

MONTPELLIER CITY CENTRE

HISTORICAL CENTRE

1 19 PLACE DE LA COMÉDIE
Previously known as **Place de l'Oeuf** (Egg Square) for its oval shape, this is **one of the largest pedestrian zones in Europe**. It was developed beginning in the 17th century.

2 19 THE THREE GRACES
Created by sculptor Etienne Dantoine in 1773, the **Fountain of the Three Graces** (Aglaia, Euphrosyne and Thalia) is an **emblem of Montpellier**, installed in the middle of Place de la Comédie.

3 19 OLD SAINT-CÔME AMPHITHEATRE
Hôtel Saint-Côme, built in 1757 by architect Jean-antoine Giral, served as a **theatrical amphitheatre for the surgical college** up until the Revolution. It is now home to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

L'ÉCUSSE

4 19 SAINT-ANNE DISTRICT
This area is home to the Carré Sainte-Anne, a **desacralized church and exhibition centre**, the Conservatoire de Musique and instrument makers' workshops.

5 19 MIKÉ
This mediaeval **Jewish ritual bath** dating from the 12th century is one of the oldest in Europe. It bears witness to the size of the Jewish community in Montpellier. May be closed for archaeological digs.

6 19 COURTHOUSE
Built in the **neoclassical style** in 1853, it occupies the former location of the **Château des Guilhem**.

7 19 SAINT-ROCH CHURCH & DISTRICT
The district was named after the imposing 19th century Saint-Roch Church, dedicated to the city's **patron saint**. Admire the trompe l'oeil mural on the façade across the street, brimming with **references to the history of Montpellier**.

8 19 ARC DE TRIOMPHE
In the late 17th century, the King's intendante decided to erect an triumphal arch in honour of **Louis XIV**, imitating the gates of Paris. It was built in the place of one of the eight gates in the **old ramparts**.

9 10 PLACE ROYALE DU PEYROU
The backdrop for the **statue of King Louis XIV on horseback**, it forms a straight line with the Arc de Triomphe, the water tower and the Saint-Clément Aqueduct.

10 10 SAINT-CLÉMENT AQUEDUCT
Engineer Henri Pitot de Launay was inspired by the **Pont du Gard** when he built the Saint-Clément Aqueduct in 1754. It allowed **drinking water** to be supplied from the springs in the town of Saint-Clément.

11 10 WATER TOWER
This **waterworks**, built by Giral in the 18th century, at the same time as the aqueduct, contained the **water reserves** which were supplied for free in the city.

12 10 JARDIN DES PLANTES
An island of green just a short way from the Faculty of Medicine, and the oldest botanical gardens in France! Created by Pierre Richer de Belleval in 1593 at the request of Henri IV for the study of **medicinal plants**, it would be expanded and opened then be public in the 19th century.

13 10 MONTPELLIER CATHEDRAL
Pope Urban V, a former student in Montpellier, had a monastery and church built in 1364, that was later transformed into Saint-Pierre Cathedral in 1536. Its Southern Gothic style, and its massive silhouette and its imposing porch supported by two circular pillars all give it the appearance of a **mediaeval fortress**.

14 10 FACULTY OF MEDICINE
In 1181, Lord Guilhem VIII signed an edict stating that everyone, regardless of religion or origins, had the right to **teach medicine** in Montpellier. This in 1220 was born the oldest **medical school** in the Western world which is still operating today.

15 10 CONSERVATOIRE D'ANATOMIE
Designed for anatomical instruction, the Conservatoire was an incomparable tool for generations of students before the development of modern techniques for exploring the human body. More than **5,600 pieces** in a building dating from 1851.

16 10 AGORA / URSULINE CONVENT
Old Ursuline convent built in 1641, then converted into a women's prison during the French Revolution. Today it houses the National Choreographic Centre, **Montpellier Danse** and the **Agora**.

17 10 THE CORUM
A **conference centre** built by Claude Vasconi in 1988, it also houses the Opéra Berlioz.

18 10 TOUR DES PINS
The second tower and remains of the fortified walls which once had 25 of them. It was named after the two pine trees growing on top of it.

19 11 SAINT-CHARLES CHAPEL
Chapel attached to the general hospital, created in 1678 on the orders of King Louis XIV. Its unique feature Louis XIV. Its unique feature was its **two levels of galleries**, corresponding to the storeys of the hospital. Guests could attend services here on the ground floor. Now the **Maison des Choeurs**, it hosts choir rehearsals and concerts.

20 10 ARCHAEOLOGICAL GARDEN
A mediaeval archaeological garden. Remains of the **Eglise du Saint-Esprit** (a church built to receive pilgrims in the 13th century) and of the 14th century Pila Saint Gély Gate.

21 10 ESPLANADE CHARLES DE GAULLE
With its little park, its pond and its playground, this is a lovely haven of peace just a short walk from the city's mediaeval streets.

22 10 KIOSQUE BOSCH
One of the first buildings in Montpellier to be made of reinforced concrete, it is also a favourite spot for **shows and entertainment** once the weather turns sunny.

