

## TOULOUSE

**Toulouse** is a city in southwest **France** on the banks of the **River Garonne**, half-way between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. Toulouse is one of the centres of the European aerospace industry, with the headquarters of Airbus, Galileo positioning system, the SPOT satellite system, and CNES's Toulouse Space Centre (CST), the largest space center in Europe. Thales Alenia Space, Europe's largest satellite manufacturer, and EADS Astrium Satellites, EADS's satellite system subsidiary, also have a significant presence in Toulouse. Its world renowned university is one of the oldest in Europe (founded in 1229) and is the second largest university campus of France after Paris.



**Basilique Saint Sernin** - a church from the 11th Century, partly restored by the famous french architect Viollet-le-Duc.

**Hôtel d'Assézat** - one of the most appealing of the many old mansions of the city

**Capitole** - the imposing and palatial townhall and theatre, its beautiful facade facing onto the grand Place du Capitole

**Pont-Neuf** - despite its name(like the Parisian bridge of the same name, it's title is most probably derived from the French for 'New', not 'Nine'.), the only old bridge across the Garonne river; built between 1544 and 1626

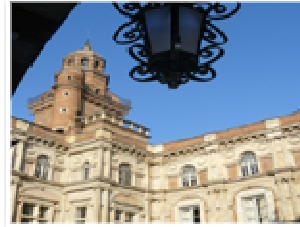
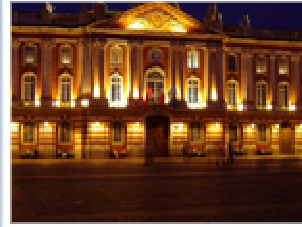
**Les Jacobins monastery church**, contains Thomas Aquinas' relics.

**City park at the Grand Rond**, a bit south-east to the center of the city

**Les Augustins** used to be a monastery church, and is today an art museum

**Les Abattoirs Modern Arts museum**, and there is also a nice garden with a nice view on the Garonne

**Canal du Midi.** The Canal du Midi or Canal des Deux Mers is a 240 km long canal in the south of France, le Midi. The canal connects the Garonne River to the Étang de Thau on the Mediterranean. The Canal du Midi is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



## DO

- Take a walk through the city and along the Canal du Midi
- Have a walk along the Garonne river from St Pierre bridge and Pont-neuf during the evening.
- Party at St Pierre Place: very popular among Toulouse's students

## INFORMATION

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