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Our fixtures for next season's Champions Cup have been announced with us traveling to La Rochelle for the 1st time in December & making the trip again to Leicester next January. Getting to see Leinster Rugby on the road in the Champions Cup next season is more affordable than you think!

The OLSC has put together some useful travel information to help bring the ***#seaofblue*** to Leicester & La Rochelle.

To assist supporters, subject to sufficient demand, the OLSC may operate Airport Supporters Buses to/from Bordeaux & Nantes airports and to/from Birmingham & East Midlands airports. Details of expressions of interest will follow in the next few weeks

In the meantime, we have identified some initial options to help you plan your travel below:



STADE ROCHELAIS STADE MARCEL-DEFLANDRE, LA ROCHELLE – SUN 10TH DEC 4.15PM

At the time of writing some of the best value travel options to La Rochelle are:

Sat 9th Dec – Mon 11th Dec

- Return Flights to Paris (from €99.00pp) Transavia/Vueling/Aer Lingus/Ryanair and Direct Train from Gare Montparnasse to La Rochelle (from €64.00 pp)

Sun 10th Dec – Mon 11th Dec

- Direct Flight to Bordeaux (from €59.00pp) Ryanair and Car Hire/ Shuttle Bus to La Rochelle
- Train/Bus from La Rochelle to Nantes (from €19.00) and Direct Flight Nantes to Dublin (from€100.00) OR Direct Train from La Rochelle to Gare Montparnasse (from €45.00pp) and Flight Paris to Dublin (from €54.00pp)

TRAVEL BY AIR - LA ROCHELLE

La Rochelle Airport has no scheduled direct flights from Dublin in December, only direct flights from Marseille & Lyon.

The nearest airports offering direct flights from Dublin are Bordeaux & Nantes.

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Bordeaux Airport

- 197 km from La Rochelle (approx. 2hr by car; Approx 3h by bus & train via Gare Saint-Jean in Bordeaux) –
- Direct flights daily with Aer Lingus & Ryanair. Flights currently available flying out Friday, Saturday and Sunday and returning Monday
- The Sunday morning flight into Bordeaux, arriving at 11.50am, with a 4.15pm KO time, would allow for a 1-night trip
- There are alternative value flights into Bordeaux if you travel via London or Lisbon with Ryanair & Easyjet

Nantes Atlantique Airport:

- 138 km from La Rochelle (approx. 1hr 50m by car; Approx 2h 15m by bus & train via Gare Sud in Nantes) –
- Direct flights from Dublin with Ryanair. Flights currently only available flying out Friday and returning Monday night.
- *A Sunday morning flight into Nantes with KLM via Amsterdam, arriving at 11.15am, with a 4.15pm KO time, would allow for a 1-night trip*
- There are alternative flights into Nantes if you travel via London or Amsterdam with Ryanair, Easyjet & KLM

Paris Airports:

- There are multiple direct flight options from Dublin to Paris CDG, Paris Beauvais & Paris Orly with Ryanair, Aer Lingus, Transavia, Vueling, Air France, KLM, Lufthansa and Flybe
- A regular Train Service runs from Paris Gare Montparnasse direct to La Rochelle. Taking approx. 3Hrs tickets available from €19.00pp
- Connecting Direct Flights are also from Paris to Nantes are operated by AirFrance from Paris CDG



LEICESTER MATTIOLI WOODS, WELFORD ROAD – SAT 20TH JAN 3.15PM

At the time of writing some of the best value travel options to Leicester are:

- Fri 19th Jan – Sun 21st Jan - Direct Flights to Birmingham & East Midlands available from approx. €79pp return with both Ryanair & Aer Lingus
- Sat 20th Jan – Sun 21st Jan - Direct Flights to Birmingham & East Midlands available from approx. €79pp return with both Ryanair & Aer Lingus
- Sat 20th Jan Daytrip - Direct Flights to Birmingham & East Midlands available from approx. €79pp return with both Ryanair & Aer Lingus

TRAVEL BY AIR – LEICESTER

Birmingham and East Midlands are the closest airports to Leicester. Both Ryanair & Aer Lingus offer direct flights daily from Dublin

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Birmingham Airport:

- 67 km from Leicester (approx. 50min by car/taxi; Approx 1h 45m direct by train from Birmingham International)
- Direct flights daily with Aer Lingus & Ryanair

East Midlands Airport:

- 29 km from Leicester (approx. 35min by car/taxi; Approx 1h direct by Skylink Coach Service)
- Direct flights daily with Ryanair

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