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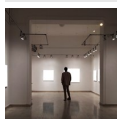
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Montpellier has become one of Europe's newest holiday destinations. This is due to the combination of its proximity to the Mediterranean, its beautiful medieval city core and a vibrant nightlife (a quarter of its citizens are students). It is also a good destination for adventure seekers – the mountains of Cévennes are only an hour's drive away.

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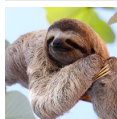
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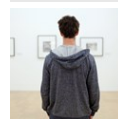
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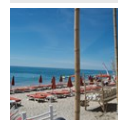
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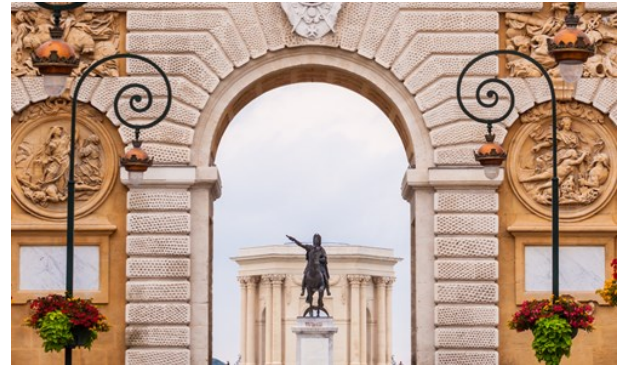
Montpellier - originally called Monte Pestalario - is one of only a few larger cities in southern France that does not have Roman roots. The city was not founded until the 10th century, and came to be one of the most important cities for its Aragonese (Spanish) rulers. At the same time, the city's reputation as a seat of learning was growing, as it welcomed Jewish and Arab intellectuals.

In 1289, Montpellier's school of medicine and law gained university status. Its roster of famous alumni includes the creator of prophecies, Nostradamus, and the author Rabelais. The open-minded and liberal Montpellier was faced with several challenges over the next centuries. It was struck by the plague in the 1300s, and later became a stronghold for the French Protestants, the Huguenots. Until the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, they fought a losing battle against the Catholic Church and the French crown. By the time these religious wars ended, all surviving Huguenots had either surrendered or fled to England, Ireland or America.

Today, Montpellier is known for its university and a quarter of its citizens are students. The beautiful medieval area, "centre historique," is a pedestrian haven with marbled alleys like

L'Ancien Courrier. Low-set medieval buildings and churches adorn the area's 16 squares, including the one in the city centre, Place de la Comédie.

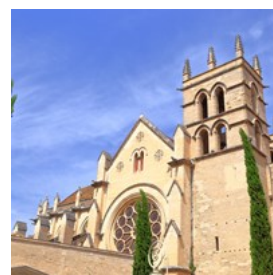
DO & SEE



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There is plenty to do in the way of culture and entertainment, as well as exciting tours to go on - from regional vineyards and wineries to hiking up Pic St-Loup. Visit the city's many cathedrals (Carre Sainte-Anne is one that stands out with its refurbished interior turned into an art space), walk down the windy streets of the old town, and plan a field trip to the nearby seaside villages.

Montpellier Cathedral



This Roman Catholic cathedral is a national monument of France and was originally a church founded in 1364 (it became a cathedral in 1536). This stunning building has beautiful stained glass, wonderful old religious paintings and an attached garden. This is an attraction well worth a visit.

Photo: Inu/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 rue Saint-Pierre, Montpellier

Public Transport: Tram: Line 1, station Louis Blanc or Line 1, 2, station Comédie.

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 10.00am - 12.00pm, then

2.30pm - 05.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 66 04 12

Internet: www.cathedrale-montpellier.fr/

Notre-Dame des Tables



The original church was destroyed during the religious wars of the 16th century, but it is still an exciting historical destination. The name

comes from the tables of the currency exchange that was linked to the spice trade, originally located in front of the church.

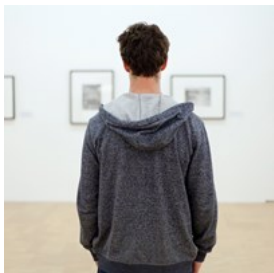
Photo: Frank Gaertner/Shutterstock.com

Address: 43 Rue de l'Aiguillerie, Montpellier

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 03.00pm - 06.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 45 49 61

Musée Atger



The museum is located in one of the buildings belonging to the Department of Medicine, and is the oldest museum in the entire city. It

contains artworks carefully gathered by collector Xavier Atger, and displays works of Rubens, Tiepolo, Carracci and Fragonard, among others.

Photo: Ditty_about_summer/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Rue Ecole de Médecine, Montpellier

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 01.55pm - 05.55pm.

Phone: +33 4 34 43 35 00

Jardin des Plantes



Pierre Richer de Belleval founded France's oldest botanical garden in 1593. Today it is a charming array of tropical greenhouses, ancient trees and worn benches. The ancient trees provide plenty of shaded areas to make it a sought-after spot in the heat of summer.

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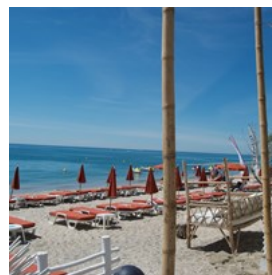
Address: Boulevard Henri IV, Montpellier

Public Transport: Tram: line 1, station Albert 1er. Bus: n°6, 7 or 16, station Peyrou.

Opening hours: 1st June - 30th September: 12.00pm - 06.00pm. 1st October - 31st April: Tuesday - Sunday: 12.00pm - 08.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 34 43 36 20

Maguelone



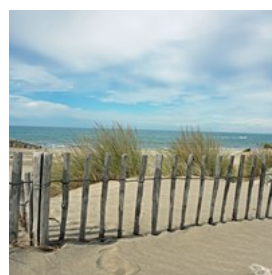
Maguelone (or Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone), a few miles south of

Montpellier, is home to a magical lagoon landscape with beaches, sand dunes, islands, and a gigantic 17th-century cathedral. There are plenty of relaxing and active pursuits to explore in the area - from water sports to bird watching.

