PAL/SECAM). A large shared storage/laundry area and our small storeroom are also on this floor.

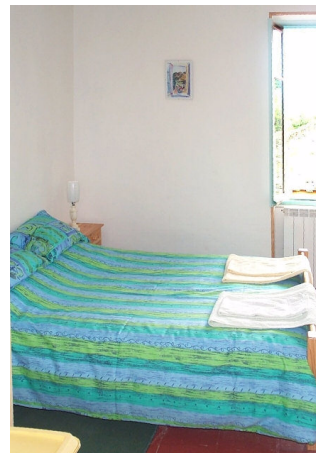
Lettings are normally on a weekly basis (4pm Sat. to 10am Sat) in high season. Alternatives are possible at other times.

Small Gîte



The small gîte sleeps 2 with one double bedroom and en-suite bathroom/wc. The living room has a small, all-electric corner kitchen. It is at the east end of the house with a small balcony which gets the morning sun and afternoon shade; (surprisingly pleasant in high summer).

The rent is £150 per week, including electricity, bed linen, towels for the gîte, and use of washing machine and iron.



Large Gîte



The large gîte sleeps 4 in a double and a twin bedded room. There is a bathroom with separate wc. The large living room has a fully-fitted kitchen area with gas cooker. At the west end of the house, it has a large sunny terrace, a barbecue, terrace furniture and sun shade.

The rent is £250 per week, including electricity, gas, bed linen, towels for the gîte, and use of washing machine and iron.