23 10 HÔTEL FIZES
Courtyard open weekdays.

24 10 HÔTEL DES TRÉSORIERS DE LA BOURSE
Courtyard open weekdays.

25 10 HÔTEL DE VARENNES
Courtyard open weekdays.

26 10 HÔTEL DE GUIDAIS
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27 10 HÔTEL HAGUENOT
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PRIVATE MANORS

28 10 CHAPEL OF THE WHITE PENITENTS

29 10 ROYAL CHAPEL OF THE BLUE PENITENTS

30 10 DOMINICAN CONVENT

31 10 DON BOSCO CHURCH

32 10 NOTRE-DAME DES TABLES CHURCH

33 10 SAINT-DENIS CHURCH

34 10 SAINT-MATHIEU CHURCH

35 10 SAINT-ROCH CHURCH

36 10 RUE MAGUELONE PROTESTANT TEMPLE

CHURCHES AND TEMPLES

37 10 BANKS OF THE LEZ
The banks of the Lez are tree-lined and dotted with footbridges, making them ideal for a **walk or bicycle ride**. Enjoy the view of L'Arbre Blanc, the "white tree" designed by S. Fujimoto.

38 10 PORT MARIANNE AND CITY HALL
Created in the 1990s, this district was built up like a giant jigsaw puzzle. Some of the **biggest names in contemporary architecture** have put their stamp on it, like Portzamparc, Lehmann, Riccio, and others. You will want to explore City Hall, the fruit of the imaginations of Jean Nouvel and François Fontès.

CONTEMPORARY MONTPELLIER

39 10 ANTIGONE
This **neoclassical district** designed by architect Ricardo Bofill contributes to Montpellier's architectural peculiarity.

40 10 GEORGES FRÈCHE SCHOOL OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT
This school of excellence specializing in hospitality and tourism is made all of curves and covered with a **metal skin**, and was designed by Italian architect Massimiliano Fuksas.

41 10 PIERRESVIVES
Like a glass and concrete cruise ship run around, the **centre for knowledge and sport** designed by architect Zaha Hadid and covered with a **metal skin**, and was designed by Italian architect Massimiliano Fuksas.

42 10 HÔTEL DE CARRIÈRES SABATIER D'ESPEYRAN
Attached to the Musée Fabre, this mansion houses its **Decorative Arts Department**. It includes a series of sumptuous rooms which reproduce the atmosphere of the 18th and 19th centuries.

43 10 PLACE DU XXE SIÈCLE
Located in the **Odysseum** shopping centre, it is home to **Memoria Mundi: History through Great Men**. The perimeter of the square includes a portico under which 10 statues by François Cacheux have been installed, each depicting a different **political figure who marked the 20th century**.

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITIONS

44 10 MOCO CONTEMPORARY ART CENTRE
MoCo covers three structures: the **Panacée**, the **School of Fine Arts** and the **Hôtel des Collections**.

