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# Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole

In a multi-faceted Southern region, Montpellier is a city of modern and historic treasures and a crossroads for the Mediterranean, A distinctive and exceptional destination.

The city's medieval origins such as its narrow streets in the historic centre, the Place de la Comédie, the Faculty of Medicine, the Peyrou Royal Square and other marvels, will beguile the curious the world over. It is also a modern metropolis open to architecture, sciences, contemporary culture and leisure.

With its history as a place through which people passed, Montpellier is vibrant, young and lively. It enjoys the appeal of its weather, its green and airy pedestrianised city-centre and lures visitors with its shops and convivial spots.

As a place where people meet and a land of passion and sharing too, it also lies between sea and vines, where just outside the city-centre you can sample local products and age-old traditions.

You'll find all kinds of ideas and discoveries in this brochure. I wish you all a warm welcome and an enjoyable stay in the heart of Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole and its region!

**Philippe Saurel**

Mayor of Montpellier

President of Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole

## **AN ANCIENT CITY-CENTRE**

Europe's oldest working university, its medieval streets, its mansion-house courtyards, more than 1,000 years of history. A wonderful journey.

## **AUDACIOUS ARCHITECTURE**

Jean Nouvel, Zaha Hadid, Massimiliano Fuksas, Ricardo Bofill... to name just a few! For all you high-flying lovers of architecture and contemporary feats, Montpellier is made for you.

## **A THOROUGHLY MEDITERRANEAN WAY OF LIFE**

Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole combines all the conveniences of a large city with an easy-going way of life, fragrant markets, vast pedestrian spaces, lively café terraces, beaches just a cycle-ride away and, of course, 300 days of sunshine a year.

## **A NATURAL LEGACY**

Nature reasserts itself just outside Montpellier and just adds to the richness of a stay here. There is the Maguelone Cathedral, a jewel of Roman art set on a secluded peninsula between sea and lagoons, the nearby Méjean Nature Reserve and the Camargue.

## **A LAND OF ARTISTS AND CREATIVITY**

Culture abounds with the National Opera, international festivals that attract the biggest names in dance and music, brotherhoods of instrument-makers and other craftspeople.

## **THE BIGGEST WINE-GROWING REGION IN THE WORLD**

Wines has been produced in the Montpellier area since antient times. A rich tradition waiting to be discovered in restaurants, cellars and vineyards!

## **IN THE HEART OF A REGION OF MAJOR TOURIST SITES**

No less than 6 UNESCO world heritage-listed sites under 2 hours from Montpellier: The fortified city of Carcassonne, the Pont du Gard, The Canal du Midi, the Route of St James of Compostella, the Vauban fortresses of the Pyrenees, the Causses and the Cevennes and, of course, the Faculty of Montpellier which the city also intends adding to the list given its historical significance!



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Pont du Gard

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Pic Saint-Loup

Montpellier...  
A city  
that moves,  
that thrills.  
A fashionable  
destination. Intense.  
To see. To experience.  
To share!

## THE TOURIST OFFICE & CONVENTION BUREAU - OUR TEAM IS HERE TO HELP

Contact us! The commercial  
department at the  
Montpellier Méditerranée  
Métropole Tourist Office  
& Convention Bureau is  
at your disposal to assist  
in your explorations, offer  
advice and help you make  
your choice in line with your  
expectations and those of  
your customers.

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# MONTPELLIER

## Guided city tours



Faculty of medicine



Place du Peyrou



Place de la Comédie

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Our professional guides will accompany your group as they discover Montpellier's monuments. Whether your tour is themed, unusual or VIP, you can be sure of a captivating journey through History and human genius... Exclusive opportunities and privileges await your customers as doors open and they discover what goes on behind the scenes. And for the youngsters? Discover our range of options, adapted to suit every educational level.



# The unmissable historical centre

## HISTORICAL CENTRE, 1,000 YEARS OF HISTORY

### MUST DO'S

#### Arriving in the city for the first time!

Place de la Comédie, Place de la Canourgue, Place du Peyrou... from square to square, we will guide you through the maze of medieval alleyways as you explore Montpellier through the ages.

Montpellier harbours many secrets and to discover them our guides can open doors which only the Tourist Office has the keys of. A courtyard of a 17th or 18th century mansion house and entrance to a CHOICE of the two following sites:

- the famous Mikveh (12th century Jewish ceremonial bath), one of Montpellier's real jewels.
- discovering the city from above, from the top of the Arc de Triomphe!

- From  
**€ 140** per group

*Groups limited to 30 people. 2h*



### LITTLE TOURIST TRAIN + HISTORICAL CENTRE

1:20 walk around the historical centre + a 40 minutes' sightseeing tour on the little tourist train.

- From  
**€ 140** per group  
Supplement of **€ 6** per person\*

*Groups limited to 30 people.*

*\*For groups of more than 20 people*



New!

### MONTPELLIER FOR EVERYONE

Available tour on request for disabled visitors including the visit of two mansion courtyards. Different tours available for visitors with different types of impairment.

- From  
**€ 140** per group

*Groups limited to 15 people.*

*Free for 1 guide. Please contact us for more information.*



Must-see site

### HISTORICAL CENTRE AND FABRE MUSEUM

This unique tour combines a discovery of the city, from places to squares, from past to present, including the history of the Museum buildings and a visit of the major works in the permanent collection...

- From  
**€ 175** per group  
Supplement of **€ 5** per person\*

*Based on a maximum of 25 people.*

*The entrance ticket to the museum is valid for the whole day. An optional ticket for the temporary exhibition is also available. Tuesday to Sunday.*

*\* Rates to be confirmed in 2016.*

### THE GRANDE BOUCLE

#### To quench serious thirsts for curiosity!

A packed trail that enables you to enter the city's emblematic monuments with a visit to the courtyard of a mansion house and 2 entrances to a CHOICE of the three following sites:

- the Arc de Triomphe
- the Mikveh
- the Urbain V Tower\* at the Saint-Pierre Cathedral

- From  
**€ 170** per group  
To visit the Urbain V Tower: Supplement of **€ 1** per person. Access to the tower restricted to 18 people.

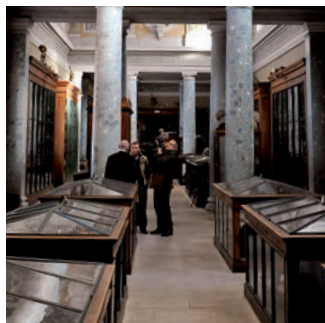
*\* 200 steps, so good physical condition is advised.*

*Groups limited to 30 people. 3h*

Professional  
rates on request.



# Themed visits to Montpellier



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## Must-see site

### FACULTY OF MEDICINE

The Montpellier Tourist Office invites you to join an exclusive tour of **the western world's oldest medical School** still in use, formerly a medieval monastery, then an Episcopal palace and now the present medical school. Next, the guide will take you right to the heart of **a remarkable site: the Conservatory of Anatomy** which has a series of displays describing the human body in the style of a 19th century cabinet of curiosities.

**Discover the Salle Delmas-Orfila-Rouvière.** This room, recently opened in Montpellier, houses an outstanding anatomical collection, part of it coming from the Fairground Museum of Mr Spitzner. This is a real exclusive for the Tourist Office!

► From **€ 224** per group

*Groups limited to 18 people.  
Forbidden to children under 12 years old.*

#### Explore some more

The History of Medicine in Montpellier, François Lapeyronie and the Saint-Côme Amphitheatre, La Panacée, Botanic Garden, Famous botanists.

**Details on request.**

### MANSIONS THROUGH THE AGES

In the aftermath of the Wars of Religion, Montpellier was rebuilt thanks to its new status as capital of the Languedoc. The city grew wealthy and the medieval settlement was reorganised.

**The first private mansions began to appear.**

They continued to be built until the 18th century. Discover the courtyards of some of these Montpellier gems.

#### Exclusive !

### ROOMS & GARDENS OF A PRIVATE MANSION : THE HÔTEL DE LUNAS

**Explore rooms and the garden of the Hôtel de Lunas**, in partnership with the Centre des Monuments Nationaux. This huge city centre mansion bears witness to Montpellier's shifting cityscape as well as changes in society too.

► From **€ 150** per group

*Groups limited to 30 people.*

#### Explore some more

Private mansions from the 17th century, Private mansions from the 18th century, Private mansions from the 19th century, Montpellier in the 19th century and the Hôtel Cabrières Sabatier d'Espeyran, Le Peyrou, 18th century, «manors in the fields», Montpellier and the wine.

**Details on request.**

### SAINT-PIERRE CATHEDRAL

An extraordinary story: the old Benedictine chapel, commissioned in the fourteenth century by Pope Urban V became, in the sixteenth century, a cathedral thanks to its exceptional size. A superb example of Southern Gothic architecture, it is the only medieval church of the Ecusson (the historic centre of Montpellier) to survive the religious wars. An ascent of the Urban V tower\* is included.

► From **€ 150** per group  
Supplement of **€ 1** per person

*\* 200 steps, so good physical condition is advised. Groups limited to 18 people.*

### MEDIEVAL MONTPELLIER

The medieval town is hidden away but is open to discovery; here, nothing is monumental or instantaneous, simply a maze of narrow alleyways, plans and interior courtyards. Lose yourself in the past as you follow in the **footsteps of the former occupants of the medieval settlement.**

► From **€ 150** per group

*Groups limited to 30 people.*

#### Explore some more

The Jewish Community, On the trail of protestantism. Churches of the historical centre, Sainte-Croix de Celleneuve church, The Pénitents Blancs et Bleus, Saint-Roch, The Camin Romieu, The Kings of Aragon.

**Details on request.**

### THE OPERA COMEDIE

**Enter the heart of this Italian-style theater**, from the lobby to back-stage. A stage manager and one of our guides take you on a tour of the main hall, with its gold trim and velvet seats.

► From **€ 224** per group

*Groups limited to 30 people.  
From Monday to Friday.*

**Explore some more**  
Backstage at the Agora

### LUTHIERS' SECRETS

A rare and exceptional visit to really get your heart beating. **Meet an violon maker in his workshop** amidst an aromatic ambience of wood and varnish. After talking about the places that have marked **Montpellier's musical history**, one of the city's 11 instrument makers will tell you about their work and share their passion with you.

► From **€ 150** per group  
Supplement of **€ 5** per person

*Groups limited to 20 people.  
From Monday to Friday.*



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## THE TOWN HALL AND DISTRICT

Visit the Town Hall and admire the architectural prowess of Jean Nouvel and François Fontès who designed this sustainable building. Next, take a stroll through the futuristic up-and-coming quarter of Port Marianne, a veritable bridge between Montpellier and the sea.

► From  
**€ 150** per group

*Groups limited to 20 people.*

### Explore some more

Antigone and the new quarters, Montpellier by tramway, The History of the River Lez.

**Details on request.**

**New !**

## TRAIN STATION & NOUVEAU SAINT-ROCH

Discover Montpellier's Saint-Roch railway station, a building dating from the nineteenth century. Recently renovated and enlarged, it affords a new dynamic to the heart of the city. During your visit, you're certain to be impressed by the translucent nave which now tops it.

Gain an exclusive glimpse behind the scenes and from different viewpoints of a station that is both of historical and architectural interest. Continue your discovery tour with a unique view of the New Saint Roch neighbourhood and the city itself from the top level of the station car park.

► From  
**€ 150** per group

*Groups limited to 30 people.*

## New ! DRAMATISED TOURS

Montpellier takes to the stage!

Follow your guide and the comedians of 'Les Baladins de l'histoire' troupe! They will lead you on a discovery of the Ecusson (historic centre) and of the characters whose imprint formed the history of the city.

**Four tours are proposed, enlivened with playful skits marked with humour and fantasy.**

### • SPECIAL MANSIONS

Guaranteed immersion into the classical epoch inside mansion courtyards. **Lamoignon de Basville, Casanova and Madame de Sévigné** await you.

### • MEDICINE & STUDENTS OF THE PAST

Student life will hold no more secrets from you. Within the walls of the current University of Medicine, **Rondelet, Antoine de Saporta and Nostradamus** will inform you about student life of times gone by.

### • RAISE THE CURTAIN AT THE OPÉRA COMÉDIE

A journey into the magnificent **Opéra Comédie** where you will be welcomed in turn by the 'Duke of Richelieu', the 'Cardinal's great nephew', the 'Marquise of Castries' and 'Mr. Cambacérès'... certain to liven things up in this historic setting.

Towards the end of your tour, you'll have the opportunity to attend a rehearsal of 'Médecin Volant' **in the company of Molière and his troupe, the 'Illustre Theatre'**, and even try on a theatrical costume yourself! A lively event to be shared with friends, colleagues and family.