Photo: visual07/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Maguelone, France

Espiguette Beach (Le Grau du Roi)



A wide open beach that stands out and goes on for miles, a great place to swim and walk. The shallow water makes it safe for younger

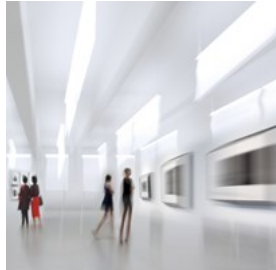
swimmers. This popular beach can get quite busy

and crowded during summer time, but is well worth a visit. Touristic infrastructure is well-developed.

Photo: Pixelheld/Shutterstock.com

Address: Espiguette Beach, Le Grau-du-Roi

Musée Fabre



One of the biggest museums in France, exhibiting nearly 800 works with Flemish, Dutch, Italian, Spanish and French collections.

Admire works from the 16th-18th centuries from painters like Zurbaran, Reynolds, Tenier, Veronese and Monet. On display are ceramics, sculptures and contemporary paintings.

Photo: blurAZ/Shutterstock.com

Address: 13 Rue Montpelliéret, Montpellier

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: 10.00am - 06.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 14 83 00

Internet: museefabre-en.montpellier3m.fr

Email: musee.fabre@montpellier-agglo.com

Planet Ocean World



It is one of the most popular tourist attractions in town, and no wonder why - it contains 3,500 animals from nearly 300 species

which fills the 24 pools. In addition, it represents a variety of marine landscapes and provides unique storm and hurricane simulators.

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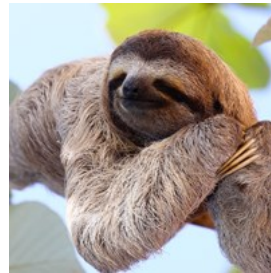
Opening hours: 1st April - 31st August, every day: 11.00am - 07.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 13 05 50

Internet: www.planetooceanworld.fr/

More Info: Centre commercial Odysseum

Montpellier Zoological Park



The park is home to 750 animals and 145 species in an 80-hectare area. It is classed as a "Free Animal Reserve and Refuge". It is located in

the North of Montpellier with beautiful vegetation. This is a great attraction for the whole family. Do wear your walking shoes, as the park is a large one.

Photo: Janossy Gergely/Shutterstock.com

Address: 50 Avenue Agropolis, Montpellier

Opening hours: 1st April - 30th September: 9.30am - 06.30pm. October: 10.00am - 06.00pm. 1st November - 31st January: 10.00am - 05.00pm. 1st February - 31st March: 10.00am - 06.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 54 45 23

Internet: www.zoo.montpellier.fr

Email: pedagogie-zoo@ville-montpellier.fr

Place de la Comedie



Place de la Comedie is a stunning square with a great buzz. This is a place where you can grab a cup of coffee whilst absorbing the beauty of the grand

old buildings and watching the world go by. There are plenty of restaurants and bars too. It is also here that you will find the Opera House.

Photo: Giancarlo Liguori/Shutterstock.com

Address: Place de la Comedie, Montpellier

Public Transport: Tram: Line 1, 2 - station Comédie.

Musée Parc des Dinosaurés



Located in an authentic paleontological site, this dinosaur park is the largest one of its kind in Europe, and well worth a day trip from Montpellier.

Containing real fossil displays as well as life-size dinosaur models (meet the Brachiosaurus - some 25 meter long), it is a fun passtime for all.

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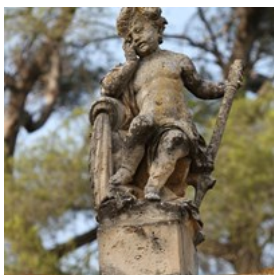
Address: 613 Route Départementale, Mèze

Opening hours: February - October, daily: 02.00pm - 06.00pm. July - August: 10.00am - 07.00pm. November - December: 02.00pm - 05.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 43 02 80

Internet: www.musee-parc-dinosaurés.com

Château de la Mogère



Château de la Mogère dates back to the 18th century (renovated in the 19th century). Inside you will find a library with more than 2000 books,

there are also paintings, furniture and family portraits. Outside the building is a French garden with flowers and statues.

Photo: Georges Seguin/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: 2235 Route de Vauguières, Montpellier

Opening hours: 1st June - 30th September, daily: 02.30pm - 06.30pm. 1st October - 31st April: appointment needed.

Phone: +33 6 61 14 72 01

Internet: www.lamogere.fr

Email: contact@lamogere.fr

Europark Indoor



This is a paradise for children up to 12 years old (Europark is the largest indoor children's entertainment park in France). Here children

can enjoy lots of activities like swimming in the ball pool, going down the slides, jumping on the trampolines and much more.

Photo: ZouZou/Shutterstock.com

Address: 303 Avenue de la Méditerranée, Vias

Opening hours: Wednesday, Weekend: 10.00am - 07.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 30 71 06

Internet: www.europarkindoor.com

More Info: Located 60 km away from Montpellier

Pic Saint-Loup



Saint-Loup is the highest observation point in the Montpellier area, and a perfect place to go for a rewarding hike. The reward awaits at the very

top, when lush valleys below unfold to reveal breathtaking panoramic views. Comfortable covered shoes are essential. Paths varying in degrees of difficulty.

Photo: Sean Gillies/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Route de Pompignan, Valflaunes, Montpellier

Phone: 00 33 4 67 55 97 47

Internet: www.pic-saint-loup.com

Email: contact@pic-saint-loup.com

Petit Paradis de Vendargues



This lovely animal farm is located just outside of Montpellier, only a short drive northeast of the city. Animal inhabitants of the farm include

alpacas, pigs, donkeys, goats, adorable ponies and more - all rather friendly. Feeding the animals is allowed, too.

