

## The Compassionate Friends & Manoir Mouret

### Questions & Answers

#### **Where is Manoir Mouret?**

Manoir Mouret is in South West France, about an hour north of the city of Toulouse. It is in a small rural village called Andillac in the Department of the Tarn.

#### **What sort of accommodation is there at Mouret?**

4 independent self-catering houses/apartments make up Mouret. They are around a central courtyard. The largest, The Manoir, has 5 bedrooms, the Grange has 3 bedrooms and each of Duras and Mauzac have 2 bedrooms. They share a pool and other outside facilities. The website, [www.manoirmouret.com](http://www.manoirmouret.com), has photos and descriptions of the properties.

#### **Who else would be staying at Mouret during the week and what would they know about our situation?**

Only other members of TCF would be staying at Mouret during that week – adults only. You are of course free to share your personal situations with other guests during the week, but we will not be giving any personal information to other guests other than to confirm that the week is exclusively for TCF members.

#### **Will any representatives from TCF be at Mouret during the week? Will there be any counselling or group sessions?**

No, this is purely an opportunity to have a break. Margaret & Jack live in Andillac but not at Mouret. They will be around during the week looking after the gardens, pool etc as they do for all their guests.

#### **When is Manoir Mouret available for TCF members and how long could I stay?**

In 2022 Mouret is available for TCF **from Saturday 27 August to Saturday 3 September**. You could stay for the whole week or for a number of days during that week.

#### **How could I get to Manoir Mouret?**

There are several flights a week into Toulouse, the nearest airport, from different UK airports for example EasyJet and BA from London and Ryan Air

from Bristol. From the North of England flights go from Manchester to Carcassonne (which is just under 2 hours by car from Mouret). Driving to Mouret takes about 10 hours from Calais.

### **What is there to do at Mouret and in the local area?**

Mouret has a pool, a tennis court, gardens and a small gym. It is in a quiet rural part of France. There are local markets, pretty ancient villages and towns, wineries & local restaurants. Nearby by are activities such as walking routes, horse riding schools and canoeing.

### **What would it cost to stay at Manoir Mouret?**

There would be no charge for staying at Mouret. However, you would need to pay for your own travel, travel & medical insurance, self-catering food whilst staying at Mouret and any other personal expenses during your stay.

### **Who are Jack & Margaret and what is their story?**

Jack & Margaret are an English couple who have been living and working in Andillac for the last 10 years. They operate Manoir Mouret as a business. They rent it for holidays and hold retreats and weddings there. For several weeks a year they would like to share it with people who need a break and specifically members of TCF and also, separately, French carers.

Margaret's younger brother, Peter, died when he was 22. Here is a little about their family history [Peter's Place | Mysite \(manoirmouret.com\)](http://Peter's Place | Mysite (manoirmouret.com))

### **Have Jack & Margaret had any training from TCF?**

They are both participating in TCF's training for new group facilitators in June and July this summer. C

### **I am interested in going to Manoir Mouret this summer. What do I need to do?**

If you're interested in going to Mouret this August please don't hesitate to get in touch with Margaret at [margaret@manoirmouret.com](mailto:margaret@manoirmouret.com) or call or WhatsApp her on +33 (0)6 89 19 25 18. In these initial stages Carolyn Brice ([info@tcf.org.uk](mailto:info@tcf.org.uk)) has kindly agreed to represent TCF in relation to our relationship with Mouret and will be involved in helping to organise visits.

There is of course limited availability this year, but we hope very much that TCF and Mouret will be working together in the future too.