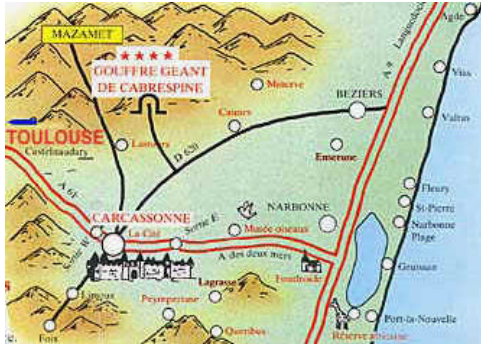


The Giant Cabrespine Gouffre

The cave is situated near the village of Cabrespine, at the junction of the Montagne Noire and the Minervois plain.

Access is easy.



The city of Carcassonne is at 20 minutes distance (direction Mazamet).



The giant Cabrespine gouffre has two main curiosities:

➔ A large room accessible to the public:
floor surface: 80 m, height 220 m!
This classifies the cave between the biggest of the world, opened to tourism.

➔ A wide variety of cristallisations, thanks to the particular geological context. A protection programme has been set up since the discovery of the cave (in the seventies).

The visit of 45 minutes is without steps, which makes the cave accessible to disabled people. It is a journey in a world of fantastic aragonite and limestone cristals.



Towards the “Salles Rouges” (the red rooms, so named after the red ochre colours which are due to the presence of iron oxide) you will admire the “discs”, big cristal plates which hang to the ceiling. Their weight can reach up to 100.000 kilos!

From the “Devil’s balconies” the view is magnificent.



Les "Balcons du Diable", vus du gouffre

The “gouffre” (natural pit) is almost 200 metres deep and you can hardly distinguish the bottom. It is the biggest underground room, opened to the public.