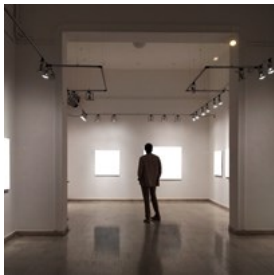
Photo: photoshooter2015/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vendargues, Montpellier

Phone: +33 4 67 91 99 33

Internet: www.petitparadis.com

Pavillon Populaire



This hard-to-miss building, located in very close proximity to the Tourist Office, regularly hosts a wealth of photography exhibitions

featuring works of local and international photographers. Exposition changes frequently, so stop by to see what is on display when you're in town.

Photo: Aleksandar Mijatovic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Esplanade Charles de Gaulle, Montpellier

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: Winter: 10.00am - 01.00pm, then 02.00pm - 06.00pm. Summer: 11.00am - 01.00pm, then 02.00pm - 07.00pm.

Phone: +33 467661346

Wine Tours



There are multiple companies offering wine tours to wineries in Montpellier area. Some include a visit to an olive farm (and other

activities), followed by a tour of one of the regional wineries, which usually includes a wine tasting session.

One company organizing tours of the kind is Montpellier Wine Tours:

Photo: Jose Ignacio Soto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 92 Rue Mathieu Laurens, Montpellier

Phone: +33 6 95 16 25 61

Internet: www.montpellierwinetours.com/en/

Email: info@montpellierwinetours.com

Carre Sainte-Anne



From the outside, Carre Sainte-Anne deceptively looks like just another church. Those who do venture inside, however, will be surprised to see

the refurbished space that has been turned into a contemporary exhibition pavilion, with expositions designed to resonate with the unusual nature of the space.

Photo: Wolfgang Staudt/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: 2 Rue Philippy, Montpellier

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: Winter : 10.00am - 01.00pm, then 02.00pm - 06.00pm. Summer: 11.00am - 01.00pm, then 02.00pm - 07.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 60 82 11

Email: visites@ville-montpellier.fr

Roquefort Société Caves



To visit the Roquefort Société Caves, you have to travel a little bit off the beaten path, approximately 1 1/2 hours northwest of

Montpellier. January through July is the period you can see cheeses ripening in the caves; access to the caves themselves is possible all year round.

Photo: JPC-PROD/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue François Galtier, Roquefort sur Souizon

Phone: +33 565 585 438

Internet: www.roquefort-societe.com/the-caves/

DINING



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The cuisine of the Languedoc region has much in common with Mediterranean cooking, including sumptuous fresh ingredients from the best that both land and sea have to offer. In Montpellier, the ties to Catalonia on the other side of the Spanish border are apparent in the size of the portions served. The city has the full range of dining options from luxury restaurants to rustic neighbourhood eateries.

La Maison De La Lozère



The city's gourmet crowd has frequented La Maison de la Lozère on rue Aiguillerie year after year. The rustic cooking has its roots in the Lozère

area, an upland and scarcely populated part of Languedoc. The sampling menu is recommended for those with a good appetite.

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 27 Rue de l'Aiguillerie, Montpellier

Opening hours: Monday: 08.00pm - 09.30pm. Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday: 12.00pm - 01.30pm, then 08.00pm - 09.30pm. Wednesday: 08.00pm - 09.30pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 66 46 36

Internet: www.celliermorel.com

Email: contact@celliermorel.com

Ristorante Pizzeria Sicilia



It opened its doors in 1980 and is a cosy restaurant where you can eat pizza and homemade pasta - a true Italian restaurant. The friendly restaurant team serves food with tasty flavours and all made with fresh ingredients.

Photo: stocksolutions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 20 rue pila St gely, 34000 Montpellier

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: lunch and dinner.

Phone: +33 4 67 66 30 98

Internet: www.pizzeriasicilia.fr

Burger'N'Co



Burger'N'Co is an American diner-inspired restaurant and is a great place for juicy burgers. Take a seat inside and dine to classic rock'n'roll played in the background. To get that amazing taste, all burgers are prepared with fresh ingredients. The joint has 2 locations in the city.

Photo: Olga Miltsova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Rue du Pila St Gély, Montpellier

Phone: +33 4 11 75 54 82

Internet: www.burger-montpellier.fr

Email: contact@burgernco.fr

More Info: Another branch is located at 4 Rue Vanneau

La Coquille



La Coquille is a charming French restaurant located in the old part of the town on a romantic square, not far from the cathedral. It is usually packed with locals - a tell-tale sign when it comes to eateries. If the weather permits, take a seat in the outside

terrace with a small flower garden.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Rue Plan-du-Palais, 34000 Montpellier

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 07.30am - 12.00am.

Phone: +33 4 67 60 47 97

Internet: restaurantlacoquille.fr

Le Cinq



Nestled Montpellier's district of Arceaux, this French restaurant offers gourmet food in a sophisticated yet warm atmosphere. The decor is modern with dark brown and white colours. The food is well-presented, making a meal here a feast for the eyes as much as the taste buds.

Photo: Jari Hindstroem/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Boulevard des Arceaux, Montpellier

Opening hours: Monday - Wednesday: 12.00pm - 02.00pm.

Thursday - Friday: 12.00pm - 02.00pm, then 08.00pm - 10.00pm. Saturday: 08.00pm - 10.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 58 31 30

Internet: www.restaurant-le-cinq-montpellier.com

Email: restolecinq@gmail.com

Sicilia Beach



Sicilia Beach is a family run restaurant, a hidden gem in Montpellier. On the menu you will find excellent Italian food and if you are very hungry, you have come to the right place, as the portions are known to be extremely generous. All the food and wine is reasonably priced.

Photo: Denizo71/Shutterstock.com

Address: 70 Avenue du Pont-Juvenal, Montpellier

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 12.00pm - 10.15pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 81 99 24

Internet: www.pizzeriasicilia-restaurant.fr/

Le Pat'Daniel's



This compact establishment is all about Jack Daniels - the whiskey is used in a multitude of creative ways in the kitchen, and the 17 flavors in stock can all be sampled here individually. Serves top-notch French and European cuisine. Book in advance to ensure seating.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 31 Rue de la Mediterranee, Montpellier

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 07.30pm - 09.30pm.