### • MONTPELLIER & NAPOLEON

Jean-Jacques Régis de Cambacérès, Albine de Montholon, Jean-Antoine Chaptal, Charles Marie Bonaparte... all famous names that marked the life of Emperor Napoleon. But do you know their relationship with Montpellier? That's what this dramatised visit will show you — through **sketches, anecdotes and historic facts.**

► From  
**€ 340** per group

*Groups limited to 30 people.*



# A different Montpellier



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## WINE TASTING IN THE HISTORICAL CENTER

Accompanied by a guide and a wine-maker, **you will learn about the Languedoc capital's wine tradition.** As a treat for your eyes and taste buds, take a break and have something to eat **in a mansion house** privately-hired just for the occasion. In a cosy room in the middle of winter, or out in the garden in the summer months, the Hôtel Haguenot provides a prestigious setting for your guests. A winemaker will present the fruits of their work complete with canapés and a convivial walk to tickle your fancy!

- From **€35** per person

*Based on 20 people - Price includes guide, entrance to the various sites, hire of the mansion house for a private function, wine tasting and canapés.*

### ► Highlights

**Private function-hire of the mansion house. Wine tasting hosted by a local wine maker.**

*Alcohol abuse is dangerous to your health. Drink in moderation.*

## CHAMPAGNE AT THE TOP OF THE ARC DE TRIOMPHE

A truly exceptional way to top off your guided tour of the historical city centre: a **private aperitif on the top of the Arc de Triomphe**. Half an hour spent on Montpellier's highest monument, drinking in the magnificent view over the city and its surroundings while sipping a flute of champagne or a glass of wine.

- From **€39** per person

*Groups limited to 18 people - Price includes guide, entrance to the various sites, hire of the Arc de Triomphe for a private function (30 min.), a glass of wine or of champagne and 4 canapés.*

### ► Highlights

**360° view of the city and sea and the Pic Saint-Loup. Catering included.**

## MONTPELLIER WITH THE FLOW

Your customers will **enjoy this gentle tour by water**. Their trip along the Lez in canoes for one or two people will give them a chance to discover this urban river. Mills and endless stretches of green, lungfuls of fresh air and a **delicious feeling of otherworldliness**.

**USEFUL INFORMATION:** Along with the guide, a qualified monitor will also accompany your group.

- From **€150** per group  
Supplement of **€18** per person

*Groups limited to 15 people. Special conditions: being able to swim, children aged over 9 accompanied by an adult.*



**Discover the delights of Montpellier in comfort and privacy!**

# Schools special



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## Primary Schools

### MONTPELLIER FOR THE LITTLE ONES

For the littlest visitors, pupils from 6 to 8 years old, an age-appropriate tour of the historical city centre is available, led by a guide. The idea is for the children to have fun while discovering the city's heritage, from the Place de la Comédie to the Place du Peyrou, by way of the much-appreciated Arc de Triomphe or the Mikveh.

- From  
**€ 120** per group

*Groups limited to 30 people.*

### Expert opinion

"Let's turn our school children into cultural investigators". Eric VILLAGORDO.  
"Here are just a few words to say how rich and fascinating these visits were. In addition to the picnic and catching pigeons, the children really appreciated the knowledge about discovering their own city. It was an interesting learning process as they were on an assignment, in contact with buildings which provided a sensory-based approach. The quality of the TO guides made this local heritage more accessible to us and all our pupils benefited from the experience. Architecture can only be discovered and lived from direct experience."

Mrs N, CM2 teacher from Montpellier



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## Primary Schools

### MONTPELLIER HARE AND HANDS FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

Thanks to a joint effort by Montpellier City Council, the guides, the teachers and the School Board, the Tourist Office has organised a treasure hunt for pupils in CM1-CM2 (the final two years of primary school). Accompanied by a qualified guide, the children will learn about Montpellier's history and discover places normally closed to the public. Each child will be given a workbook. Lavishly illustrated, it contains a series of puzzles for them to solve in the heart of the Écusson, the city's historical centre. This interactive and recreational tour will help develop their observational skills and pique their curiosity.

- From  
**€ 130** per group

*Groups limited to 30 people.*



**Tours available  
in languages other  
than French for your  
exchange students.**

## Junior and Secondary Schools

### REVISE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF MONTPELLIER

A historical tour of the city of Montpellier, which can be either of a general nature or focus on a particular theme. The tour can be **adapted to suit your pupils' level and study programme** and is an excellent way to discover and understand the city. Available in languages other than French, this tour is also an excellent activity for exchange students staying in Montpellier.

- From  
**€ 120** per group

*Groups limited to 30 people.*

**Tours can be customised to suit study programmes:** Medieval Montpellier, XIX<sup>th</sup> century Montpellier, Private Mansions

### New !

### STREET ART

Huge wall murals, bikes that seem to fly, little mosaics on street corners, faceless bodies dancing, giant words on roofs, collages... But what do these images mean? Are they tags or graffiti? Vandalism or art? An unconventional tour organised by the Tourist Office will show your students how to look at the city differently through the works of international and local artists — Mist, Space Invaders, BMX, SMOLE, AL, ZEST... A discovery formula that is at one with the teaching of art history, and also an opportunity for your students to meet their heritage with a smile!

- From  
**€ 130** per group

*Groups limited to 30 people*





# MONTPELLIER

## Half-day excursion



Who better than Montpellier to combine elegant heritage and convivial gastronomy in a half-day outing? The Southern Belle is as knowledgeable as she is gourmand. And so, after touring 1,000 years of history with our guides, either on foot or by mini-train, your customers will enjoy a meal in a quality restaurant, hand-picked by us in the heart of the city.





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### LET'S GO FOR 1,000 YEARS OF HISTORY

A half-day excursion to Montpellier to discover the historical heart of the city and experience the very special atmosphere of the Écusson. Through narrow medieval alleyways, and from places to squares, **your guide will show you the emblematic, not-to-be-missed sites of the historical centre**, such as the 12<sup>th</sup> century Mikveh (ritual Jewish bath) and the courtyards of the private mansions. Up a staircase and all of a sudden **you are at the top of the Arc de Triomphe**, an exclusive viewpoint, greatly appreciated by visitors. And to round off your trip, a delicious meal. Lunch is served!

**Lunch in a city-centre restaurant.**

► From **€35** per person

*Based on 20 people - Price includes guide, entrance to the various sites and lunch (welcome aperitif, starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee).*

► **Highlights**

**Entrance to the Mikveh and Arc de Triomphe only possible with guided visits run by Tourist Office. The aperitif is free!**



#### Did you know?

A Mikveh is a ceremonial bath used for washing required as part of purification rituals in Judaism. Montpellier's medieval Mikveh dates back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century and is fed by a constantly replenished supply of groundwater. It is one of the rare medieval Jewish baths found in Europe and similar to the form of Mikvehs in Besalu in Catalonia, Syracuse in Sicily, or Spire in Germany.



Mikvé

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Faculty of medicine

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Triumphal Arch

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## THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE & ITS ANATOMICAL COLLECTION

Meet up with your Tourist Office guide.

The history of medicine is tied to the city of Montpellier. Before proceeding through the doors of this illustrious faculty, why not discover the buildings in the historic city centre's narrow streets which have marked this history. These include the **Colleges of Girone and Mende, the old Royal College of Medicine** (now called the Panacée, a centre for contemporary art and culture). These streets have been trodden since the Middle Ages by students both nameless or famous like Rabelais, Nostradamus or the Platters brothers.

**The Faculty of Medicine, the city's flagship of medical heritage, opens its doors to you.** From the Dissertation Room to Board Room and the professors cloakroom, the building will hold no more secrets for you. **The visit ends with the discovery of a remarkable place, the Conservatory of Anatomy, which has recently added the Delmas-Orfila-Rouvière collection.** A Tourist Office exclusive.

### Lunch in a city-centre restaurant

- From **€40** per person

*Price includes guide, entrance to the Faculty of Medicine and lunch (welcome aperitif, starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee).*

### ► Highlights

**An exclusive visit to the Conservatory of Anatomy.**  
**The visit of the Faculty of Medicine is only possible with guided visits run by Tourist Office.**

## Expert opinion

"Once from Kos, Hippocrates is now from Montpellier". This phrase in the Ceremonial Hall of our Faculty is itself indicative of medicine's place in Montpellier's real identity. By opening up the Faculty of Medicine to visitors for guided tours organised by the Tourist Office, you will discover an essential part of Montpellier's history. As Dean, it gives me great pleasure to share with you everything about this emblematic place that constitutes the pride and joy of medicine of the past, present and future."

Professor Jacques Bringer, Dean  
of the Faculty of Medicine of Montpellier



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## MONTPELLIER FOR A DRIVE BY TRAIN

Meet up with your Tourist Office guide.

You will board the Montpellier mini-train for a 40-minute ride through **the narrow alleyways of the historical centre:** the city's most emblematic heritage within arm's reach and without wearing yourself out. From the Place de la Comédie to the royal Place du Peyrou, by way of the St-Côme amphitheatre, all the city's secrets will be revealed. Complete the trip with a short walking tour to visit the **courtyard of a 17th century private mansion.**

This will be followed by some free time for your customers to do a bit of shopping in the heart of the historical centre (see page 29).

### Lunch in a city-centre restaurant

- From **€39** per person

*Based on 20 people - Price includes guide, entrance to the various sites, lunch (starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee).*

### ► Highlights

**A day at your own pace.**

**No worries: Reservation / Transport / Accompaniment all taken care of by the Tourist Office**

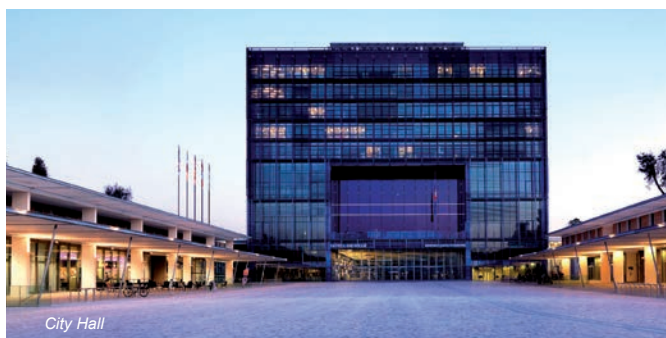
**OPTION:** Possibility of swapping the "Petit Train" with an open-top minibus Montpellier City Tour. Details on request.



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## CONTEMPORARY MONTPELLIER

Meet up with your guide in front of the Hôtel de Ville (City Hall). Come and **discover the City Hall as an architectural masterpiece created from the imagination of Jean Nouvel and François Fontès**, as well as a public and eco-sustainable building. From the cobble-stoned Place Georges Frêche, to the Council Chambers flooded with a blue-tinged halo of light by way of the Salle des Rencontres meeting room, enjoy the decorative ceilings, the views out towards the River Lez, the facades or the gardens and the enchantment of the building's shimmering reflections. Continue with a visit to **Port Marianne**, a district in the making with its futuristic lines forming a real bond between Montpellier and the sea.

**Lunch in the training restaurant at the Georges Frêche School of Hotel Management**, a magnificent setting where the arts of the table so dear to French gastronomy have been taught since 2012.

► From **€35** per person

*Based on 20 people - 30 people maximum - Price includes guides, entrance to the various sites, lunch (starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee).*

### ► Highlights

**VIP access to the City Hall**

**Affordable menus developed by a team of future chefs in a "high-class" setting**

**A comprehensive introduction to the heart of vocational training**

**OPTION:** Discover the architecture accompanied by our guide and two students and take in curved lines to the shimmering reflections of an exceptional school designed by the Italian architect, Massimiliano Fuksas. Details on request.

### Expert opinion

"I chose to apply for this school because it is a beautiful architectural building with facilities that reflect its use. The courses are highly-detailed and the practical work concept enables us to supplement our theory-based knowledge of cookery, hospitality, accommodation and service with time spent working in restaurants and in a training hotel. All this is thoroughly professional and we feel very close to the world of work. It's a good way of progressing more quickly. I am really happy to be a student at the Georges Frêche School."

Timothée – 2<sup>nd</sup> year Bac student studying Hotel Trade Technology



### Sample gourmet menu \*

*Duo of salmon tartar and vegetables*

*Avocado fondant, lime shortbread biscuit and Haddock Julienne*

*Farmed mussel soup served with saffron stamen croutons*



*Saddle of rabbit stuffed with mushrooms, broccoli with cream on a nest of tagliatelle with Parmesan*

*Duck fillet, ginger bread sauce, mushroom dariole and Dauphinoise potatoes with herbs*

*Young rabbit stew, polenta with sesame seeds and glazed turnips*



*Caramelised pineapple in foam, Ginger ice cream*

*Rum-flamed Baked Alaska*

*Raspberry Transparency with ginger and lemon mousse and basil sorbet*

\* For reference only; actual items may vary.  
Alcohol abuse is dangerous to your health.  
Drink in moderation.





# MONTPELLIER

## MÉDITERRANÉE MÉTROPOLE

**Full day of pleasure**



For a sunny day's outing, the capital of the Languedoc has a long history to recount: Ten centuries in the morning, accompanied by a passionate guide; a full menu at lunchtime, prepared for you by a quality chef; and, in the afternoon, a rendez-vous with leading examples of art and architecture. In a single day out, your customers will feel as though they have seen Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole in its entirety and so much more!





