



LSF ADULT FRENCH COURSES IN MONTPELLIER

Notes for students - 2010

LSF Permanent School : 3, Impasse Barnabé, 34000 Montpellier
LSF Diderot Annexe : 8-10, Boulevard Ledru Rollin, 34000 Montpellier
LSF Residence : Résidence Le Clemenceau, 1 rue Bourrely, 34000 Montpellier
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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 Tuesday 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 Tuesday prior to your arrival.

For **Residential** students, when you arrive in Montpellier please go directly to your accommodation by bus or taxi, unless you have booked an arrival transfer in which case you will be met by an LSF staff member.

RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION (summer season only, limited number of winter stays available)

The Residence Le Clemenceau is in the town centre only 10 minutes walk from LSF and Place de la Comédie, the heart of Montpellier. Accommodation will be reserved for students in a single or shared 'studio' (there is only a very limited number of shared studios, allocated on a first-come first-served basis, but NO studios with double beds!), with en-suite shower, washbasin and toilet, fridge, microwave oven and cooking utensils. There are cold and hot drink dispensers, as well as a laundry room with washing-machines and dryers (around € 4.50 per programme), available on the ground-floor. **You must leave a cash deposit of €150 at the Residence reception on arrival**; this will be returned to you on departure, except if you have lost your key, left your room unreasonably dirty or caused damage to your room. At the weekend the residence reception is open 9-12H and 14H30-18H and the night-watchman arrives at 20H; please inform us if you do not expect to arrive before 18H00 so that we can arrange for someone to be present to give you your key. Students requesting meals receive vouchers which they can use in nearby restaurants and cafés. If you lose your room key during your stay, a replacement will be provided on payment of €40.

HOST-FAMILY ACCOMMODATION (all year round)

Accommodation will be reserved for adult students 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/tramway 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 in any way for charges in these fields. For students from EEC countries, it is advisable to obtain a European Health Insurance Card 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, the host-families and the Résidence Le Clemenceau 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 during which drinks and patisseries are served, you will have your first lesson from 10H30 to 12H30. You will be placed in a multinational class appropriate to your level of French (maximum 10 students per class). 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 15H30 on your first day.

After the first day, the **Standard** course is from 9H00 to 12H30 Tuesday to Friday morning, including a 15-minute break. **Intensive Group** courses also have two afternoon classes from 13H30 to 15H45, normally on a Tuesday and Thursday. **Intensive Plus** courses have 6 one-to-one lessons on two afternoons per week from 13H30 to 15H45 (sometimes either 13H30 to 15H45 or 16H00 to 18H15 in the peak summer months), as well as the Standard morning classes; **Super Intensive** courses have 9 one-to-one lessons on three afternoons per week from 13H30 to 15H45. For students who are having **One-to-One** lessons only, your timetable will be discussed and decided with the teacher on the first Monday morning. 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. You will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of your course, which indicates your level according to the Common European Framework.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

During the summer there is a full and varied activity programme in which you may participate on a pay-as-you-go basis. Throughout the year LSF will propose a limited number of activities, and LSF will do its maximum to organise these activities to suit your wishes. Typical activities organised may include welcome drinks in a local bar, a meal in a local restaurant or crêperie, wine- and cheese-tasting, bowling, ice-skating, visits to local museums, beach trips, excursions to local towns and places of interest...

EXAMINATION PREPARATION 2010

If you wish to prepare for the officially recognised DELF or DALF examinations, to be taken in the Montpellier University official testing centre, you will find the timetable on the LSF website. The preparation time of 8 weeks is that suggested for maximum benefit, but obviously depends on your existing level which will be determined by a test.

The timetable for these preparation classes is as our Intensive Group classes, i.e. Standard course from 9H00 to 12H30 Tuesday to Friday morning (including a 15-minute break), and two afternoons a week from 13H30 to 15H45 specific exam preparation class. Examination enrolment fees are not included in our published prices.

USEFUL WEBSITE ADDRESSES

The following is a non-exhaustive list of websites which you may consult to help you prepare your stay here:

Useful Local Addresses : www.petitfute.com	Montpellier Tourist Office : www.ot-montpellier.fr
Montpellier Airport : www.montpellier.aeroport.fr	Air France : www.airfrance.fr
SNCF (French Railways) : www.sncf.fr	Ryanair : www.ryanair.com
What's On in Montpellier : www.montpellier.webcity.fr	Midi Libre (Local Newspaper) : www.midilibre.com