Phone: +33 6 58 63 73 01

Empanadas Club



For a break from classic French flavors, try the excellent Argentinean eatery Empanadas Club, located in the heart of the city. There are 8 different varieties to choose from (with vegetarian ones available). The empanadas are made in-house and served with a traditional Chimichurri sauce.

Photo: Lesya Dolyuk/Shutterstock.com

Address: 15 Rue de Ratte, Montpellier

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 12.00pm - 02.30pm, then 07.00pm - 12.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 83 43 28 23

Internet: www.empanadasclub.com

Email: hola@empanadasclub.com

La Fine Mouche



La Fine Mouche promises to be a revelation to even some of the more seasoned gourmet diners. The restaurant specializes in cheeses,

varieties to be discovered are endless, and are guaranteed to leave no cheese-lover indifferent. Book in advance to ensure seating.

Photo: Mateusz Gzik/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Rue Sainte Anne, Montpellier

Opening hours: Daily: 12.00pm - 02.30pm, then 07.00pm - 10.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 54 70 47

Internet: www.lafinemouche.fr

Email: contact@lafinemouche.fr

CAFES



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Cafe culture is alive in Montpellier, with quite a few establishments serving coffee of the highest quality. Brunch is very much a thing, and finding a suitable location in the vicinity should not present much difficulty.

L'Heure Bleue



L'Heure Bleue is an antiques shop and tea salon, which also serves healthy lunch. The cafe is a one-of-a-kind establishment furnished

with antique furniture - much of it up for sale.

Pick a book from the shelves and enjoy your food and drink while you are reading.

Photo: Vania Georgieva/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Rue de la Carbonnerie, Montpellier

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 11.00am - 06.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 66 41 05

Coffee Club



Coffee Club enjoys a great reputation for its coffee - some say, it is among the best offered in the city. Non-dairy milk substitutes are available

upon request. Other drinks include teas, hot chocolate, and even fresh fruit smoothies. Serves salads and quiches, and a variety of desserts.

Photo: baranq/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Rue Saint Guilhem, Montpellier

Opening hours: Sunday - Monday: 11.00am - 07.00pm.

Tuesday - Saturday: 10.00am - 07.00pm.

Phone: +33 7 86 17 81 56

Internet: www.coffeeclub.fr

Café BUN



The cafe serves quality coffee (freshly ground on-site), and thanks to its location in one of the busy shopping streets is a great spot for a session of people-watching (some seating outside available). Food is offered here as well (brunch is not to be missed).

Photo: B and E Dudzinsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Rue des Etuves, Montpellier

Opening hours: Monday: 12.00pm - 07.00pm. Wednesday -

Friday: 08.30am - 07.00pm. Saturday: 09.30am - 07.00pm.

Sunday: 10.30am - 07.00pm.

Phone: +33 6 70 86 43 24

Email: contact@cafebun.fr

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Montpellier's large student population sets the tone to its vibrant nightlife. There are quite a few dance clubs, as well as concept bars that are not afraid to break away from convention and put unexpected twists on old familiar favourites. The warm evenings and relaxed atmosphere make Montpellier one of France's nicest cities for an evening out; many of the bars and clubs are located around Place Jean Jaurés in the Old Town. When in town, remember to savour the locally produced Languedoc wines and champagne.

Rockstore



Five bars and clubs – the largest of which has a capacity of 1,000 people – share this space, and rock is far not the only music genre played. There's no risk of missing the entrance to Rockstore: above it, a suspended bright red Cadillac looks like it's had a head-on collision with the building.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: 20 Rue du Verdun, Montpellier
Phone: +33 467 06 80 00
Internet: www.rockstore.fr
Email: webmaster@rockstore.fr

Panama Café

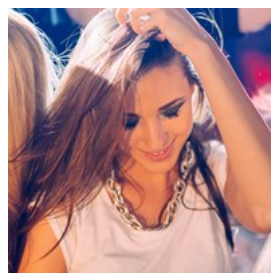


Put your dancing shoes on and come to Panama Café! If you love Latin music then this is the place to be. Serves decent cocktails too.

There is a daily happy hour between 6 and 11pm. Apart from 2 dance halls, there is a terrace, smoking room and VIP lounge inside.

Photo: ARENA Creative/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5 Rue de la République, Montpellier
Opening hours: Monday - Thursday: 07.00pm - 06.00am.
Phone: +33 6 12 24 02 99
Internet: www.lepanamacafe.com
Email: fred@lepanamacafe.com

Le Fizz



Le Fizz is a nightclub popular with the young student crowd. They regularly hold themed parties (fluorescent or bohemian chic, for example - check the schedule to see what's on when you're in town). Tuesdays are usually ladies' nights, when all female visitors are entitled to a free drink.

Photo: clownbusiness/Shutterstock.com
Address: 4 Rue Cauzit, Montpellier
Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 12.00am - 05.00am.
Phone: +33 4 67 66 22 89
Internet: www.lefizz.fr

Fitzpatrick's Irish Pub



The pub's welcoming atmosphere makes it an easy favorite for local sports fans, many of whom are regulars. As well-expected from an

Irish pub, it serves Guinness and a selection of other beers. Seating available inside (to see live broadcasts) and outside in the lively square.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5 Place Saint Come, Montpellier
Opening hours: Daily: 12.00pm - 01.00am.
Phone: +33 467605830
Internet: www.fitzpatricksirishpub.com/
Email: contact@fitzpatrick.fr

Los Parigos

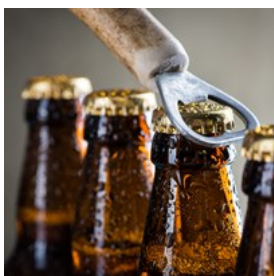


Known for its hip vibe, Los Parigos is a lively bar in the heart of Montpellier. It gets very busy at night, teeming with customers both

inside its compact space and in the seating area outside. It offers a decent selection of bistro food and drinks (wine and cocktails are a specialty).