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## AUTHENTIC & CONTEMPORARY MONTPELLIER

### In the morning:

**9:30am:** Meet up with your guide at the Tourist Office. Relive the prodigious rise and outstanding destiny that Montpellier has forged for itself over the centuries. A maze of medieval alleyways, the 12<sup>th</sup> century Mikveh (ritual Jewish bath), the Faculty of Medicine and courtyards of private mansions illustrate a journey spanning a millennium. A cleverly-concocted blend put together by our guides to let you experience the very special and unique ambience of the Écusson. Reach for the sky on this visit and discover the city from atop the Arc de Triomphe with a 360° panoramic view of the city, the sea and the Pic Saint-Loup.

**12:30pm: Lunch in a city-centre restaurant.**

### In the afternoon:

**2:30pm:** Discover modern-day Montpellier. From Antigone to Port Marianne, follow the River Lez and put together the giant puzzle made up of the new quarters. Consuls de Mer, Jacques Cœur, Rive Gauche... every quarter has its own contribution to make to the whole. Nouvel, Ricciotti, Portzamparc... the great names of French architecture have left their mark here.

Free time for shopping at the Odysseum open-air shopping centre (see page 29).

► From **€45** per person

*Based on 20 people. Price includes guide, entrance to the various sites, lunch (welcome aperitif, starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee) and the company of the guide at the restaurant. Price excludes personal expenses.*

### ► Highlight

**Discover the Montpellier of the past, present and future in one day.**

**OPTION:** To complete your tour of the new quarters, pay a visit to the Town Hall, a veritable marvel of architecture, fruit of the imagination of Jean Nouvel and François Fontès and acclaimed by the New York Times. Details on request.



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## MONTPELLIER ON A PAINTING

### In the morning:

**9:30am:** Now it is time to discover the permanent exhibition at the Fabre Museum and its outstanding collection of 17<sup>th</sup> century Flemish and Dutch paintings. Admire the works of the great masters of European painting, including Véronèse, Ribera, Bourdon, Ranc and Rubens; David and the contemporaries of founder François Xavier Fabre; or impressionists such as Bazille and Degas. Finish your tour in the contemporary wing, where there is a unique collection of works by the contemporary French artist, Soulages.

Free time.

**12:30pm: Lunch in a city-centre restaurant.**

### In the afternoon:

**2:30pm:** Meet the Montpellier painters, Bourdon and Ranc in the grounds of the St-Pierre Cathedral, a real jewel of Gothic Southern France. This building has an extraordinary history and is the only Medieval church in the Ecusson to have survived the War of Religions. As an ancient Benedictine chapel built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century on the orders of Pope Urbain V, it became a cathedral in the 16<sup>th</sup> century due to its remarkable size. Thrill-seekers can climb the 200 steps of the Urbain V Tower\* to enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view.

Visits end at approximately 5pm.

► From **€49** per person

*\* 200 steps, so good physical condition is advised.*

*Based on 20 people - Price includes guide, entrance to the various sites, lunch (welcome aperitif, starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee), and the company of the guide at the restaurant. Price excludes personal expenses.*

### ► Highlight

**Climbing one of the towers of the Saint-Pierre Cathedral, a Tourist Office exclusive!**

**OPTION:** Visit the temporary exhibition and/or Fabre Museum's Sabatier d'Espeyran Decorative Arts Section. Details on request. Rates to be confirmed in 2016.





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## MUSIC & PRESTIGE

### In the morning:

**9:30am:** Meet up with your guide at the Tourist Office. Discover Montpellier from a more intimate angle. Meander through the narrow streets in the historic centre and push open the doors of the city's beautiful mansions. Visit the "Hostals", where the city's merchants lived in the Middle Ages, then discover the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century mansion houses through their courtyards and light and airy stairwells. Take a foray into the classical period to seek out local notable families such as doctors, bankers or lawyers.

**12:30pm: Lunch in a city-centre restaurant.**

### In the afternoon:

**2:30pm:** The programme continues in the hushed atmosphere of the Opéra Comédie and its recently restored Salle Molière and ends in one of the Ecusson's instrument workshops. This little-known profession is very closely linked to the city of Montpellier. It is a rare opportunity to share a craftsman's knowledge through the creative process, surrounded by aromas of wood and varnish.

Visit ends at approximately 5pm.

► from **€ 49** per person

*Based on 20 people - Price includes guide, entrance to the various sites, lunch (welcome aperitif, starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee) with the company of the guide at the restaurant. Price excludes personal expenses.*

### ► Highlights

**Intimate encounter with a world-renowned craftsman**

**Visit of the Salle Molière at the Opéra Comédie**



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**Nouveau !**

## MONTPELLIER & NAPOLÉON

### In the morning:

**9:30am:** meet your guide at the Tourist Office

Jean-Jacques Régis de Cambacérès, Albine de Montholon, Jean-Antoine Chaptal, Charles Marie Bonaparte... famous names that marked the life of the Emperor Napoleon. But do you know their relationship with Montpellier? During a theatrical tour, you'll meet these iconic, local characters of this area (Clapas) who accompanied the Emperor during his lifetime.

Led by a tour guide, visitors will travel back in time for total historic immersion, thanks to performances by the 'Les Baladins de l'Histoire'.

**Departure for the Château de Flaugergues**

**12:30pm: Lunch at the castle restaurant, Le Folia**

### In the afternoon:

**3pm:** Situated at the gates of Montpellier, Flaugergues chateau is the oldest 'folly' in the area: still inhabited and thriving, the castle combines sobriety and architectural prowess. Fully furnished, it houses some fascinating collections amongst which five superb tapestries from Brussels. Its monumental, refined staircase seems to defy the laws of balance, whilst its French garden and English botanical park is a source of delight.

Discover objects, sculptures, paintings, pictures, archives and stories that illustrate the close relationship between the Colbert family, owners of the château, and Napoléon.

Return to Montpellier at 5pm

► from **€ 64** per person

*Based on 20 people, the price includes entrance and guides for the sites in the program, lunch (starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee) and theatrical entertainment. The price does not include transport and personal expenses.*

### ► Highlights

**Theatrical entertainment is suitable for all.**

**Special encounter with the owners of one of the city's most famous 'Folies'.**



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### CHÂTEAU DE CASTRIES & CAMARGUE TRADITIONS

#### In the morning:

**9am:** Meet up with your guide.

Set off for the north of Montpellier, to the vineyards and the Garrigue. Take a horse-drawn carriage and mingle in the midst of a herd of bulls from the Manade VITOU (bull ranch). During your excursion, the bull rearer, or Manadier, will tell you about the Camargue traditions, the Camargue horses and their history. Discover the farm's olive groves and the story of Languedoc's emblematic tree. You will cross the vineyards and the village of Saint-Génies-des-Mourgues, a place caught between tradition and modernity with the by-gone charm of its streets and its abbey-church. You will then take part in a bull sorting demonstration given by herdsman on horseback.

11:30am: Olive oil tasting.

**12:00pm:** Aperitif (taste of a Languedoc pink wine)

**12.30pm:** Lunch at the bull ranch

#### In the afternoon:

**2pm:** Departure for Castries. On arriving in Castries travellers catch sight of the imposing silhouette of a castle appearing on the horizon, with its roof covered in glazed tiles and its Renaissance facades. Built from local golden-coloured stone, the building stands guard over the centre of the village. During the visit, you will discover the castle's parkland with a 17th century French formal garden created by Le Nôtre as well as the history of the Château de Castries and its family. Castries captivates, rejoices and surprises by its remarkable



architecture. There is also a viewpoint on the aqueduct, a unique privately-constructed hydraulic feature.

Return to Montpellier at approximately 5pm.

► from **€45** per person

*Based on 20 people - Price includes guide, entrance to the various sites on the programme, tastings, lunch (welcome aperitif, starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee) and activities. Price excludes personal expenses. Alcohol abuse is dangerous to your health. Drink in moderation*

#### ► Highlights

Meeting of bull rearer, or Manadier,  
A tour in the countryside



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### WINE & 'FOLIES'

#### In the morning:

**9:30am:** Meet up with your guide.

Departure to Lavérune. Located just outside Montpellier, this charming Mediterranean village is full of beautiful stately homes which are called 'Folies'. Dating from the eighteenth century, they are one of the emblems of metropolitan Heritage. After seeing and admiring the village streets and the fourteenth century church, you will discover the castle of Lavérune, residence of the Bishops of Montpellier in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Today classified as a historical monument, it is the setting of a luxurious Italian-style music lounge but also a place to stroll, in its park with majestic plane trees.

**12:00pm:** Lunch

#### In the afternoon:

**2:30pm:** The group will then continue its tour with a visit of the most baroque Folly in Montpellier area, the Château de l'Engarran. This is an opportunity to share a friendly moment around local wines, the owners having been involved in a passion for winegrowing and its traditions, generation after generation since 1632.



Return to Montpellier at 5pm

► à partir de **€46** / pers.

*Based on 20 people. Price includes guides at the programme's sites, entrance fees to the sites, wine tasting, lunch (welcome drink, starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee). The price does not include transportation and personal expenses. Alcohol abuse can be harmful for the health — to be consumed with moderation.*

#### ► Highlights

Ample pleasure for your eyes and your taste buds!  
Immersion in the Languedoc landscape





# MONTPELLIER

## MÉDITERRANÉE MÉTROPOLE

### Leisure stay



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## YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE STAY

Day 1

&

Day 2

choices



## AUTHENTIC AND CONTEMPORARY MONTPELLIER

### In the morning:

Step back in time as you stroll through the maze of medieval alleyways in the historical centre, amid classical façades and emblematic monuments. The courtyards of private mansions, the Faculty of Medicine and the 12<sup>th</sup> century Mikveh (ritual Jewish bath) illustrate a journey spanning more than a millennium. During the tour, take to the heights and discover a different aspect of the city from the top of the Arc de Triomphe!

### Lunch in a city-centre restaurant.

### In the afternoon:

Through Montpellier's new quarters, from Antigone to Port Marianne, follow the River Lez and put together the giant puzzle that they make up. Consuls de Mer, Jacques Cœur, Rive Gauche... every quarter has its own contribution to make to the whole. Nouvel, Ricciotti, Portzamparc... the great names of French architecture have left their mark here. Discover modern-day Montpellier.

Free time at the Odysseum for a snack or shopping (see page 29).

### In the evening:

### Dinner and overnight at a 3-star hotel

**OPTION:** To complete your tour of the new quarters, pay a visit to the Town Hall, a veritable marvel of architecture, fruit of the imagination of Jean Nouvel and François Fontès, and acclaimed by the New York Times.

**Details on request.**





Day 1



Day 2

Your choice

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## FROM MONTPELLIER TO THE AMAZON RAINFOREST

### In the morning:

Set off to discover the famous courtyards of the private mansions in Montpellier's historical centre, known as the *Écusson*.

In the aftermath of the Wars of Religion, Montpellier was rebuilt thanks to its new status as capital of the Languedoc. The city grew wealthy and the medieval settlement was reorganised. The first private mansions began to appear... They would continue being built until the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Discover the courtyards of some of these Montpellier gems.

**Lunch in a city-centre restaurant.**

### In the afternoon:

**Visit to the Lunaret Zoo and its Amazon House.**

To the north of the city of Montpellier lies Lunaret Park, a green space covering more than 60 hectares that gives visitors the opportunity to discover some 128 species and 1150 animals throughout the year.

Continue your visit at the Amazon House, where you can go for a stroll through a tropical forest. With mangroves growing all the way up to the ceiling, you will discover some 3,500 tropical plants, all combining to create a wonderful natural décor. But watch out! During your stroll you could get caught in a tropical downpour!

► Price for your all-inclusive stay from **€160** per person

*Based on 20 people - Price includes guide, entrance to the various sites, lunch (starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee), the company of the guide at the restaurant and half-board accommodation in a double room in a 3-star hotel. Price excludes transport, tourist tax, any single room supplements and personal expenses.*



Jour 1



Jour 2

au choix

La Grande Motte

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## ROMAN HERITAGE

### In the morning:

Departure from the Pont du Gard, famous Roman aqueduct designated as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. The aqueduct brought water to the ancient city of Nîmes along 50 km. Its triple rows of arches, its 275 m length and its 48 m height make it an exceptional work of art.

**Lunch in the restaurant 'les Terrasses' located opposite the monument.**

### In the afternoon:

Continue towards Nîmes, the Roman city... The entire city bears signs of Roman influence. Step into the best preserved Arena of the Roman world and feel the atmosphere of the Roman games. Discover the Maison Carrée (the square house), let yourself be guided within the old part of the town and appreciate its history.

Other unmissable sites : The Fountain gardens (18<sup>th</sup> century), one of the first public gardens in Europe and the Carré d'Art (media library, library, modern art museum), built by Sir Norman Foster.

