



LSF ADULT MASTER CLASS FRENCH COURSES IN MONTPELLIER

Notes for students - 2009

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HOW TO TRAVEL

There are flights to Montpellier from Germany (Ryanair from Frankfurt); from the UK (Easyjet to Montpellier; Ryanair to Montpellier and Nîmes); from Copenhagen (Sterling); from Madrid (Iberia); from Amsterdam (Transavia), and 14 daily flights to and from Paris Roissy-CDG and Orly airports. Otherwise, you can also fly into Marseille or Toulouse airports and request a transfer from there (prices available on request). If you take the train you should arrive at Montpellier station. There are TGVs which take around 3H15 from Paris-Gare de Lyon or Roissy-CDG airport, and also trains from Spain (Talgo) and Switzerland and Italy via Nice. Eurolines and Ibéribus also operate coach services to Montpellier from many European cities.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURE

A student week begins on Sunday evening, and ends on Saturday morning. We must be informed as soon as possible if your travelling timetable does not coincide with this. If you have reserved half-board accommodation and you arrive before 19H, you will have an evening meal on your arrival.

You should contact your **Host family** directly by the latest on the Wednesday before your arrival, letting them know your arrival time and place. We cannot guarantee that your host-family will be there to meet you if they do not have the necessary information by the Wednesday prior to your arrival.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

If you prefer to stay in one of the many hotels in Montpellier, LSF can book your room for you, but usually you will get better rates by booking directly with the hotel or via one of the hotel listing websites on internet. For a non-exhaustive list of hotels, we suggest you look at the accommodation section of the Montpellier Tourist office website, www.ot-montpellier.fr, for full details.

HOST-FAMILY ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be reserved for adult participants in single bedrooms **on a first-come first-served basis- please note that we will try to accommodate your wishes and requests as much as possible, but cannot guarantee this at all times.** We will try to place only one student speaking the same language per family, but this is not always possible in busy periods.

Your host-family will welcome you as a paying guest to their home and trust that you will respect their way of life. If you choose half-board accommodation you will have breakfast and evening meals with the family. Bed & breakfast accommodation speaks for itself, and self-catering accommodation means you have access to the kitchen and bathroom; you provide your own food and may not help yourself to any of the family's food. Our host-families live in flats/villas in Montpellier itself, or in immediate surrounding areas. You should have no more than 35 minutes' travelling time by bus to reach the LSF centre, although this is normally a lot less.

INSURANCE & MONEY

You must be covered by personal liability, health and travel insurance- LSF cannot be held responsible for charges in any of these fields. For participants from EEC countries, it is advisable to obtain an EHIC form from your local social security office before travelling. Hospital treatment for an accident or emergency is normally payable. Non-urgent treatment can be obtained through a local doctor, and again this is payable.

You should bring pocket money for incidentals (drinks, ice-creams, souvenirs, gifts...)- the exact amount is left at your discretion.

LSF and the host-families cannot be held responsible in any way for items lost or damaged during your stay.



TEST AND LESSONS

On the **first morning** of the course you must be at the LSF school by 8H25. From 8H30 to 10H00, you will take a written and oral placement test, and then after a 30-minute break you will have your first lesson from 10H30 to 12H30. You will be placed in a multinational class appropriate to your level of French. Some classes may take place at the LSF annexe, about 10 minutes walk from the LSF permanent school, in very busy weeks. An Orientation session, including a walking tour of Montpellier, will take place from 13H30 to 15H on your first day.

After the first day, the course is from 9H00 to 12H30 Tuesday to Friday morning, including a 15-minute break during which light refreshments are served. If you wish to buy books to help with your course you may do so, although this is not obligatory since you will have use of LSF course materials. The maximum number of students in a group is 12. You will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of your course.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

This will include a selection of cultural and educational activities from a Welcome Apéritif, Town Walk, Wine-tasting, Musée Fabre, Cinema, Half-day excursions (3 per week) to destinations including Sète, Grotte de Clamouse/St Guilhem, Nîmes, the Camargue, Château de Flaugergues, Uzès/Pont du Gard, Arles. A farewell dinner (optional and payable) in a local restaurant is organised on the last evening.