



## Maison Felix

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*A charming holiday cottage at the foot of Cordes sur Ciel*

## Albi

Albi is a thirty minute drive, about fifteen miles from Maison Felix, and is a really good shopping town with a great deal of choice. It is easy to spend half a day wandering around the shops here. The view into the valley, looking down on Albi as you approach is one you will long remember.



The pink brick cathedral is an awe inspiring sight from outside. The fabulous painted interior will take your breath away. It is worth paying to take a tour of the treasury and see more of the cathedral than the nave if you have the time. There is a lot to see, and it is a really fascinating building, with some great views.

The big Church of St Salvy a short walk from the cathedral is also worth seeing. A less decorated and quieter building with a charm of its own, fine bells, and lovely cloisters. There are restaurants outside in the cloisters during the summer, and after a busy morning shopping, a plate of confit de canard and a small pichet of rosé will be much needed.

Next door to the cathedral is the Toulouse-Lautrec museum. This too is a fabulous building, the Palais de la Berbie, with formal gardens and contains a very fine collection of the works of Toulouse-Lautrec. Adult admission is eight or ten Euros.

If you can tear yourself away from the town, it is worth walking down to the river Tarn. Like the rest of Albi, it is very beautiful. There is an old mill, there are several bridges, and there is a short boat trip between the weirs. This is a good place for a picnic, if you were able to resist the restaurants in the town.