► Price for your all-inclusive stay from **€174** per person

*Price based on 20 people - The price includes a guide, entrance to the different sites, lunch at the restaurant (starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee), accompanied by the guide, half board accommodation on the basis of a double room in a 3 star hotel. The price does not include transport, tourist tax, possible supplement for single rooms as well as personal expenditure.*



## PEARLS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

### In the morning:

Let's start with Palavas-les-Flots for a nature and heritage morning. Between the sea and the lagoons, discover the rich natural heritage of the site and its exceptional fauna : egrets, terns, flamingos... In the middle of the Levant sea water lake , the Ballestras tower (redoute), an ancient 18<sup>th</sup> century watch-tower will surprise you by its location and its history.

Keep going towards Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone and visit the Maguelone Cathedral.

Located between sea water lakes and in the heart of the vineyards, this magnificent romanesque style building nicknamed « the Sand Cathedral » was the Bishop's residence until 1536. It will enchant you with its architecture, its setting and its history.

**Lunch in the 'Phare de Palavas' (Palavas lighthouse), a panoramic revolving restaurant**

### In the afternoon:

Depart for Lattara, a gallic port on the Mediterranean. The ancient port of Lattara inhabited from the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC until the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD was an important centre of economical and cultural exchange for all the peoples of the Western Mediterranean : Etruscans, Greeks, Iberians, Celts, Romans as well as the local population.

Located near the archeological site of Lattara, the Henri Prades museum invites visitors to see the remains of the ancient city unearthed during excavations from 1963 to the present day.

► Price for your all-inclusive stay from **€180** per person

*Price based on 20 people – The price includes a guide, entrance to the different sites, lunch at the restaurant (starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee), accompanied by the guide, half board accommodation on the basis of a double room in a 3 star hotel. The price does not include transport, tourist tax, possible supplement for single rooms as well as personal expenditure.*



## GOURMET MEDITERRANEAN: from Sète to Bouzigues

### In the morning:

Departure to Sète.

**Set off aboard a glass-bottomed boat and discover this unique island** from its various harbours (fishing, trade and pleasure) to the sea, to take advantage of the underwater scenery. Next, it is time to hit the heights and, from the Mont St Clair, marvel at the **splendid panoramic view** over the city of Brassens and beyond to the Thau Pond and the Gulf of Lion.

Continue on to Bouzigues, where you will **meet an oyster farmer** who will be delighted to explain the techniques used to farm these famous locally-produced oysters.

**Lunch in a restaurant in Bouzigues.**

### In the afternoon:

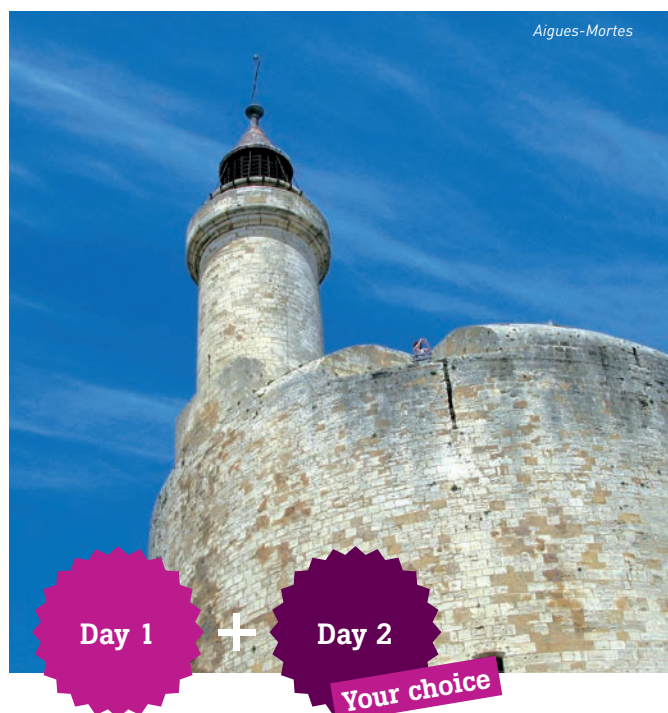
Learn more about the tradition of shellfish farming with a visit to the extensive collections of the **Thau Pond Museum**.

**OPTION:** Muscat-tasting. On the programme: a combination of sweetness and freshness with notes of white flowers and dried fruits. A real treat.

► Price for your all-inclusive stay from **€175** per person

*Based on 20 people - Price includes guide, entrance to the various sites, lunch (starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee), the company of the guide at the restaurant and half-board accommodation in a double room in a 3-star hotel. Price excludes transport, tourist tax, any single room supplements and personal expenses.*





## A DAY WITH A LARGE PINCH OF SALT

### In the morning:

Departure to Aigues-Mortes.

Visit the saltpans in Aigues-Mortes, the cradle of French sea salt since the times of the Romans. A ride in a brightly-coloured mini-train amid the flamingos and the brine. A visit to delight the eyes but also an enthralling opportunity to learn something of the salt producers' trade.

**Lunch in a restaurant in Aigues-Mortes.**

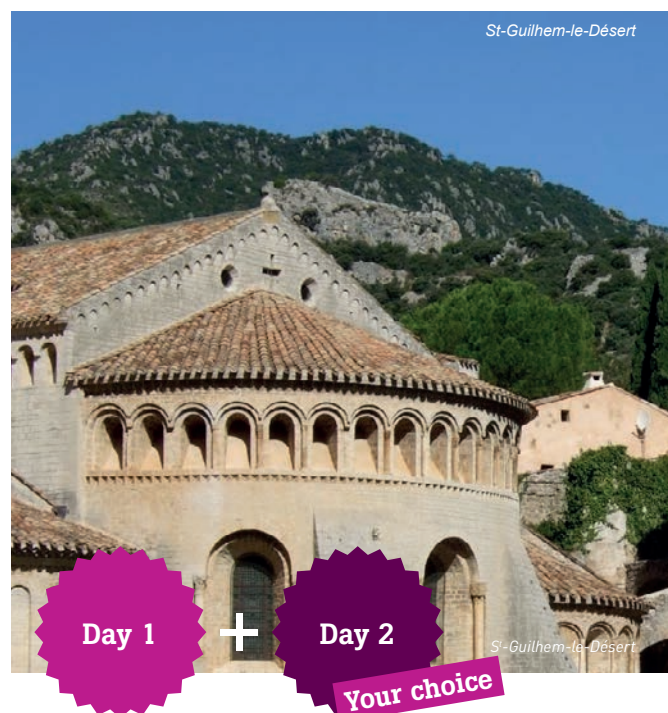
### In the afternoon:

Visit the 13<sup>th</sup> century fortified city, built on the initiative of Louis IX to give the kingdom a port on the Mediterranean. It was from here that he set off for the crusades. Visit the Tower of Constance, one of France's most impressive keeps, and the 1,634-metre-long ramparts.

Free time in Aigues-Mortes.

### ► Prices for your all-inclusive stay from **€170** per person

*Based on 20 people - Price includes guide, entrance to the various sites, lunch (starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee), the company of the guide at the restaurant and half-board accommodation in a double room in a 3-star hotel. Price excludes transport, tourist tax, any single room supplements and personal expenses.*



## A FORTIFIED CITY & A VILLAGE FULL OF CHARACTER IN THE HEART OF THE HÉRAULT VALLEY

### In the morning:

Departure to Pézenas.

Tour of the historical centre. Along its paved roads, you will discover 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century private mansions as well as the 16<sup>th</sup> century bourgeois homes. If the city is famed for having welcomed Molière and his Illustre Théâtre, it is also known for the role it played in the system of the States of Languedoc.

Free time in Pézenas.

**Lunch in a restaurant in Pézenas.**

### In the afternoon:

Continue on to Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert. Pause at the 11<sup>th</sup> century Pont du Diable (Devil's Bridge) to admire the amazing view over the Gorges de l'Hérault. Tour the world heritage medieval village of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert. This village, which lies on the Way of Saint James the apostle, was chosen in the year 804 as the seat of the Abbey of Gellone. After visiting the abbey, one of the Bas-Languedoc's most prestigious Roman sites, take the time to discover the surrounding streets and alleyways of the medieval village, one of the most beautiful in France.

### ► Prices for your all-inclusive stay from **€170** per person

*Based on 20 people - Price includes guide, entrance to the various sites, lunch (starter, main course, dessert, water, wine and coffee), the company of the guide at the restaurant and half-board accommodation in a double room in a 3-star hotel. Price excludes transport, tourist tax, any single room supplements and personal expenses.*



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# GENERAL CONDITIONS OF SALE

## ARTICLE R211-3

Amended by **Decree 2009-1650 of 23 December 2009 – Article 1**

Without prejudice to the exclusions provided for in the third and fourth paragraphs of **Article L. 211-7**, any offer and any sale of travel and holiday services require the relevant documents to be delivered, and which must comply with the rules set forth in this section.

In the case of the sale of tickets for air travel or the sale of tickets for travel on regular services not accompanied by services linked to the transport itself, the vendor provides the purchaser with one or more travel tickets for the entire journey, issued by the carrier or under its responsibility. In the case of transport being provided on request, the name and address of the carrier on whose behalf the tickets have been issued, must be stated.

The separate invoicing of the various elements making up a tourist package does not release the vendor from any of their obligations as set forth in provisions of this section.

## ARTICLE R211-3-1 E

Created by **Decree 2009-1650 of 23 December 2009 – Article 1**

The exchange of pre-contractual information or the provision of contractual conditions must be done in writing. This may be done electronically subject to the validity and procedural conditions provided for in Articles **1369-1 to 1369-11** of the civil code. The vendor's name or company name and address must be stated, along with its commercial registry number, as provided for in Article **L. 141-3**, paragraph a. Alternatively, the name, address and registry details of the federation or union must be stated, as set forth in Article .

## ARTICLE R211-4

Created by **Decree 2009-1650 of 23 December 2009 – Article 1**

Prior to the signing of the contract, the vendor must provide the purchaser with information about the prices, dates and other elements that make up the service provided for the journey or stay. These include:

1. The destination, means, characteristics and categories of transport used;
2. The type of accommodation, its location, its level of comfort and main characteristics, its accreditation and tourist ratings in accordance with the regulations or practices in the host country;
3. The type of meal service that will be provided;
4. A description of the itinerary in the case of tours;
5. The administrative and health formalities to be carried out by those who are nationals of, or are coming from, another European Union Member State or a State that is a member of the European Economic Area, particularly where borders are to be crossed, and the time required for their fulfilment;
6. The visits, excursions and other services included in the package price or available at a supplement;
7. The minimum or maximum number of participants required for the journey or stay to go ahead, and where a minimum number of participants is required, the date by which the purchaser must be informed in the event of cancellation; this date may not be less than twenty-one days prior to the departure date;
8. The amount or percentage of the price to be paid as a deposit at the time of booking and the schedule for payment of the balance;
9. The methods for revising prices as provided for in the contract, pursuant to Article R. 211-8;
10. The conditions for cancelling the contract;
11. The conditions for cancellation as set forth in Articles R. 211-9, R.211-10 and R. 211-11.
12. Information about optional insurance providing cover for certain types of cancellation or assistance under certain circumstances such as repatriation in the case of accident or illness;
13. When the package includes the provision of air transport, the information about each leg of the journey as required under Articles R. 211-15 to R. 211-18.

## ARTICLE R211-5

Amended by **Decree 2009-1650 of 23 December 2009 – Article 1**

The vendor is bound by any information it gives to the purchaser prior to the purchase, except where the vendor has expressly reserved the right to modify certain elements therein. In this case, the vendor must clearly state to what extent said modifications may be made and to which elements they may apply.

In any event, before signing the contract, the purchaser must be informed of any changes made to the information that was provided initially.