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com
Address: 3 Rue de la Petite Loge, Montpellier
Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 06.00pm - 01.00am.
Phone: +33 6 32 33 17 89
Internet: www.losparigos.fr/
Email: contact@losparigos.fr

Couleurs de Bières



It's all about the beer at this (rather compact) bar, which packs quite a punch with its 800 bottled beer varieties and several drafts on tap.

Some say, the places's selection is some of the best in France. When the weather permits, a small outside seating area is arranged.

Photo: Room 76/Shutterstock.com
Address: 48 Rue du Faubourg Saint Jaumes, Montpellier
Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 05.00pm - 01.00am.
Saturday: 05.00pm - 11.00pm.

Phone: +33 467033154
Email: hopsandgrapes34@gmail.com

The Egg



A longstanding local bar, the Egg has managed to preserve the pleasant vibe it has been known for through the years.

The centrally located bar and bistro is very popular with locals, and serves beers and wine as well as some decent pub grub (the menu varies depending on the season).

Photo: g-stockstudio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 11 rue du Plan D Agde, Montpellier
Opening hours: Daily: 05.00pm - 01.00am.
Phone: +33 9 53 62 70 85
Internet: www.theegg.fr
Email: contact@theegg.fr

Game Taverne



If a board game night sounds like your idea of fun, give the Montpellier Game Taverne a try. The establishment contains over 250 games of

various genres, and can accommodate small and large parties in its impressive two-storey space. Serves drinks and tapas-style bar food.

Photo: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock.com
Address: 22 Rue de Candolle, Montpellier
Opening hours: Tuesday - Friday: 06.00pm - 01.00am.
Saturday: 04.00pm - 01.00am. Sunday: 02.00pm - 12.00am.
Phone: +33 671559205
Internet: www.gametaverne.fr
Email: gametaverne@gmail.com

The Shakespeare



This British pub, housed in an authentic 14th century building, enjoys a great popularity among students, and regularly hosts quiz nights (in English, naturally). The pub offers incredible deals on alcoholic drinks and cocktails. It's younger sibling, the Robin Hood bar, is located right next door.

Photo: ne3p/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Rue de la Petite Loge, Montpellier

Opening hours: 1st September - 21st June, Sunday - Monday: 04.00pm - 12.00am. Tuesday - Friday: 04.00pm - 01.00am. Saturday: 02.00pm - 01.00am. 21st June - 31st August: close at 02.00am.

Phone: +33 4 67 60 22 25

Internet: www.shakespearepub.fr

Email: shakespeare.montpellier@charleswells.co.uk

SHOPPING



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Rue de la Loge is Montpellier's ultimate High Street, and the post-modern Polygone galleria just east of Place de la Comédie is three-storey open-air mall full of everything from designer fashions to deli foods. Halles Laissac (currently under reconstruction) and Halles Castellane are two good covered food markets next to each other on rue Anatole France by Place Jean Jaurés. Obligatory purchases include cheese, olives, and regional wines.

Rue de la Loge



Rue de la Loge is the main shopping strip in Montpellier. The street starts at Place de la Comédie, and is a good starting point for city walks. There are many individual stores and boutiques lining the street on either side - from international High Street names to local independent shops.

Photo: Peter/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Rue de la Loge, Montpellier

Old Town



There are many interior design, fashion and souvenir shops in the Old Town. Visit Zapa (on 18, Rue Foch) for their women's fashions designed in-house, and go for the handmade notebooks at Trait (on 24, Rue de l'Aiguillerie). There are plenty of independent local and international chain stores to choose from.

Photo: bikeriderlondon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Town, Montpellier

Odysseum



Odysseum is a large open-air shopping and entertainment center. With its multiple stores and boutiques (featuring recognisable international High Street brand names), restaurants, cafes, a cinema, and the city Aquarium and Planetarium, it guarantees an enjoyable day out for the whole family.

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Address: 447 Rue Georges Melies, Montpellier

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 10.00am - 08.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 13 50 50

Internet: www.centre-commercial-odysseum.com

Pomme de Reinette et Pomme d'Api



A magical gem of a shop, this toy store with several themed rooms (Magical Forest or Spaceship, for example) will keep you browsing for hours. Look

at artisan toys, card and board games, brainteasers, and a whole range of unique collector items - gift ideas await at every turn.

Photo: enterlinedesign/Shutterstock.com

Address: 33 Rue de l'Aiguillerie, Montpellier

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 10.30am - 12.30pm, then 2.00pm - 7.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 60 52 78

Internet: www.tradition-jouet.com

Email: amstramgram34@hotmail.fr

Le Polygone



Le Polygone is a centrally located shopping mall, with a decent selection of stores and boutiques. It houses the famous French department store

Galleries Lafayette, a Monoprix (another well-known French name), and various international brand shops (Mango, Gap, Zara, and Lacoste to name a few).

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Rue des Pertuisanes, Montpellier

Public Transport: Tram: line 1, station Antigone or Guesclin.

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 10.00am - 08.00pm.

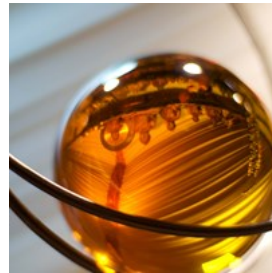
Saturday: 09.30am - 08.00pm.

Phone: +33 467994160

Internet: www.polygone.com

Email: contact@polygone.com

Dans Les Yeux de Gaia



Dans Les Yeux de Gaia is an artisan shop dedicated to stones and minerals, products made with them and books on their use and meaning. The shop is

full of curious, exquisitely colored stones, some of which are believed to possess special healing properties.

Photo: Stuart Webster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 16 Rue de l'Universite, Montpellier

Public Transport: Tram: station Louis Blanc (line 1 or 4) or station Arc de Triomphe (line 4).

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 10.00am - 07.00pm.

Phone: +33 9 84 18 47 35

Internet: www.danslesyeuxdegaia.com

Email: bruno.soriano@me.com

Marche aux Puces du Peyrou



This weekly market gathers a plethora of vendors every Sunday in Montpellier's Peyrou Park. Items on sale are rather varied, and include

anything and everything from textiles to books to jewelry. Many are authentic French pieces dating back to the mid- to late 20th century.

