

Tourist information

A valid passport or identity card is required for all visitors entering France. No visa is required for citizens from the EU or from most other European countries, USA, and Japan [[Do you need a visa ?](#)]. Please contact the French embassy, consulate or customs agency in your own country for details regarding visa and entry requirements.

How Getting There

By Air

Montpellier can be reached from all countries via Paris Airports with more than 12 flights daily [[Air France](#)] or via London [[Ryan Air](#)] [[British Airways](#)]. Additional direct international flights are also available. Please contact your travel agency for more information.

Montpellier-Méditerranée Airport is located 8 km southeast of Montpellier.

[[airport web site](#)]: Tel: +33 (0)4 67 20 85 00

There is a shuttle service between the airport and the city regularly (it takes 15-20 min to get to the city). Then you can walk to the tramway station, named "Saint Roch" and take tramway direction "La Mosson". Leave the tramway at the station named "facultés des sciences et des lettres".

(http://www.montpellier-agglo.com/tam/page.php?id_rubrique=14)

[[map](#)]. Alternatively there are always taxis available from the airport and station. (around 25,00 €)

Taxi bleu : Tel: +33(0)4 67 03 20 00.

By train

The high-speed train [[TGV](#)] connects Paris to Montpellier in 3h20, Roissy CdG airport to Montpellier in 3h30, and Brussels to Montpellier in 5h.

Train station (gare SNCF).

SNCF: Tel: +33 (0)8 36 67 68 69 - [[SNCF web site](#)]

Other daily or overnight trains provide connections between Montpellier and London, Brussels, Madrid, Rome, Amsterdam, Munich, Frankfurt, Geneva, Vienna, etc ...

By road:

Exit highway A9 at "Montpellier Sud",

At the roundabout take the exit marked "Mosson",

Continue straight on for several kms ("Avenue des Prés d'Arènes" then "Avenue de la liberté"),

Then turn right, sign posted "Hôpitaux Facultés",

Filter into the left hand lane (you will see "Géant" hypermarket on your right),

Go through the underpass.

Then you need to follow the signs posted Hôpitaux Facultés, and you will find a sign UMII. (Montpellier University 2)

Some information about Montpellier

[Montpellier](#) and its suburbs has about 420,000 inhabitants. It is the capital and the largest city of the [Languedoc-Roussillon](#) region. Montpellier was founded in 985 and since then has continuously developed on a beautiful site, facing the Mediterranean sea to the south and backed to the north by the mountains of the Massif Central (Les Cévennes). Formed by its long history, Montpellier offers [two faces](#): the old town, small enough to walk around through the narrow streets often lined with 18th century mansions or older buildings and the modern town, dynamic and developing as emphasized by the impressive building complex of Antigone, created by the Spanish born architect, Ricardo Bofill. Montpellier is also a "University city" with 60,000 students spread over 11 disciplines. Research plays a major role in biology, medicine, engineering, chemistry, agronomy, computer sciences, etc... Finally, Montpellier is a perfect place for enjoyable entertainment with hundreds of fine restaurants and bars (often outdoors in July), movie theatres, opera, etc.. There are also a great Olympic indoor swimming pool and a brand new ice-skating park in the city as well as many places for an unforgettable jog like along the River Lez (for great runners, a round trip to the seaside is about 20 km). Finally the seaside (typical village being Palavas) is only 10 km away and can be reached by using city buses (30 min trip).

Getting Around Montpellier:

You can [hire a bicycle](#) or use [buses and/or the tramway](#).

Weather and clothing:

October and November in Montpellier is generally rainy and cool (12-15°C). A

coat may be required if you spend the evening on the sea front. [[Forecast for Montpellier](#)]

Insurance:

The organizers of the colloquium cannot accept responsibility for individual medical, travel or personal insurance nor for injury or damage involving persons or property before, during or after the conference.

Electrical current:

The electrical current in France is 220 volts 50 Hz; 2 pin round plugs.