## ARTICLE R211-6

Amended by **Decree 2009-1650 of 23 December 2009 – Article 1**

The contract between the vendor and the purchaser must be made in writing, in duplicate, and signed by both parties. One of the copies shall be given to the purchaser. In the case of contracts signed electronically, Articles 1369-1 to 1369-11 of the civil code apply. The contract must contain the following clauses:

1. The name and address of the vendor, its guarantor and its insurer, and the name and address of the organiser;
2. The destination(s) and, where the package includes stays in more than one place, the different periods and dates;
3. The means, characteristics and categories of the transport used, and the dates and places of departure and return;
4. The type of accommodation, its location, its level of comfort and main characteristics, and its tourist rating in accordance with the regulations or practices in the host country;
5. The type of meal service that will be provided;
6. The itinerary, in the case of tours;
7. The visits, excursions or other services included in the total price of the journey or stay;
8. The total price of the services invoiced and information about any revision to said price as a result of the provisions of Article R. 211-8;
9. An indication, where applicable, of any charges or taxes associated with certain services, such as landing fees, arrival tax or boarding tax in ports and airports, or tourist taxes where these are not included in the price of the service(s) provided;
10. The schedule and methods of payment; the final payment made by the purchaser may not be less than 30% of the price paid for the journey or stay and must be made when the purchaser is issued with the tickets and other documents for the journey or stay;
11. The specific conditions requested by the purchaser and accepted by the vendor;
12. The procedures by which the purchaser can make a claim against the vendor for failure to perform or for inadequate performance of the contract; such claims must be made as

quickly as possible, by any means that enable the purchaser to verify receipt by the vendor, and, alternatively, made in writing to the tour organiser and service provider in question;

13. The date by which the vendor must inform the purchaser of the cancellation of the journey or stay in those cases where a minimum number of participants is required for it to go ahead, pursuant to Article R. 211-4, paragraph 7;

14. The conditions for cancellation of the contract;

15. The conditions for cancellation provided for in Articles R. 211-9, R.211-10 and R. 211-11;

16. Details of the risks covered and the amount guaranteed under the terms of the vendor's civil and professional liability insurance policy;

17. Details of the insurance policy taken out by the purchaser to cover the consequences of cancellation in certain circumstances (policy number and name of the insurer), as well as the details of the policy providing assistance under certain circumstances, in particular repatriation costs in the event of an accident or illness; in such cases, the vendor must provide the purchaser with a document that outlines, at least, the risks covered and those excluded;

18. The date by which the purchaser must inform the vendor if they intend to transfer the contract to someone else;

19. A commitment to provide the purchaser with the following information no later than ten days prior to the planned departure date:

a) The name, address and phone number of the vendor's local representative or, alternatively, the names, addresses and phone numbers of local organisations capable of assisting the purchaser in the event of difficulty or, alternatively, a phone number where the vendor can be reached in case of emergency;

b) In the case of minors travelling and staying abroad, a phone number and an address enabling direct contact to be made either with the child or the group leader at the place where the child is staying;

20. A clause providing for termination of the contract and reimbursement of all monies paid by the purchaser in the event of failure to meet the obligatory information requirements provided for in Article R. 211-4, paragraph 13.

21. A commitment by the vendor to provide the purchaser with details of the departure and arrival times, in timely fashion prior to the start of the journey or stay.

## ARTICLE R211-7 T

Amended by **Decree 2009-1650 of 23 December 2009 – Article 1**

The purchaser may transfer the contract to another party who meets the same conditions as the purchaser so that said party may travel or stay in the purchaser's place, as long as the contract has not yet come into effect. Except where expressly stipulated to the contrary, the purchaser transferring a contract is required to inform the vendor of its decision by any means enabling receipt to be verified, no later than seven days before the start date of the journey. In the case of cruises, the notice given must not be less than 15 days. Under no circumstance shall the vendor's prior authorisation be required for such a transfer.

## ARTICLE R211-8

Amended by **Decree 2009-1650 of 23 December 2009 – Article 1**

If the contract expressly provides for the possibility of revising the price, and subject to the provisions of Article L. 211-12, it must stipulate the precise methods for calculating any upward or downward variation in price and, in particular, the value of the related transport charges and taxes, the currency or currencies that may affect the price of the journey or stay, the portion of the price to which the variation applies, and the exchange rate(s) being used as a reference when establishing the price that appears in the contract.

## ARTICLE R211-9

Amended by **Decree 2009-1650 of 23 December 2009 – Article 1**

In the event that, prior to the purchaser's departure, the vendor is forced to modify one of the core elements of the contract, such as a significant price increase, and disregards the obligation to inform the purchaser as required under Article R. 211-4, paragraph 13, the purchaser may, without prejudice to their right to seek redress for any damages, and having been informed of the change by the vendor using any means enabling verification of receipt:

- either terminate the contract and receive a full and immediate refund of all monies paid;
- or accept the change or alternative package offered by the vendor; in this case, an addendum to the contract, stipulating the changes, must be signed by both parties; any price decrease is to be deducted from any monies still owed by the purchaser or, if the payment already made by the purchaser exceeds the price of the modified service, the excess amount must be refunded to the purchaser prior to departure.

## ARTICLE R211-10

Amended by **Decree 2009-1650 of 23 December 2009 – Article 1**

If, prior to the purchaser's departure, the vendor cancels the journey or stay under the circumstances provided for in Article L. 211-14, the vendor must inform the purchaser by any means enabling verification of receipt; without prejudice to their right to seek redress for any damages, the purchaser shall receive a full and immediate refund of all monies paid; in this case, the purchaser receives compensation that is at least equal to the penalty that would have been due if the cancellation had been made by the purchaser on the same date.

The provisions of this article in no way prevent the parties from reaching an amicable agreement under which the purchaser accepts the alternative journey or stay offered by the vendor.

## ARTICLE R211-11

In the event that, following the purchaser's departure, the vendor is unable to provide a significant part of the services set forth in the contract, and which represents a substantial percentage of the price paid by the purchaser, the vendor must immediately take the following steps, without prejudice to the right to seek redress for any damages:

- either offer alternative services in lieu of the agreed services, covering any additional costs involved, and, in the event that the services accepted by the purchaser are inferior in quality, refunding the difference in price upon the purchaser's return;
- or, if the vendor is unable to offer any alternative services or if the purchaser refuses to accept the alternative for valid reasons, provide the purchaser, at no extra cost, with the means to return to the departure location, or any other location which is acceptable to both parties, in conditions deemed to be equivalent to those of the services originally booked.

The provisions of this article are applicable in the event of failure to respect the obligation set forth in Article R.211-4, paragraph 13.

# SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

## MONTPELLIER TOURIST OFFICE

Association loi 1901 [agrément n° 034 09 0001]

Place de la Comédie - 30, Allée Jean de Lattre de Tassigny  
34000 MONTPELLIER

**Pursuant to the law of 22 July 2009, the Tourist Office may sell tourist, leisure and accommodation services of general interest within its area of intervention. It makes things easier for the public by offering a variety of services.**

### ARTICLE 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

These General Terms and Conditions are issued along with the quotation, which describes the specific services and prices, prior to the signing of the booking contract. Together, they constitute the prior written information that the TOURIST OFFICE is duty-bound to provide. By agreeing to the quotation, the customer is deemed to be agreeing to these general terms and conditions.

### ARTICLE 2: BOOKING CONDITIONS

#### 2.1: REGISTRATION

##### GUIDED TOURS, HALF-DAYS AND FULL DAYS

Bookings may be made from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday.

Bookings are registered upon receipt of a valid quotation:

- properly dated / signed and bearing the remark 'As per Agreement';
- accompanied by a deposit of 30% of the total cost of the services booked, including any applicable taxes.

If the booking is made less than 30 days prior to the start date of the stay, the full amount is due at the time of booking.

In the event that quotations are returned after the expiry date, the offer may be withdrawn.

A second guide must be hired (except under special circumstances), for:

- groups of more than 30 people, for guided tours of Montpellier;
- excursions operating with more than one coach.

##### STAYS

Bookings may be made from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday.

Bookings are registered upon receipt of a valid quotation:

- properly dated / signed and bearing the remark 'As per Agreement';
- accompanied by a deposit of 50% of the total cost of the services booked, including any applicable taxes.

If the booking is made less than 45 days before the start date of the stay, the full amount is due at the time of booking.

In the event that quotations are returned after the expiry date, the offer may be withdrawn.

A second guide must be hired (except under special circumstances), for:

- groups of more than 30 people, for guided tours of Montpellier;
- excursions operating with more than one coach.

#### 2.2: CONFIRMATION / PAYMENT OF BALANCE

##### GUIDED TOURS, HALF-DAYS AND FULL DAYS

The booking is considered firm and final upon receipt of the contract of sale:

- no later than 30 days prior to the start of the service;
- properly dated / signed and bearing the remark 'As per Agreement';
- accompanied by the total cost of the services booked, including any applicable taxes.

The exact number of participants must be confirmed no later than eight business days (i.e. excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) before the start date of the service to be provided.

##### STAYS

The booking is considered firm and final upon receipt of the contract of sale:

- no later than 45 days prior to the start of the service;
- properly dated / signed and bearing the remark 'As per Agreement';
- accompanied by the total cost of the services booked, including any applicable taxes.

The provisional list of participants per type of room must be sent no later than eight business days before the start date of the service to be provided.

### ARTICLE 3: CANCELLATION CHARGES AND CONDITIONS

##### GUIDED TOURS, HALF-DAYS AND FULL DAYS

Cancellation requests must always be made in writing:

- If a booking is cancelled between 30 and 15 business days inclusive (i.e. excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) prior to the start date of the service: full refund;
- If a booking is cancelled between 14 and 8 business days inclusive (i.e. excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) prior to the start date of the service: 30% of the price is forfeited to cover administration costs;
- If a booking is cancelled between 7 and 0 business days (i.e. excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) prior to the start date of the service: the full amount is forfeited.

##### STAYS

Cancellation requests must always be made in writing:

- If a booking is cancelled more than 45 days before the start date of the service to be provided: 25% of the total price including tax will be forfeited to cover administration costs;
- If a booking is cancelled between 45 and 8 business days (i.e. excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) prior to the start date of the service: 50% of the price is forfeited to cover administration costs;
- If a booking is cancelled less than 8 business days (i.e. excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) prior to the start date of the service: the full amount is forfeited.

##### GUIDED TOURS, HALF-DAYS AND FULL DAYS AND STAYS

No-shows (i.e. services not cancelled in advance) will be charged to the customer at full cost.

A change in the dates of the group's stay is considered as a cancellation and the relevant cancellation charges will apply.

No refunds will be given in the case of stays which are interrupted or curtailed at the customer's initiative, for whatever reason.

We suggest that customers take out cancellation insurance with their preferred insurance company.

### ARTICLE 4: LATE ARRIVALS

#### IN THE EVENT OF LATE ARRIVAL OF THE GROUP, PLEASE ADVISE:

- during office hours: our groups department on +33 (0)4 67 60 19 19 / 30;
- at weekends and on public holidays: the guide (contact details will be provided in the contract of sale).

#### GUIDED TOURS, HALF-DAYS AND FULL DAYS

The guide will wait for the group for up to one hour and the length of the tour will be shortened in accordance with the length of the delay.

However, if the group extends their tour beyond the pre-established finishing time, as agreed with the guide and subject to his/her availability, at least one additional hour will be invoiced and an 'extra hour contract' will have to be signed.

After a one-hour wait with no news of the group, the guide will cease to be at the group's disposal and the full cost of the tour will be charged.

### ARTICLE 5: PRICES / METHODS OF PAYMENT

**Our prices are inclusive of all applicable taxes. VAT is included at the prevailing rate on the date of booking.**

Group rates are calculated on demand and will be specified in a quotation which will constitute the specific terms and conditions of sale.

#### METHODS OF PAYMENT:

- cash;
- bank cheque, crossed and made payable to the 'Office de Tourisme de Montpellier';
- credit or debit card (in person or remotely);
- bank transfer;
- purchase orders are accepted from schools and French government departments.

Bank charges applicable to payments of invoices and deposits are the customer's responsibility.

### ARTICLE 6: CONFERENCE GUIDES, TRANSPORT

- Guiding services are provided by Ministry of Tourism qualified guide-interpreters.
- If the guide is required to travel to departure and/or arrival points outside Montpellier, their travel costs are the customer's responsibility.
- For full-day services, the guide's meal is the customer's responsibility. Alternatively, if the guide does not dine with the group, he/she must be paid a meal allowance of € 18 including tax.

### ARTICLE 7: CHANGES OR CANCELLATION BY THE TOURIST OFFICE

7-1: The Tourist Office reserves the right to change the programme and the order of the tours if necessary. Said changes will not constitute a major change to the contract, specifically its nature, value, date or length of the service to be provided.

7-2: The Montpellier Tourist Office reserves the right to cancel any booking if obliged to do so for reasons of force majeure and others beyond its control, including but not limited to: industrial action, fire, bad weather, blocked access, etc.

Should this occur, the Tourist Office will suggest an alternative date for the tour or a full refund of the monies already paid by the customer, who is entitled to accept or refuse. No other compensation will be payable in these circumstances.

### ARTICLE 8: LIABILITY

Montpellier Tourist Office offers services for which it is the sole intermediary and takes responsibility for the performance of the obligations arising from these terms and conditions of sale. Montpellier Tourist Office declines liability in the event of failure to perform or inadequate performance of said obligations due to: reasons imputable to the purchaser; unforeseen and insurmountable reasons; the acts of a third party not belonging to the organisation; the supply and processing of the services contracted, i.e. in circumstances of force majeure.

In its capacity as service provider, Montpellier Tourist Office is free to choose its partners as it deems fit.

### ARTICLE 9: DISPUTES

All complaints must be sent to the Tourist Office by registered letter within three days of the start of the service.

### ARTICLE 10: PERSONAL DETAILS

#### TOUR OPERATOR AND TRAVEL AGENCY NUMBER IM034110012

Pursuant to the Data Protection Act of 6 January 1978, amended by Law 2004-801 of 6 August 2004, you are informed that the information we gather from you is essential for the processing of your booking. You have the right to access, modify, rectify and delete any personal data concerning you. If you wish to exercise this right, please send us an e-mail to the following address:

**groupes@ot-montpellier.fr.** We can assure you that the information we gather is considered confidential and will not be passed on to third parties other than those who will be providing the services booked, and for the sole purpose of processing your booking.