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Address: Esplanade le Peyrou, 34000 Montpellier

Opening hours: Sunday: 07.30am - 02.00pm.

Email: lesdimanchesdupeyrou@ville-montpellier.fr

Comptoir des Olives



Foodies should certainly place this small shop on their Montpellier shopping itinerary - as the name divulges, the store specializes in olives

(their many different varieties) and olive-derived products. Other gourmet delights are also on sale - both savory and sweet.

Photo: marco mayer/Shutterstock.com

Address: 577 Boulevard d'Antigone, Montpellier

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: 08.00am - 02.00pm.

Phone: +33 6 03 06 21 83

Internet: www.comptoirdesolives.com

Email: info@comptoirdesolives.com

Zandoli



Zandoli is an artisan boutique and tea room, where visitors can both browse through the eclectic array of items on sale (these range from

African and Indian jewelry to spices, chocolate, coffee, and tea) and sit down in the outdoor area for a cup of freshly brewed tea.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 36 University Street, Montpellier

Public Transport: Tram: n°1, station Louis Blanc.

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 10.00am - 07.30pm.

Phone: +33 9 53 95 60 14

Internet: www.zandoli.fr

Halles Castellane



The Halles Castellane covered market is the place to go for fresh local produce. It sells a lot of delicacies that are ready to be consumed - cured

meats, cheeses, and baguettes, which can also easily be assembled together into a delicious authentic lunch on-the-go.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rue de la Loge, Montpellier

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 07.00am - 08.00pm.

Sunday: 07.00am - 01.30pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 66 29 92

Excalibur



A must-do for game lovers, this not-so-hidden gem of a shop is a paradise for anyone who enjoys medieval paraphernalia (such as toys and full-blown costumes). It contains various curiosities, as well as a whole assortment of games - from board games to role plays and even drinking games.

Photo: Ballda/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 B rue de l'Ancien Courrier, Montpellier

Opening hours: Monday: 02.00pm - 07.00pm. Tuesday - Saturday: 10.00am - 07.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 60 81 33

Internet: www.excalibur34.fr

Email: contact@excalibur34.com

En Traits Libres



En Traits Libres is an art space and a store, a place where several local artists showcase their original designs and turn some of them into saleable objects. The paintings and drawings on display have a unique quality to them, and are a one-of-a-kind gift and souvenir.

Photo: Comaniciu Dan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Rue du Bayle, Montpellier

Opening hours: Daily: 10.30am - 07.00pm.

Phone: +33 434113843

Internet: www.entraitslibres.wordpress.com

Email: entraitslibres@gmail.com

Le Boutik'R



For delicious regional specialties, stop by Le Boutik'R and pick out a gift or souvenir from its impressive array of local items. From olives, oils and truffles to sweets (nougat and honey, to name a couple) to non-edible, yet memorable souvenirs - the tiny shop has it all, including regional wines.

Photo: Markus Mainka/Shutterstock.com

Address: 41 Boulevard de Bonnes Nouvelles, Montpellier

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 10.30am - 01.30pm, then 02.00pm - 07.30pm. Sunday: 01.30pm - 07.30pm.

Phone: +33 4 67663593

Email: contact@leboutikr.fr

Le Bookshop



The bookshop specializes on English-language books, which makes it, perhaps, the most obvious choice for a traveler. The shop offers a nice selection of English, German and French-language books as well as hosts English and French language exchange nights.

Photo: Mutita Narkmuang/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Rue du Bras de Fer, Montpellier

Opening hours: Monday - 02.00pm - 07.00pm. Tuesday - Saturday: 11.00am - 07.00pm.

Phone: +33 4 67 66 22 90

Internet: www.lebookshop.jimdo.com

Email: contact@lebookshop.com

La Cr  merie du Faubourg



This gourmet shop specializes on artisan local cheeses. Made from sheep's and cow's milk, creamy and of hard consistency, with wildflowers from the Alps or even Italian truffles - the variety of cheeses is truly impressive. Sells a variety of unique jams and marmalade.

Photo: Ewais/Shutterstock.com

Address: 16 Rue du Faubourg de la Saunerie, Montpellier

Opening hours: Tuesday - Friday: 09.00am - 01.00pm, then 03.30pm - 07.30pm. Saturday: 09.00am - 07.30pm.

Phone: +33 9 50 51 27 26

Internet: www.cremeriedufaubourg.fr

Email: contact@cremeriedufaubourg.fr

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Montpellier-Mediterran  e Airport



Montpellier's airport is located 8 kilometres (5 miles) from the city centre. It is a 15 minute trip with the airport coach to the Place de

l'Europe tram stop. The service is provided by H  rault Transport:

+33 4 34 88 89 99

www.herault-transport.fr

Other alternatives include taxis and rental cars - both available for hire at the airport.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Manguio, France

Phone: +33 4 67 20 85 00

Internet: www.montpellier.aeroport.fr

Public Transport



Montpellier has an extensive network of buses and trains. Most pass through the main train station en route.

The developed

transportation system makes it easy for travelers to reach destinations within the city and in the suburbs. Consult the website for schedules.

The city is a rather compact one and many places may be reached simply by walking. Alternatively, visitors are welcome to use the city bike rental system VéloMagg, which has dozens of stations all throughout Montpellier.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.tam-voyages.com

Taxi



The best places to find taxis quickly are at Place de la Comédie (next to Opera Comédie), and at the train station. Taxis are not often hailed from

the side of the road.

Taxi Bleu Du Midi

+33 4 67 03 2000

+33 4 67 10 00 00

contact@taxibleudumidi.fr

Taxis Radio Artisans

+33 4 67 58 10 10

Taxi Montpellier

+33 6 58 10 50 10

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Internet: www.taxibleudumidi.fr

Post



All post offices are open Monday to Saturday.

Stamps can be bought at tobacconists, and at newsstands. Central Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Rondelet 15, Montpellier

Phone: +33 800 00 90 42

Internet: www.laposte.fr

Pharmacy



If you need urgent medical care call the medical emergency number, 15. They can give you free medical advice and direct you to

nearest doctor or hospital.

