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How to live in the best of both worlds

Is it possible to work in London and reside in a chateau in France, a villa in Spain or a townhouse in Brussels? *Liz Rowlinson* meets the continental commuters who have it all

Every Thursday, fashion director Karen Foster dashes from a magazine shoot in London to catch the 6.40pm easyJet flight from Gatwick to Toulouse. At the departure gate she will meet up with her usual "Thursday night speedy-boarders" and there will be plenty of chatter over a glass of wine or two on the flight. There are at least 40 regulars including Emma who is in advertising, Paul from HSBC, Guy the restaurant designer, Angela the literary editor and 83-year-old Lord Lawson, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer and father of Nigella.

On arrival at Toulouse-Blagnac airport, they will say their goodbyes, race to their cars and head off to join their respective families for the long weekend in the Tarn, Gers or Haute-Garonne - until Sunday evening or first thing Monday when they'll be back in departures bound for Gatwick.

Welcome to the "double lives" of Britain's weekly commuters who divide their time between work in the



**FOR SALE
HOMES FOR THE CONTINENTAL COMMUTER**

**France
Paris**

This one-bedroom apartment is the former home of a French aristocratic military officer.

Price: £1.4m

Agent: Christie's International Real Estate (0207 389 2299)



**Belgium
Brussels**

Just 10 minutes from Brussel's airport, this nine-bedroom home has a guest house and an outdoor swimming pool.

Price: £2.4m

Agent: Sotheby's International Realty (+32 (0)2 640 08 0)



**Germany
Berlin**

This modern villa is an ideal property for the euro commuter, 30 minutes from Berlin airport.

Price: £2.2m

Agent: Christie's International Real Estate (0207 389 2299)



**France
Marseille**

A five-bedroom home with a pool and close to the new Eurostar service that now runs from London to Marseille.

Price: £1.5m

Agent: Home Hunts (0208 144 5501)