# MONTPELLIER

## MÉDITERRANÉE MÉTROPOLE

### Practical information



To round off your customers' visit, excursion or stay, Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole offers a host of options: shopping, leisure, museums, follies, urban nature... or do it all with a City Card, our passport to tourism and culture. The Tourist Office is on hand to help ensure your service runs smoothly.

# Shopping in Montpellier is an art!

People who like old stone and a traditional feel will enjoy meandering along medieval streets; those who like modern and futuristic architecture will head over to the high-tech Odysseum commercial complex.



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## YOUR GETAWAY IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

### Prestigious boutiques in a cultural and historical setting

All the major brand names have come to Montpellier. Jewelry, art galleries, ready-to-wear, designer boutiques... enjoy a wide range of world-class shops while discovering the city's historical centre.

Montpellier's historical centre is also a refuge for boutiques with the charm of yesteryear: antique shops, used clothing, discount shops, boutiques from another era, plus nearly a dozen art galleries. For savoury shopping, we recommend a stop at our local boutiques, with typical products such as Grisettes de Montpellier, pavé Saint-Roch, orangettes, almond Croquants de Montpellier, as well as olive oils and Coteaux du Languedoc wines. And don't miss the fragrant local markets, particularly the must-see open market beneath the Arceaux aqueduct. A magical place to find great products on Tuesday and Saturday mornings...

Shopping in the downtown Écusson quarter gives you the delicious impression of being far away. Private mansions next to shops, historical monuments towering over paved plazas, all of it taking visitors back to the past. Why not vary your pleasure and visit Saint-Pierre cathedral between shops?

In the city centre, you also can go to the Polygone shopping centre. Many stores and shops are waiting for you!

### Access

- Tramway: Lines 1 and 2 / Comédie stop



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## ODYSSEUM, BETWEEN BEACH AND BACKCOUNTRY

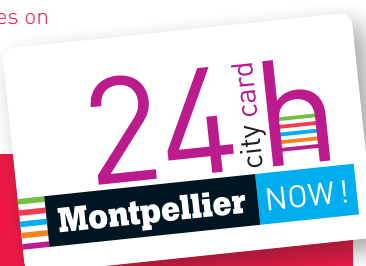
Odysseum is a vast area for leisure and pleasure activities with a typically Mediterranean ambiance. Located just off the A9 highway, outside the city centre, Odysseum is easily accessible for tour buses. It can also be reached directly by tramway (15 mn) from the historical centre.

A huge open-air shopping mall, Odysseum has nearly 100 stores and shops for you to discover, including major brand names. For your lunch breaks, Odysseum also offers a wide variety of theme-oriented restaurants.

### Access

- Bus: A9 motorway / Exit 29 / Direction Odysseum
- Tramway: Line 1 / Direction Odysseum / Terminus Odysseum

Find our list of partner boutiques on [www.montpellier-france.com](http://www.montpellier-france.com)



### CITY CARD

All-inclusive tourist and cultural passport Valid for 1, 2 or 3 consecutive days, City Card gives you open access to tours, transportation and other advantages. Product at 10% discount for agencies and groups.

### INFORMATION

Commercial Department:  
+ 33 (0)4 67 60 19 30  
+ 33 (0)4 67 60 19 19  
[groupe@ot-montpellier.fr](mailto:groupe@ot-montpellier.fr)  
[www.montpellier-france.com](http://www.montpellier-france.com)



# Leisure

If sport and adventure are your thing, Odysseum in Montpellier is sure to please.



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## GALILEO PLANETARIUM OF MONTPELLIER MÉDITERRANÉE MÉTROPOLE

Place dedicated to teaching people about astronomy. The Planetarium delights people of all ages, projecting exceptional shows under the large hemisphere ceiling, with 156 comfortable seats slightly reclined and raised to give visitors the sensation that they are truly part of the skies around them.

► **Rates:** From **€4,60** per person for a group of at least 20 people.

► **Information**  
Phone: + 33 (0)4 67 13 26 28



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## MARE NOSTRUM AQUARIUM OF MONTPELLIER MÉDITERRANÉE MÉTROPOLE

Dive into the marvels of the Mediterranean, go with the flow of successive maritime currents through to the southern seas and contemplate the vast expanses of the ocean: Mare Nostrum invites you on a fabulous voyage.

► **Rates:** From **€12,50** per adult.  
Guide tour from **€15,50** per adult.  
For groups of at least 20 people.

► **Information**  
Phone: + 33 (0)4 67 13 05 60



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## VEGAPOLIS ICE SKATING RINK OF MONTPELLIER MÉDITERRANÉE MÉTROPOLE

With over 3,000m<sup>2</sup> of ice, Vegapolis is the only ice skating rink in Europe to offer two separate areas: one rink for sports and another for fun, with gentle slopes, giant-screen TVs, music and light shows!

► **Rates:** please contact us

► **Information**  
Phone: + 33 (0)4 99 52 26 00

## ALTISSIMO

With facilities in Montpellier and nearby Grabels, Altissimo lets you climb mountains in a room! An original activity that is full of thrilling sensations. Team-climbing with ropes or block-climbing to practice alone or with others! Open to all.

► **Rates:** please contact us

► **Information**  
Phone: + 33 (0)4 67 64 14 18



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## THE MONTPELLIER ZOOLOGICAL PARK

The Montpellier Zoological Park works hard to protect endangered species. With 80 hectares of forest-covered hills, it is the second largest zoo in France with its 80 hectares, 141 species and 1,357 animals.

On-site restaurant for groups

### ► Free entrance

### ► Information (Zoo & Greenhouse)

50 avenue Agropolis

34000 Montpellier

**+33 (0)4 67 54 45 23**

**[www.zoo.montpellier.fr](http://www.zoo.montpellier.fr)**

Parking

### ► Access

(GPS : N 43.38.24 ; E 3.52.24) :

- A9 exit n° 28, towards "Montpellier / Hôpitaux - Facultés," then "Zoo de Lunaret".

- A75 towards "Alès Nîmes," then "Montpellier/Hôpitaux-Facultés" and "Zoo de Lunaret".

Parking at the Zoo, or on Tramway line 1 at St. Éloi (take the shuttle bus towards Agropolis Lavalette and get off at the zoo).

*To get more details about opening hours, please contact us*

## MONTPELLIER'S AMAZONIAN GREENHOUSE

**At the entrance to the zoo** take a trip from the mangrove to the estuary of the Amazon river and to the tropical mountain forest. Discover over 60 species of animals, some of which are unique in France, including Anteater, piranhas, Blue Dendrobates, Tamarind, Margay, bats and more. The flora is equally rich, with 3 500 plants, from mangrove trees to orchids.

Audio-guide in French, English, Spanish and German: 1€ (1 hr)

► From **€3** per person for 10 people minimum

Audio-guide rent: **€1**

## CONTEMPORARY MONTPELLIER

Our own audioguide available in English to accompany you as you explore the city and discover its contemporary architecture.

Three circuits to explore

- Along the river, towards the Town Hall • Large facilities on the outskirts of the city
- At the heart of the Écusson, Montpellier's historical centre.

Itinerary, commentary inter views. FREE download on App Store and Google Play.

**Free**





# Museums: Art, history, popular traditions, archaeology and more

## LE MUSÉE FABRE OF MONTPELLIER MÉDITERRANÉE MÉTROPOLE

The museum is considered to be one of Europe's most prestigious fine art galleries. It owes its origin, in 1825, to the Montpellier-based painter Francois-Xavier Fabre. See the work of great Flemish, Dutch, Italian, Spanish and French masters, as well as temporary exhibitions.

## & L'HÔTEL DE CABRIÈRES SABATIER D'ESPEYRAN DÉPARTEMENT DES ARTS DÉCORATIFS DU MUSÉE FABRE

This private mansion from the XIX<sup>th</sup> century now hosts the new Decorative Arts Department of the Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole Fabre Museum - a historic residence that gives visitors a chance to discover the lifestyle of XVIII<sup>th</sup> and XIX<sup>th</sup> century bourgeois and aristocratic society. Having entirely preserved the furnishings and decorations of these apartments, the Hôtel de Cabrières Sabatier d'Espeyran offers the only collection of its kind in any French decorative arts museum.

### ► Group rates with a guide of the museum:

#### Permanent collections

**€ 200** per group  
Groups limited to 20 people, audiophone included. Guided tours available in English, Italian, Spanish, Catalan, German, Polish.

#### Temporary exhibitions

**€ 230** per group  
Groups limited to 20 people, audiophone included.

#### Hôtel de Cabrières Sabatier d'Espeyran

**€ 200** per group  
Groups limited to 20 people, audiophone included.

### ► Group rates without a guide of the museum:

#### Permanent collections

**€ 5** per person, for groups from 10 people + **€ 25** for right to speak.

#### Expositions temporaires d'hiver

**€ 6** per person, for groups from 10 people + **€ 25** for right to speak + **€ 25** for audiophones if necessary.

#### Hôtel de Cabrières Sabatier d'Espeyran

**€ 2,50** per person, for groups from 10 people + **€ 25** for right to speak + **€ 25** for audiophones if necessary.

### ► Information

39, bd Bonne-Nouvelle  
34000 Montpellier  
**+33 (0)4 67 14 83 00**  
groupes.museefabre  
@montpellier3m.fr  
**www.museefabre.fr**

Open from Tuesday to Sunday,  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Closed on 01/01,  
01/05, 11/11 and 25/12.

## Major exhibitions in 2016

### Winter exhibition

#### Senufo, Art and identities in Western Africa

Until March 6<sup>th</sup> 2016

For the first time since its opening, the Fabre Museum of Montpellier Mediterranean Metropolis welcomes a major exhibition of African Art, unique in France. With a superb selection of 160 artefacts lent by great European and North American public and private collections – masks, statues, objects, photographs...using various techniques and styles. The Senufo exhibition «Art and identities in Western Africa» transports the public to the heart of early societies of Poro and Sandogo in the north of Ivory Coast, Mali and Burkina Faso. This rich Senufo production has been the subject of numerous studies from the 1930's and is today one of the most appreciated in sub-Saharan Africa.

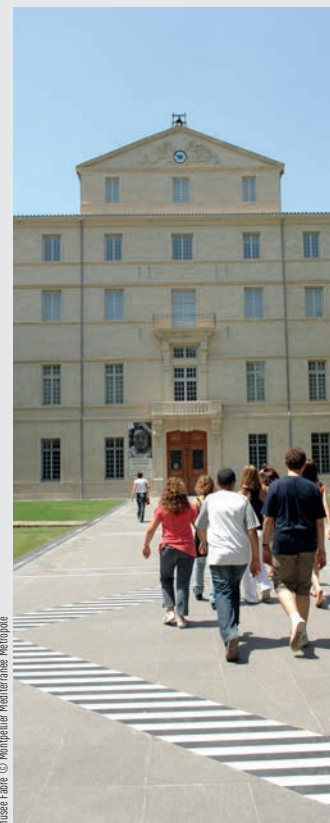


### Summer exhibition

#### Frédéric Bazille, the youthfulness of impressionism

June 24<sup>th</sup>-October 16 2016

This special exhibition brings together the most famous paintings of Bazille and his impressionist friends: Renoir, Monet, Manet, Sisley... An international project that took place thanks to the valuable contribution of both French and foreign prestigious institutions (The New York Museum of Art, The Chicago Art Institute, the Geneva Petit Palais Museum, the Frankfurt Städel Museum, the Los Angeles J. Paul Getty Museum...).



Musée Fabre © Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole

## PARCOURS MUSÉOGRAPHIQUE

Discover the city with a two-museum tour in two historical, remarkable and unique locations:

- Museum of Ancient Montpellier (Hôtel de Varennes)  
Groups up to 25 people (max)
- Miséricorde Apothecary  
Groups up to 15 people (max)

► **Group Rates: € 2** per person for groups of 20 people

► **Information**  
Phone: **+33 (0)4 67 66 88 90**  
visites@ville-montpellier.fr

## MUSÉE LANGUEDOCIEN

Art, History and Archeology.

► **Rates:** please contact us

► **Information**  
7, rue Jacques Cœur  
Phone: **+ 33 (0)4 67 52 93 03**

## MUSÉE DU FOUGAU

This private museum of popular art and traditions is devoted to everyday life in Montpellier's olden days.

► **Free entrance**

► **Information**  
Hôtel de Varennes  
2, place Pétrarque  
Phone: **+ 33 (0)4 67 84 31 58**

## MUSÉE ATGER

Collection of drawings.

► **Free entrance**

► **Information**  
Faculté de Médecine  
2, rue École de Médecine  
Phone: **+33 (0)4 34 43 35 81**

## In Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole

### CENTRE RÉGIONAL D'HISTOIRE DE LA RÉSISTANCE ET DE LA DÉPORTATION

Castelnau-le-Lez (34170)

► **Free entrance.**  
Contact us for groups.