Pharmacie de la Comédie

1 Rue de Verdun, Montpellier

+33 4 67 58 54 94

Pharmacie Polygone

Centre Commercial Polygone

71 Rue des Pertuisanes, Montpellier

+33 4 67 65 13 66

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Telephone



Country code: +33 Area
code: 467

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



230 V, 50 Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

268,098

Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

Opening hours

Most stores in Montpellier are open 9am-5pm.

Newspapers

Le Monde

Emergency numbers

Fire brigade: 18

Medical: 15

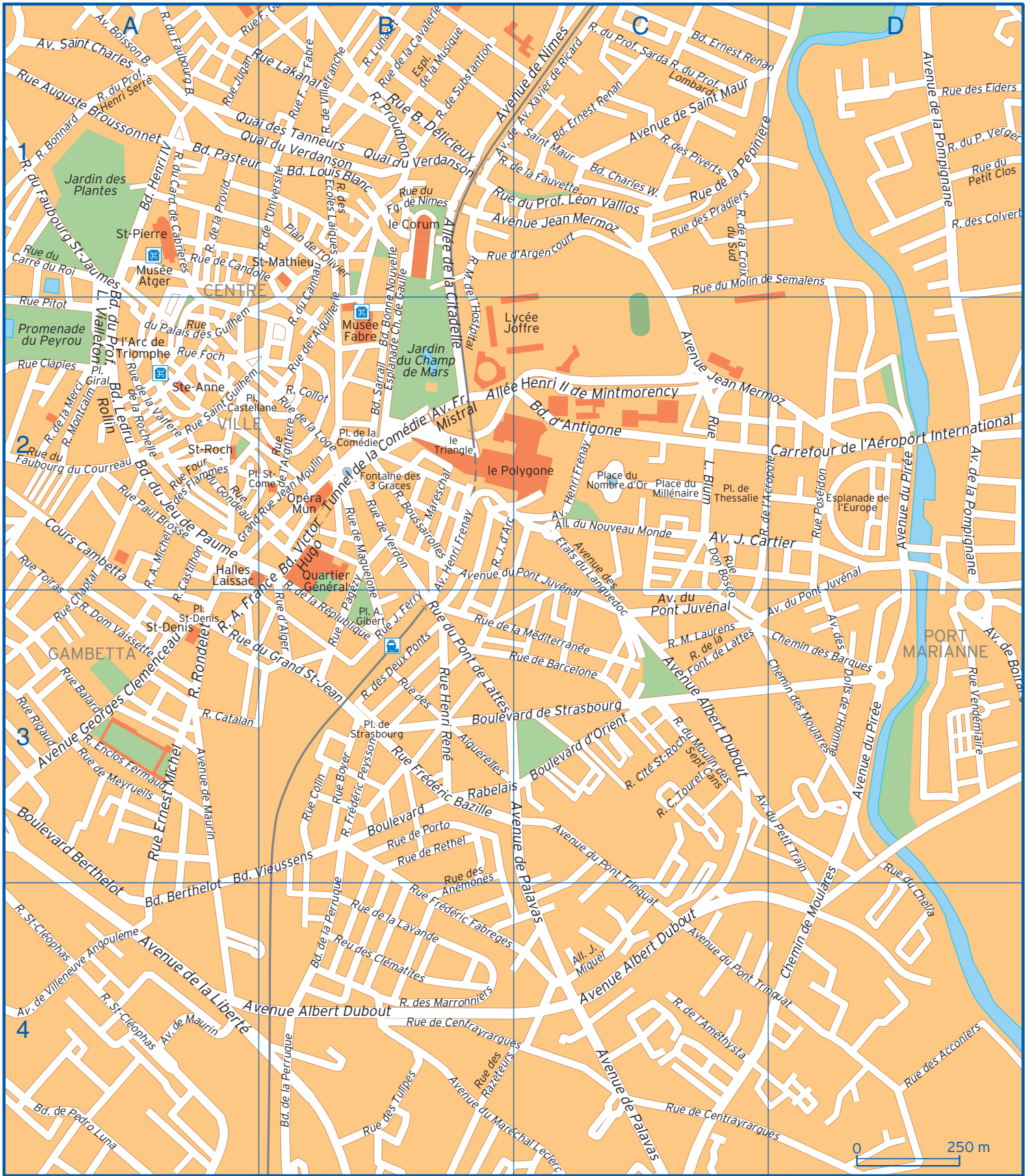
Police: 17

Tourist information

Office de Tourisme de Montpellier

30, allée Jean de Lattre de Tassigny

+33 4 67 60 60 60



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| Allée de la Citadelle | B1 B2 | Carrefour de l'Aéroport International | D2 | Rue de Maguelone | B2 B3 |
| Allée du Nouveau Monde | C2 | Chemin de Moularès | D3 D4 | Rue de Meyrueils | A3 |
| Allée Henri II de Mintmorency | B2 C2 | Chemin des Barques | D3 | Rue de Porto | B3 |
| Allée J. Miquel | C4 | Chemin des Moularès | C3 D3 | Rue de Rethel | B3 |
| Avenue Albert Dubout | A4 B4 C3 C4 | Cours Cambetta | A2 | Rue de Substantion | B1 |
| Avenue Boisson Bertrand | A1 | du Palais des Guilhem | A2 | Rue de Verdon | B2 |
| Avenue de Boirargues | D3 | Esplanade Ch. de Gaulle | B1 B2 | Rue de Villefranche | B1 |
| Avenue de la Liberté | A4 | Esplanade de la Musique | B1 | Rue del'Aiguillerie | B1 B2 |
| Avenue de la Pompignane | D1 D2 | Grand Rue Jean Moulin | A2 B2 | Rue des Acconiers | D4 |
| Avenue de Maurin | A3 A4 | Quai des Tanneurs | A1 B1 | Rue des Aiguerelles | B3 |
| Avenue de Nîmes | B1 C1 | Quai du Verdanson | A1 B1 | Rue des Anémones | B3 B4 |
| Avenue de Palavas | B3 C4 | Reu des Clématites | B4 | Rue des Colverts | D1 |
| Avenue de Saint Maur | C1 | Rue A. France | A3 B2 | Rue des Deux Ponts | B3 |
| Avenue de Villeneuve Angouleme | A4 | Rue A. Michel | A2 | Rue des Ecoles Laïques | B1 |
| Avenue des Doits de l'Homme | D3 | Rue Auguste Broussonnet | A1 | Rue des Eiders | D1 |
| Avenue des Etats du Languedoc | C2 C3 | Rue Balard | A3 | Rue des Marronniers | B4 |
| Avenue du Maréchal Leclerc | B4 C4 | Rue Bernard Délicieux | B1 | Rue des Piverts | C1 |
| Avenue du Petit Train | C3 D3 | Rue Bonnard | A1 | Rue des Pradiers | C1 |
| Avenue du Pirée | D2 D3 | Rue Bosquet | A1 | Rue des Razeteurs | B4 C4 |
| Avenue du Pont Juvénal | B2 C3 D2 D3 | Rue Boussairolles | B2 | Rue des Tulipes | B4 |
| Avenue du Pont Juvénal | C3 | Rue Boyer | B3 | Rue Dom Vaissette | A3 |
| Avenue du Pont Trinquat | C3 C4 D4 | Rue C. Tourel | C3 | Rue Don Bosco | C2 C3 |
| Avenue Fr. Mistral | B2 | Rue Castilhon | A2 A3 | Rue du Cannau | B1 B2 |
| Avenue Georges Clemenceau | A3 | Rue Catalan | A3 | Rue du Card. de Cabrieres | A1 |
