



VISITOR'S GUIDE

University of Montpellier



International Affairs Department

Dear visitor,

You are most cordially welcome to the University of Montpellier. This short guide intends to provide you with some practical information so that you can make the best use of your time during your visit and access the services we have available for you. You will find out how to arrive to Montpellier, where to find accommodation and how to move around the city.

We recommend you to read the guide attentively and to keep it with you when you come to Montpellier.

We look forward to hosting you in Montpellier!

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HOW TO ARRIVE TO MONTPELLIER

Travel arrangements

By plane

Montpellier Méditerranée international airport is located 20 minutes from the city center of Montpellier. It serves 26 direct destinations in Europe, Africa and Asia

For more information, visit : <https://montpellier-airport.com/>

Airports in Paris, Toulouse or Marseille serve many more destinations and are well connected to Montpellier by train and by bus.

From the airport to the city center

Airport shuttle bus N°620 serves the Airport Montpellier Méditerranée - train station Montpellier Sud de France – and Place de France. The travel takes 25 min. From Place de France take tram 1 (direction Mosson) to go to the city center.

Single ticket: 1,60€ is sold on the bus.

For the shuttle timetable see : <https://www.montpellier.aeroport.fr/acces/en-transports-publics-aeroport-montpellier/>.

By train

Arriving to Montpellier by high-speed train (TGV) from Paris will take only 3 hours, from Lyon 1h 45 and from Barcelona 2h30.

Montpellier has two train stations: Montpellier Saint Roch in the city center and Montpellier Sud de France outside the city.

For further information and ticket reservation, visit: <https://en.oui.sncf/en/>

From the Sud de France train station to the city center

Airport shuttle bus N°620 see By plane

Shuttle bus TaM connects the train station Montpellier Sud de France (stop Cambacérès) to the bus stop Place de France. This ride takes around 15 min and you can buy your ticket at the vending machine at the stop. This is also a tram ticket valid for 1h.

From Place de France take tram 1 (direction Mosson) to go to the city center.

By bus

Ouibus and Flixbus are companies which offer affordable bus transportation and serve many European countries.

From the station to the city center

Ouibus and Flixbus stop Sabines > Tram 2

Accommodation

Searching for a place to stay?

A large choice of accommodation is offered to you in Montpellier. You can book a hotel or an Airbnb located preferably in the city center which will permit you to easily move around the city and different university sites.

For further info and reservations, visit Montpellier Tourism Office website: [https://www.montpellier-france.com/offre/recherche/preparer/accommodations/1/~/\(page\)/1?](https://www.montpellier-france.com/offre/recherche/preparer/accommodations/1/~/(page)/1?)

A few hotel suggestions:

- Hotel Ibis Centre
- Hotel des Arts
- Mercure Centre Antigone
- Appart City Confort Gare
- Best Western Plus Saint Roch
- Hotel Mistral Comedie
- Hotel Campanile Centre Gare

Where to eat?

In the picturesque narrow streets of the Montpellier city center you will discover many restaurants with local and international specialties.

Discover the offer here: [https://www.montpellier-tourisme.fr/offre/recherche/preparer/restaurants/10/~/\(page\)/1?](https://www.montpellier-tourisme.fr/offre/recherche/preparer/restaurants/10/~/(page)/1?)



Getting around the UM sites

The history of the University of Montpellier begins in 1220 when the Faculty of Medicine was founded. Since then and for 800 years now, the University of Montpellier has gained an international acknowledgement in a variety of scientific areas such as: Biology, Chemistry, Ecology, Medicine, Technology, Law or Management sciences ...

The university itself is not located on one site. Its 8 faculties, 4 institutes¹ and 2 schools are placed in different locations around the city-center of Montpellier. These sites are:

Campus Triolet (Faculty of Sciences, Polytech, IAE)

Site Richter (Faculty of Economics, MOMA, IPAG)

Faculty of Pharmacy

Faculty of Law and Political Sciences

Faculty of Sports (STAPS)

Faculty of Dentistry

Faculty of Medicine



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¹ Plus one institute located in Béziers and one in Nîmes.

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Public transport in Montpellier

Campus Triolet (Faculty of Sciences, Polytech, IAE)

→ Line 1 (direction Mosson) stop Faculté des Sciences et des Lettres

Faculty of Pharmacy

→ Line 1 (direction Mosson) stop Boutonnet

Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Sports (STAPS) and IUT Montpellier-Sète

→ Line 1 (direction Mosson) stop Occitanie

Site Richter (Faculty of Economics, MOMA, IPAG)

→ Line 1 (direction Odysseum) stop Rives du Lez

Faculty of Law and Political Sciences

→ Line 1 (direction Odysseum) stop Louis Blanc

Or → Line 4a Albert I – Cathédrale

Faculty of Education

→ Line 1 (direction Odysseum) stop Philipides

Faculty of Dentistry

→ Tram Line 1 stop Hauts de Massane

Interactive map of all lines is accessible at : <https://tam.cartographie.pro/>



Tickets can be purchased only at the tram stop ticket machines and not on board. The same ticket is used for the tram and for the bus. *Single ticket 1,60€ valid for 1h/ daily ticket 4.30€ / 10 rides ticket 10€*

The background image shows a large, historic stone building with multiple windows and a prominent arched entrance on the left. To the right, a tall, cylindrical stone tower with a conical roof (Droguier) is visible against a clear blue sky. The building is made of light-colored stone and has a classical architectural style.

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Scientific heritage sites at the University of Montpellier

Medicine

Faculty of Medicine is the oldest faculty of the university and the oldest faculty of Medicine in Europe. It hosts a rich collection of the Anatomy Museum and the Atger museum's exceptional collection of drawings and prints from the 17th and 18th century.

Botany

The oldest Botany garden in France founded by Henry IV in 1593 is at the UM. The garden represents the 2nd largest French herbarium with 3.5 million of samples. Visit from Tuesday to Sunday 12h-18h.

Pharmacy

Droguier from the 16th century is the second biggest in France and brings together a rare collection of more than 10,000 samples mostly plants. Don't miss to explore the Pharmacy Museum which tells the story of pharmacy in all its forms.

Founded in 1220, the University of Montpellier was one of the first universities to be created in this part of Europe. Scientific and university city since the Middle Ages, Montpellier, today possesses a prestigious historical heritage much of which is classified as historical monuments.

Zoology

UM zoology collection is made of 40,000 items of stuffed animals or preserved in a different way.

Palaeontology

Among the 1.5 million of specimens this rich collection contains material from excavations conducted in the Occitany region.

Mineralogy

When it was founded in 1809, the Faculty of sciences was the only university, besides the faculty in Paris, to have a chair in Mineralogy. Today the collection has 3,000 samples.

Ethnology

Among 120 objects from Kanak, Papou and Maori cultures you will also find the fragments of Egyptian mummies.

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Discover Montpellier Mediterranean treasures



Useful numbers

Emergency services

- **Police (national): 17**
- **Firefighters: 18**
- **SAMU ambulance and emergency service: 15 or 112 from a mobile phone**
- **Montpellier SOS doctors: +33 (0)4 67 72 22 15**
- **Hospital emergency CHU: +33 (0)4 67 33 67 33**
- **Poison control center: +33 (0)4 91 75 25 25 or +33 (0)4 61 49 33 33**
- **University Health Center Montpellier: +33 (0)4 11 28 19 79**
- **University Preventive Medicine Service Montpellier: +33(0)4 34 43 30 70**



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