► **Information**  
1, place de la Liberté  
Phone: **+33 (0)4 67 14 27 45**  
crhrd@cegetel.net

### MUSÉE MUNICIPAL HOFER-BURY

Lavérune (34880)

Collection of modern art.

► **Rates :** from **€ 1** per person for groups of at least 10 people. By appointment

► **Information**  
Château des Évêques  
Phone: **+33 (0)4 99 51 20 00**  
culture@mairiedelaverune.fr

### MUSÉE ARCHÉOLOGIQUE PAUL SOYRIS

Murviel-lès-Montpellier (34570)

► **Rates :** from **€ 2**  
By appointment

► **Information**  
Rue de l'Ancienne Mairie  
Phone: **+33 (0)4 67 47 71 74**

### THE LATTARA ARCHÉOLOGICAL SITE & MUSEUM HENRI PRADES OF MONTPELLIER MÉDITERRANÉE MÉTROPOLE



Lattes (34970)

The Lattara Archeological Site and Museum Henri Prades, one of France's national museums, invites you to discover the remains of the ancient city. Built beside a sea water lake and the Lez river, the ancient port of Lattara was inhabited from the 6th century BC until the 3rd century AD and was an important economical and cultural exchange centre for more than 800 years for all the peoples of the Western Mediterranean : Etruscans, Greeks, Iberians, Celts, Romans as well as the local population. In the Middle-Ages Lattes became the port of Montpellier.

► **Rates :**

For groups of at least 10 people:  
**€ 2** per person for permanent collections  
**€ 3** per person for permanent collections + temporary exhibitions

Guided tours, for groups of at least 8 people, by appointment:

**€ 4** per person for permanent collections  
**€ 5** per person for permanent collections + temporary exhibitions

► **Information**  
390, avenue de Pérols  
Tél. : **+33 (0)4 67 99 77 20**  
museearcheo.montpellier3m.fr

Open from Monday to Friday,  
10:00 am-12pm & 1:30pm-5:30 pm, on  
Saturday and Sunday from 2pm to 6pm  
or 7pm. Closed on Tuesday and the  
01/01, 01/05, 14/07, 15/08, 01/11, 25/12.



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# Folies



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## HÔTEL HAGUENOT

Built by Jean Antoine Giral for Professor Henri Haguenot in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century, Hôtel Haguenot. Offers classical architectural lines and an exceptional gypserie decor. This pleasure manor is surrounded by a fountain-filled garden, a fresh and cool haven for visitors..

- ▶ From **€6** per person  
Groups limited to 20 people.  
By appointment.
- ▶ **Information**  
[www.hotelhaguenot.fr](http://www.hotelhaguenot.fr)  
3, rue Clapiés  
34000 Montpellier  
Phone: + 33 (0)6 19 07 27 58  
Contact:  
**Isabelle DE PARSEVAL**

## HÔTEL DE GUIDAIS

This 18<sup>th</sup> century folie offers a taste of paradise in the centre of the city. Its garden is decorated with a cake-stand fountain and small basin. A sunlit patio is lined with citrus trees, overlooking the wooded area filled with laurels and nettle-trees. An island of tranquillity in the very heart of the city.

- ▶ From **€7** per person
- ▶ **Information**  
34000 Montpellier  
Phone: + 33 (0)9 50 44 12 01  
Contact: **Andrée MOLINIER**

## CHÂTEAU DE FLAUGERGUES

Located at the entrance of the city, is Montpellier's oldest «Folies». It has art collections, 5 superb Brussels tapestries and a refined and monumental staircase which seems to defy the laws of gravity. Around the Château lie enchanting French style gardens and an English botanical park.

- ▶ From **€7** per person  
**without wine-tasting**  
(for groups 15 people min)  
From **€12** per person  
**with wine-tasting**  
(for groups 15 people min)
- ▶ **Information**  
[www.flaugergues.com](http://www.flaugergues.com)  
1744, avenue Albert Einstein  
34000 Montpellier  
Phone: +33 (0)4 99 52 66 37  
[visiter@flaugergues.com](mailto:visiter@flaugergues.com)  
Contact : **Madeleine JOZWICK**

## CHÂTEAU DE LA MOGÈRE

This «Folie» has been inhabited by the same family since 1715. The owner guides you through the rooms as you progressively unlock the secrets of the estate: a superb collection of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century furniture, paintings, gypserie decor... the grounds and gardens offer a tiered fountain and statues.

- ▶ **Information**  
[www.lamogere.fr](http://www.lamogere.fr)  
2235, route de Vauguières  
34000 Montpellier  
Phone: +33 (0)4 67 65 72 01  
Contact : **Gaston DE SAPORTA**

## CHÂTEAU DE L'ENGARRAN

At the entrance to the city, Engarran is an XVIII<sup>th</sup> century «Folie», classified as a historical monument, dedicated to love, women and wine. The visit combines art, architecture, poetry, and, of course, wine. Don't miss its must-see wine museum.

- ▶ For groups 15 people min.  
Visit & wine tasting, flexible options: Discovery package **€16** per person, Discovery package **€23** per person, Expert package **€30** per person.

- ▶ **Information**  
[www.chateau-engarran.com](http://www.chateau-engarran.com)  
34880 Lavérune  
Phone: +33 (0)4 67 47 00 02  
[caveau.lengarran@orange.fr](mailto:caveau.lengarran@orange.fr)  
Contact : **Isabelle BELY**



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### Did you know?

Starting at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the city's dignitaries began to build houses outside the city limits. The term «Folies» originates from the light-hearted approach to these magnificent houses "among the leaves".



# Heritage gardens, natural sites

## Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole

### CARRIÈRES DE BEAULIEU

The stone of Beaulieu was used for the construction of many buildings in the region, and was extracted during the Roman era. Trails. Open all year round.

- **Information**  
34160 **Beaulieu**  
Phone: + 33 (0)4 67 86 60 28

### AQUEDUC DE CASTRIES

A remarkable structure built in 1670 which carried water all the way to the gardens of the Château de Castries over a distance of 6,822m. It is considered to be one of France's biggest privately-owned hydraulic structures.

- **Information**  
34160 **Castries**  
Phone: + 33 (0)4 67 52 04 24

### PARC DU CHÂTEAU DE CASTRIES

With its park in the French style and its aqueduct, this is one of the most important groups of monuments in the region. also known as the 'Versailles of the Languedoc.'

- **Information**  
www.ot-castries.fr  
Office de Tourisme  
Via Domitia  
34160 **Castries**  
Phone: + 33 (0)4 67 52 04 24

### SITE NATUREL PROTÉGÉ DU MÉJEAN

"Sentier des Platanes" walking trail 3-6 km, open daily. "Sentier Grain de Méjean" walking trail [8 km, 2.5 km of which is "Tourism and Handicap"-certified]. Bikes are forbidden on the Grain de Méjean walking trail. Picnic area, public toilets and disability car parking spaces.

- From **€ 60** per group (half day). For groups from 10 to 30 people.
- **Information**  
Maison de la Nature  
34970 **Lattes**  
Phone: + 33 (0)4 67 22 12 44



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### CHÂTEAU DES ÉVÊQUES

Also called the Château de Lavérune. From the 18th century, this was the residence of Montpellier's bishops. Today it houses the Hofer-Bury museum (cf page 33).

- **Information**  
34880 **Lavérune**  
Phone: + 33 (0)4 99 51 20 25  
or +33 (0)4 99 51 20 00

### ABBAYE DE VIGNOUL

Vestige of Benedictine moniales and Cistercian, constructed on 12th century.

- **Information**  
www.abbaye-de-vignogoul.fr  
25, route de St-Georges  
d'Orques 34570 **Pignan**  
Phone: + 33 (0)6 01 73 57 70

### DOMAINE DE RESTINCLIÈRES

Exhibitions, animations, trails, playground and picnic area.

- **Information**  
34730 **Prades-le-Lez**  
Tél. : + 33 (0)4 99 62 09 40

**Other places to walk:**  
**Source de l'Avy & arboretum** (Grabels), **Parc de Bocaud** (Jacou), **Lac du Crès** (le Crès), **Parc du Terral** (Saint-Jean-de-Védas)



### Did you know?

All around Montpellier, vines have been grown since antiquity and Languedoc Roussillon is the location of a wide range of wine growing areas such as Faugères, Saint-Chinian, Pic Saint-Loup, Muscats from Mireval, Frontignan or Lunel, etc. Don't miss tasting the Grés de Montpellier, which come directly from the local area. A treasure to be discovered in the city's restaurants, wine cellars and wine bars.

Olives are also widely grown on the soils of the Languedoc. Several varieties really stand out like the Lucques with its crescent-moon shape, to be tasted as table olives and oil. You can discover all the know-how and taste the products in the olive farms close to Montpellier or in one of city centre's specialist shops.

**Estates, visits, tastings...**  
**please contact us.**



# Professionnals at your service

## DMC

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info@aupalya.com  
www.aupalya.com  
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contact@corpo-events.fr  
www.corpo-events.fr  
*IM013100060*

### ► Ekypage

105 chemin du clouraous,  
34800 Canet – France  
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Mobile: +33 (0)6 11 53 50 18  
Fax: +33 (0)4 67 44 40 27  
b.lucot@bbs-evasions.com  
www.adventureinfrance.com/  
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### ► EVEA

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34000 Montpellier  
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www.agence-evea.com  
*IM075130034*

### ► Eventime

Le Corum  
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34000 Montpellier  
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Mobile: +33 (0)6 03 39 51 25  
james.debos@eventime-group.com  
www.eventime-group.com  
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### ► Evolution 2 Millau

Place du 19 Mars  
12100 Creissels  
Phone: +33 (0)5 65 60 17 91  
millau@evolution2.com  
www.evolution2-millau.com  
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Fax: +33 (0)4 67 37 98 36  
sabine@guidesud.com  
www.guidesud.com/sabine-  
affre  
*IM034120010*

### ► Tourisme Attitude

99 bis quai Théophile Cornu  
34300 Agde  
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contact@tourisme-attitude.com  
www.tourisme-attitude.com  
*IM034120005*

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26 rue des Micocouliers  
34750 Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone  
Phone: +33 (0)4 67 47 46 36  
Fax: +33 (0)4 67 42 59 04  
i.saunier@123events.fr  
www.123events.fr  
*IM034100036*

## EXCURSIONS

### ► Camargue Autrement

7 centre commercial Port Royal  
30240 Le Grau du Roi  
Phone: +33 (0)4 30 08 52 91  
+33 (0)6 12 03 25 35  
contact@camargue-autrement.com  
www.camargue-autrement.com

### ► Instant Terroir

441 chemin de Bassac  
34270 Saint Jean de Cuculles  
Phone: +33 (0)6 59 61 98 34  
contact@instant-terroir.com  
www.instant-terroir.com

### ► Montpellier Wine Tours

(Head Office)  
92 rue Mathieu Laurens  
34000 Montpellier  
Phone: +33 (0)6 95 16 25 61  
info@montpellierwinetours.com  
www.montpellierwinetours.com  
*IM034130001*

### ► Prowinetour

(Head Office)  
Apt 155 A - 1 cour Bellevue  
La Pergola - 34000 Montpellier  
Phone: +33 (0)6 22 98 61 04  
contact@prowinetour.com  
carolmilliez@gmail.com  
www.prowinetour.com

## COACH OPERATORS

### ► Cars La Populaire

30 avenue des Comtes  
d'Armagnac  
12100 Creissels  
Phone: +33 (0)5 65 61 01 01  
www.cars-la-populaire.com/  
cars-la-populaire@orange.fr

## CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN TOURIST VEHICLES

### ► Business Car Company

10 Parc Club du Millénaire  
1025 avenue Henri Becquerel  
34000 Montpellier  
Phone: +33 (0)4 67 20 40 75  
contact@  
businesscarcompany.com  
www.businesscarcompany.com  
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### ► Carevan

199 rue Hélène Boucher  
34170 Castelnau-le-Lez  
Phone: +33 (0)6 50 84 34 22  
carevan@carevan.fr  
www.carevan.fr

### ► VIP Minicars

611 rue de Saint Priest  
Bat i - Garrigue de Saint Priest  
34090 Montpellier  
Phone: +33 (0)4 30 10 39 10  
vip.minicars@numericable.fr  
www.vip-minicars.fr

## TAXIS

### ► Montpellier Taxi Bleu du Midi

148 rue Marius Carrieu  
34080 Montpellier  
Phone: +33 (0)4 67 70 36 21  
Fax : +33 (0)4 67 03 22 85  
contact@taxibleudumidi.fr  
www.taxibleudumidi.fr

### ► Taxi Tram

1 place de Strasbourg  
34000 Montpellier  
Phone: +33 (0)4 67 03 20 00  
taxi.tram@wanadoo.fr  
www.taxi-tram.fr