| Avenue Henri Frenay | B2 B3 C2 | Rue Chaptal | A2 A3 | Rue du Carré du Roi | A1 |
| Avenue J. Cartier | C2 D2 | Rue Cité St-Roch | C3 | Rue du Chelia | D3 D4 |
| Avenue Jean Mermoz | B1 C1 C2 D2 | Rue Clapiès | A2 | Rue du Faubourg Boutonnet | A1 |
| Avenue Saint Charles | A1 | Rue Colin | B3 | Rue du Faubourg du Courreau | A2 |
| Avenue Xavier de Ricard | C1 | Rue Collot | B2 | Rue du Faubourg Saint Jaumes | A1 |
| Boulevard Berthelot | A4 | Rue de Barcelone | B3 C3 | Rue du Fg. de Nîmes | B1 |
| Boulevard Berthelot | A3 A4 | Rue de Candolle | A1 B1 | Rue du Gondeau | A2 |
| Boulevard Bonne Nouvelle | B1 B2 | Rue de Centrayrargues | B4 C4 D4 | Rue du Grand St-Jean | A3 B3 |
| Boulevard Charles Warnery | C1 | Rue de la Cavalerie | B1 | Rue du Molin de Semalens | C1 D1 |
| Boulevard de la Perruque | B3 B4 | Rue de la Croix du Sud | C1 | Rue du Moulin des Sept Cans | C3 |
| Boulevard de Pedro Luna | A4 | Rue de la Fauvette | B1 C1 | Rue du Petit Clos | D1 |

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| Boulevard de Strasbourg | B3 C3 | Rue de la Fontaine de Lattes | C3 | Rue du Petit Verger | D1 |
| Boulevard du Jeu de Paume | A2 | Rue de la Lavande | B4 | Rue du Plan de l'Olivier | B1 |
| Boulevard du Prof. L. Vialleton | A1 A2 | Rue de la Loge | B2 | Rue du Pont de Lattes | B3 |
| Boulevard d'Antigone | C2 | Rue de la Merci | A2 | Rue du Professeur Henri Serre | A1 |
| Boulevard d'Orient | C3 | Rue de la Méditerranée | B3 C3 | Rue du Professeur Lombard | C1 |
| Boulevard Ernest Renan | C1 D1 | Rue de la Providence | A1 | Rue du Professeur Léon Vallios | B1 C1 |
| Boulevard Henri IV | A1 | Rue de la Pépinière | C1 D1 | Rue du Professeur Sarda | C1 |
| Boulevard Ledru Rollin | A2 | Rue de la Rochelle | A2 | Rue d'Alger | B3 |
| Boulevard Louis Blanc | B1 | Rue de la République | B2 B3 | Rue d'Argencourt | B1 C1 |
| Boulevard Pasteur | A1 | Rue de la Valfère | A2 | Rue Enclos Fermaud | A3 |
| Boulevard Rabelais | B3 | Rue de l'Acropole | C2 D2 | Rue Ernest Michel | A3 |
| Boulevard Sarraill | B2 | Rue de l'Améthyste | C4 | Rue F. Garnier | A1 |
| Boulevard Victor Hugo | B2 | Rue de l'Argntiere | B2 | Rue Ferdinand Fabre | B1 |

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| Rue Foch | A2 | Rue Lunaret | B1 | Rue Proudhon | B1 |
| Rue Four des Flammes | A2 | Rue Léon Blum | C2 | Rue Rigaud | A3 |
| Rue Frédéric Bazille | B3 | Rue M. Laurens | C3 | Rue Rondelet | A3 |
| Rue Frédéric Fabrigès | B4 | Rue Mareschal | B2 | Rue Saint Cléophas | A4 |
| Rue Frédéric Peysson | B3 | Rue Michel de l'Hostpital | B1 B2 | Rue Saint Guilhem | A2 |
| Rue Henri René | B3 | Rue Montcalm | A2 | Rue Thérèse | B1 |
| Rue J. d'Arc | B2 C2 | Rue Pagézy | B2 B3 | Rue Toiras | A2 A3 |
| Rue J. Ferry | B3 | Rue Paul Brosse | A2 | Rue Vendémiaire | D3 |
| Rue Jugan | A1 | Rue Pitot | A2 | Tunnel de la Comédie | B2 |
| Rue Lakanal | A1 B1 | Rue Poséidon | D2 | | |