

## **Bardou travel information**

**IMPORTANT:** The participants are themselves responsible for organizing their travel. The following information is only a courtesy service, *da capo orchestra & travel* is not liable in case that information is not correct. The information has been collected on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Participants should check themselves connections and timetables before booking and travelling.

## **Geography**

Bardou is in Southern France west of Montpellier, in the region of Languedoc, Département Hérault. Please do not mix up with another place also named Bardou, located east of Bordeaux.

## **Airports and long distance train stations**

The next international airports are Montpellier, Béziers and Toulouse, the next long distance train stations are Montpellier and Béziers. Train tickets, also with departure from France' neighbouring countries, can easily be purchased on the website of the French Railway [www.oui.sncf](http://www.oui.sncf). You might find low fares if you book some weeks in advance. Before booking a flight or train ticket, be sure that you will have enough time to catch one of the following onward connections:

## **Onward connections**

Bardou is not connected to public transport. You will be picked up either from Bédarieux, which is the next local train station, or from one of the closest bus stops, these are Mons La Trivalle or Le Poujol. From Bardou, it takes us about 10 minutes by car to be in Mons and about 40 minutes to be in Bédarieux.

**From Montpellier:** Take the long distance bus n. 682 / 685 from Montpellier directly to Mons La Trivalle. The coach station in Montpellier is called Mosson. You get there with the tramway n. 3 from the main station (this takes 20 minutes). Long distance busses depart from Mosson at 15.45 (arrival in Mons La Trivalle at 17.33), at 16.45 (arrival in Mons at 18.45, change at Le Poujol; service not on Sundays!), the latest at 18.30 (arrival in Le Poujol at 20.05). Information on bus services can be found on the following website: [www.herault-transport.fr](http://www.herault-transport.fr)

**From Béziers** train station to Bédarieux train station: several connections by bus or train in the afternoon: Bus at 12.15, arrival 13.00; bus at 15.50, arrival at 16.35; train at 16.44, arrival 17.19; bus at 17.30, arrival 18.20; last train at 18.18, arrival 18.52. Different timetable on Sundays! The timetable might change, please check before travel on [www.oui.sncf](http://www.oui.sncf) .

**From Toulouse:** Several train connections to Béziers throughout the day. The trip lasts between 1 1/2 - 2 1/2 hours.

Conclusion: Onward connections take their time, considering also transfers from airports to main stations. Try to book early flights or trains.

### **By car**

If you come via Montpellier, some navigation systems first direct you to Béziers. Whereas we recommend to leave the high way right behind Montpellier, direction A75 Clermont-Ferrand / Millau and then proceed to Clermont l'Hérault and Bédarieux.

Once arrived in Mons La Trivalle, follow the signs to Bardou. The road up to Bardou from Mons la Trivalle, climbs about 5km up a relatively narrow and winding road with some steep hairpin bends.

Since Bardou is at the end of the road, there is normally very little traffic on the road. If you meet a car coming in the opposite direction, there are points on the road where cars can pull over to allow another car to pass. The last km of the road is not in very good condition with some potholes. The road is perfectly doable for normal cars, but for the first time, less confident drivers might find it challenging, which is why we recommend that drivers arrive during daylight.