# Events 2016

## Festival Chrétien du Cinéma

January 23-February 1<sup>st</sup>  
chretiensetcultures.free.fr

## Millésime Bio

January 25-27  
www.millesime-bio.com

## Open Sud de France

January 30-February 7  
www.opensuddefrance.com

## Festival Méditerranée À Déguster (MAD)

March 18-20  
www.festival-mad.com

## Marathon de Montpellier

March 20  
www.marathonmontpelliermetropole.com

## Festival Tropisme

March 26-April 10  
www.tropisemefestival.fr

## ZAT (Zone Artistique Temporaire)

April 9-10  
Quartier Figuerolles  
zat.montpellier.fr

## Boutographies

April 30-May 22  
www.boutographies.com

## Festival Inter-religieux de Musiques Sacrées

April  
chretiensetcultures.free.fr

## FISE (Festival international des sports extrêmes)

May 4-8  
www.fise-events.net

## Urban trail

May 13  
www.urban-trail-montpellier.com

## Nuit européenne des musées

May 21  
www.nuitdesmusees.culture.fr

## Battle of the Year

May 21-22  
www.botyfrance.com  
Festival A Change of Direction (17-22 mai)

## Comédie du livre

May 27-29  
comediedulivre.fr

## Montpellier Reine

May 29  
www.montpellier-reine.org

## Saperlipopette

May  
www.domaine-do-34.eu

## Balade gastronomique « Aux grés de Montpellier »

May  
www.gres-de-montpellier.com

## Arabesques

May  
www.festivalarabesques.fr

## Festival des fanfares

June 11  
festivalfanfare.free.fr

## Festival des Architectures Vives

June 15-19 in Montpellier  
June 18-26 in La Grande Motte  
festivaldesarchitecturesvives.com  
Theme 2016 : To innovate

## Printemps des Comédiens

June  
www.printempsdescomediens.com

## Fête de l'Antiquité à Lattara

June, à Lattes  
museearcheo.montpellier3m.fr

## Fête de la Musique

June 21  
www.montpellier-tourisme.fr

## Festival International Montpellier Danse

June-July  
www.montpellierdanse.com

## Montpellier Beach Master

June  
www.montpellierbeachvolley.fr

## Les Nuits de Sainte-Anne

End of June-Early July  
nouveausainteanne.wordpress.com

## Festivales de Saporta

June to September, in Lattes  
www.coteaux-languedoc.com

## Les Estivales

July-September  
www.montpellier.fr

## Marche des Diversités Lesbian and Gay Pride Montpellier Languedoc-Roussillon

July  
www.montpelliergay.com

## Festival Radio France Montpellier Languedoc-Roussillon

July 11-26  
www.festivalradiofrancemontpellier.com

## La Métropole fait son cinéma

August  
www.montpellier3m.fr

## Fête de la saint Roch

August 16  
www.st-roch.com

## Journées européennes du patrimoine

September  
www.journeesdupatrimoine.culture.fr

## Les Internationales de la Guitare

September-October  
www.les-ig.com

## Foire de Montpellier

October  
www.foire-montpellier.com

## Cinemed, Festival international de cinéma méditerranéen de Montpellier

October  
www.cinemed.tm.fr

## Fête des Vignes

3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of November  
www.montpellier3m.fr

## Les Hivernales

December  
www.montpellier.fr





# Getting to Montpellier



## BY PLANE

### Montpellier Méditerranée Airport

#### ► Information

34137 Manguio  
+ 33 (0)4 67 20 85 00  
[www.montpellier.aeroport.fr](http://www.montpellier.aeroport.fr)

#### ► Getting to the airport via the A9 motorway

A9 motorway – exit 29 Montpellier Est  
Follow the signs for Aéroport Fréjorgues / Montpellier Méditerranée

#### ► Getting to the airport from the city centre

From the city centre – Head towards 'Les plages' (the beaches)  
Follow the signs for Aéroport Fréjorgues / Montpellier Méditerranée

#### ► Getting to the airport by train + shuttle

From the SNCF Saint-Roch railway station: Take the line 1 tram towards Odysseum – Place de l'Europe stop  
Take the Airport Shuttle – orange bus line 120 – Rue Poséidon (shuttle tickets can be bought on board from the driver).

#### ► Flight connections with 10 countries (excluding charter flights), 26 destinations, 11 tour operators, 15 scheduled airlines: Aer Lingus, Norwegian, Air Algérie, Air Arabia Maroc, Air France, Alitalia, Easyjet, Eurowings, Hop, KLM, Royal Air Maroc, Ryanair, SAS, Transavia, Volotea.

## BY TRAIN

### SNCF Railway Station

#### ► Information

36 35 (0,34 €/mn)  
[www.voyages-sncf.com](http://www.voyages-sncf.com)

#### ► Access

The SNCF Montpellier Saint-Roch railway station is located in the city centre, a five-minute walk from the Place de la Comédie.  
Place Auguste Gibert – 34011 Montpellier  
Ticket office: 6:30 am to 8:00 pm, Monday to Sunday and bank holidays

#### ► Getting to the station by tram

You can get to station on trams 1, 2, 3 and 4.  
Get off at the Saint-Roch stop.

#### ► Regular connections with major cities in France and Europe via the TGV network: Marseille (1h30), Lyon (1h45), Toulouse (2h15), Barcelone (2h50), Paris (3h15), Genève (4h), Nice (4h10), Bordeaux (4h15), Lille (5h), Bruxelles (5h50)



## BY BUS



### ► Informations

Montpellier Tourist Office  
Groups Department: + 33 (0)4 67 60 19 19/30  
Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
[groupe@ot-montpellier.fr](mailto:groupe@ot-montpellier.fr)

### ► Access

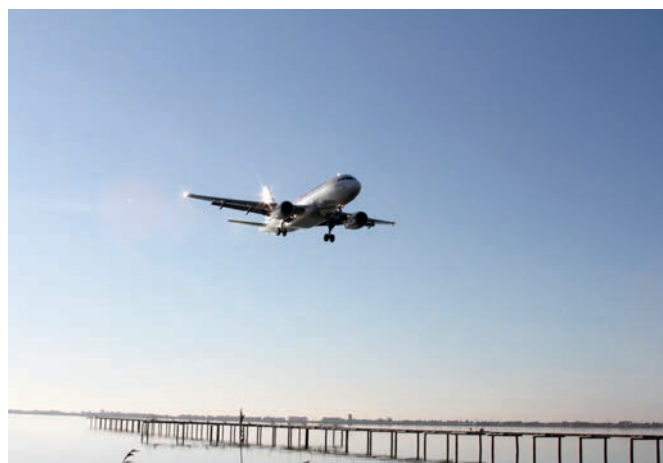
From the A9 motorway, take exit 29 for Montpellier Est, and head towards Montpellier Centre

### ► Coach parks

Pénélope, Odysseum  
Place du Père Louis, 78 avenue du Pirée  
Arceaux, Place Max Rouquette  
Parking Joffre, rue d'Argencourt

### ► Rates

Please contact Montpellier Tourist Office.



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Pursuant to municipal order 2010/NT/R/DGU-P274, the category 7.5 T restriction for the streets listed in Article 2 does not apply to public transport vehicles in service. A copy of the order may be requested from our groups department.



# Montpellier & Surroundings

**Lying between sea and hills, between the Camargue and the Cévennes, the city of Montpellier and its surroundings offer the perfect opportunity to explore a host of prestigious sites:**

Enjoy the pleasures of summer on the beaches of La Grande Motte or marvel at the traditional water jousting in Sète.

Go rambling on the slopes of Pic Saint-Loup or descend the Gorges de l'Hérault by canoe.

Discover the history of the Aigues-Mortes ramparts or admire the Cirque de Navacelles.

Whether you are an enthusiast of sport and adventure, or simply enjoy the great outdoors, Montpellier and surroundings are sure to please.

## Driving time from Montpellier:

**Aigues-Mortes** – 45 min

**Bouzigues** – 35 min

**Cathédrale de Maguelone** – 25 min

**Château de Flaugergues** – 15 min

**La Grande Motte** – 25 min

**Le Pont du Gard** – 1h

**Nîmes** – 45 min

**Palavas les Flots** – 30 min

**Pézenas** – 55 min

**Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert** – 1:10

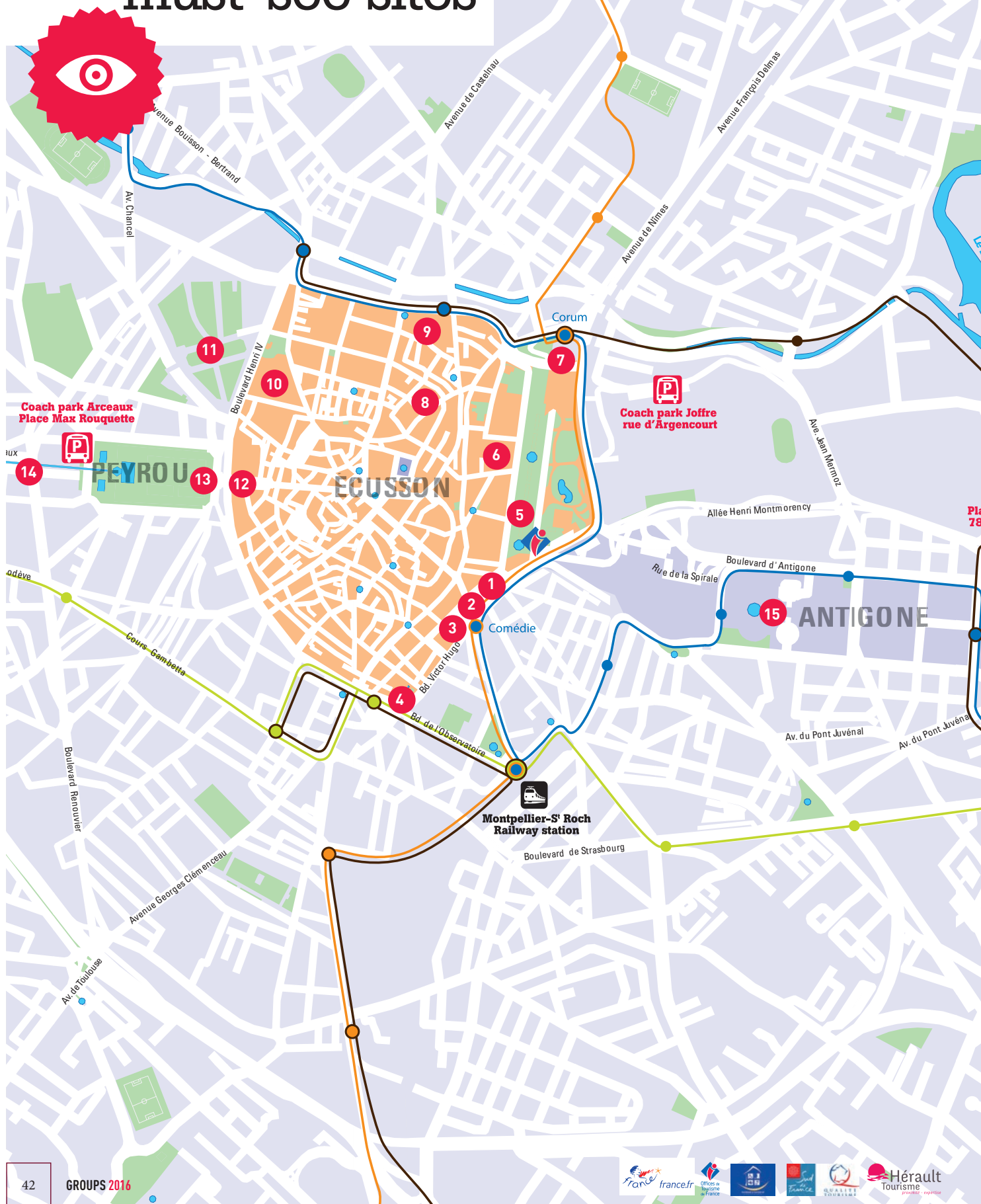
**Sète** – 50 min







# The city's must-see sites



- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Place la Comédie                                  | 11 Jardin des plantes  |
| 2 Les Trois Grâces                                  | 12 Arc de triomphe   |
| 3 Opéra Comédie                                     | 13 Place royale du Peyrou  |
| 4 Tour de la Babote                                 | 14 Aqueduc des Arceaux   |
| 5 Esplanade Charles de Gaulle                       | 15 Antigone  |
| 6 Musée Fabre de Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole | 16 Place de l'Europe   |
| 7 Le Corum-Palais des Congrès-Opéra Berlioz         | 17 Hôtel de Région   |
| 8 La Panacée  | 18 Hôtel de Ville  |
| 9 Agora   | 19 Odysseum  |
| 10 Cathédrale St Pierre/Faculté de Médecine         |  Tourist Office |

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  TRAMWAY Line 2
  TRAMWAY Line 3
  TRAMWAY Line 4



Coach parks



Airport shuttle



Railway station







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**Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole  
Tourist Office & Convention Bureau**

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