45 10 MUSEE DE LA PHARMACIE MISERICORDIE

46 10 MUSEE DES MOULAGES

47 10 PAVILLON POPULAIRE
Photography gallery

48 10 ESPACE DOMINIQUE BAGOUET
Art and heritage space

49 10 CARRÉ SAINTE-ANNE
Contemporary art centre

50 10 ESPACE SAINT-RAVY

51 10 LA NEF
Venue dedicated to craftsmen

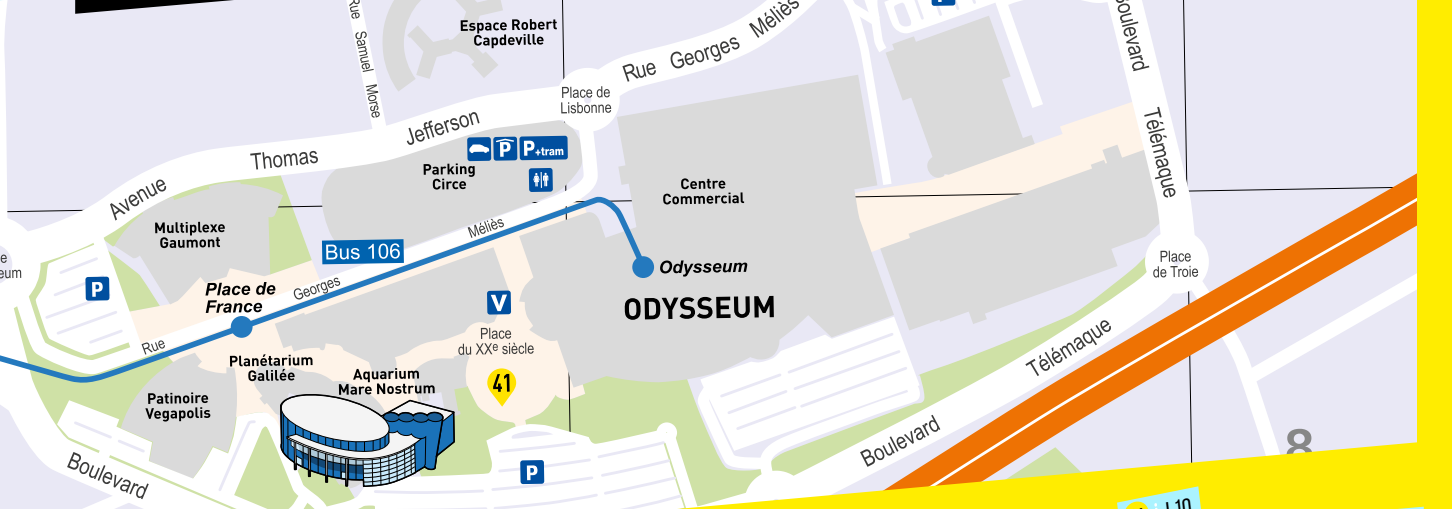
52 10 LES ATELIERS DES MÉTIERS D'ART

53 10 MONTPELLIER MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES

54 10 MÉDIATHÈQUE EMILE ZOLA

55 10 FRAC
(Regional Contemporary Art Collection)

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EXPERIENCE THE REAL GREATER MONTPELLIER!

HALF DAY FAMILY
AN AFTERNOON AT THE ZOO
Stop a while at Lunaret Zoo with your family! We're sure you'll melt at the sight of the baby animals! Take a snack break and let your kids play on the playground. Get to know 140 little-known species. Last but not least, it's completely free!
You may also enjoy:
The Amazonian Greenhouse

HALF DAY BEACH HERITAGE
A LITTLE BREAK IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS
What would you say to a breath of fresh air from the hustle and bustle of the city centre? Head to Villeneuve-les-Maguelone with your picnic, towels and bathing suits. Before hitting the beach, you'll have to stop off at the top to enjoy 360° panoramic views. Photo op!
You may also enjoy:
Our guided tour by night!
A free ride on the Petit Train to take your family to the beach

FULL DAY LAID BACK
TAKE IT EASY ALONG SHADY MEDIAEVAL STREETS
Come and lose yourself in the mediaeval streets of the Escusson. Here, you can stroll between unique shops and buildings steeped in history. Take a detour to a small square for a drink in the sun. Keep your eyes peeled for the many works of street art tucked away all over the city.
You may also enjoy:
The botanical gardens

FULL DAY KIDS LEISURE
GET YOUR FILL OF LEISURE ACTIVITIES!
Odysseum doesn't do things half-way. The open-air shopping centre has plenty of options for a great day out: an aquarium, a planetarium, a skating rink, a climbing wall, and a vertical wind tunnel, and the list goes on. In other words, it's not just about shopping.
You may also enjoy:
A night at the cinema with friends

HALF DAY DELICACIES
A TASTE FOR THE GOOD STUFF
When the sun is out, people love to go to the new **tielles** (seafood pies), **quiches** and **tapenades**. Take your purchases on board the ultra-modern tram line 4, then stop for a picnic in the sun at Peyrou Gardens.
Mediterranean luxury!
You may also enjoy:
The panoramic view out to sea
The FISE (International Extreme Sports Festival) in the spring!

24HS BIKE RIDE ARCHITECTURE
ALONG THE LEZ BY BICYCLE
Sport enthusiasts (and neophytes), hop on your bicycles and start pedalling towards Port Marianne and its island of green in the urban jungle. Along your way, you won't want to miss the astonishing architectural exploits which inhabit the area. Stop at the Jacques Coeur Pool for a well-deserved break in the shade of the palm trees.
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24HS TOUR KEY ATTRACTION
CONQUERING MONTPELLIER
Only have a few hours to explore Montpellier? The Essential Montpellier guided tour is just the ticket. Once you book your spot through the Tourist Office, set off for 2 hours of exploring the city, its history, its secrets and its marvels. The star of the show will be the Arc de Triomphe: climb to the top to enjoy 360° panoramic views. Photo op!
You may also enjoy:
Our guided tour by night!

MY 100% CULTURAL WEEKEND
Stroll from exhibit to exhibit at the Pavillon Populaire and Espace Bagouet for a free cultural prelude. Then head to the Musée Fabre to explore one of the most prestigious fine arts museums in Europe! On Sunday, stop for brunch at the ultra-modern café inside the Panacée, followed by a walk through the site's contemporary art exhibition.
You may also enjoy:
A night at the Opéra

LEGEND

- Tourist Office
- Viewpoint
- Starting point of the Petit Train / City Tour
- Camino de Santiago
- Airport shuttle
- Taxi rank
- Train Station
- Public toilets
- Playground
- Lift
- TaM ticket office
- Pedestrian zone
- Trompe l'oeil mural
- Cycling path / Greenway
- Car park
- Underground car park
- Coach car park
- Tram Park & Ride
- Modulauto car club bay
- Vélomagg bike hire station
- Currency exchange
- Tram L1
- Tram L2
- Tram L3
- Tram L4

