







What to do in

MONTPELLIER



Museums



The Musée Fabre, located in the heart of Montpellier, is one of the largest museums of fine arts in France. It was founded in 1828 by the painter François-Xavier Fabre. This museum offers works from the Renaissance to contemporary art. The Fabre Museum is also

recognized for its large-scale temporary exhibitions, which attract an international audience. It also offers a variety of cultural activities, such as conferences, workshops for children and events related to art and history. Located close to the Esplanade Charles-de-Gaulle, it is a must-see during the cultural visit of Montpellier.

The Mo.Co. is a unique institution in France dedicated to contemporary art, which includes three complementary places: La Panacée, the Hotel des Collections, and the École Supérieure des Beaux-Arts de Montpellier. Created in 2019, the Mo.Co. embodies a modern and comprehensive vision of the dissemination of contemporary art, integrating both an exhibition venue, an art centre and an art school.





The Montpellier Anatomy Museum is a fascinating and unique place, located within the Faculty of Medicine, one of the oldest in Europe, founded in 1220. This museum, created in the 18th century, houses an exceptional collection of objects and specimens dedicated to the study of the human body and anatomy. Originally intended for the teaching of future doctors and surgeons, it now attracts a curious public and passionate about history and science.



Operas



The Opéra of Comédie is located on the famous Place de la Comédie. It was built in 1888 in neoclassical style, this emblematic venue hosts operas, ballets and concerts, mixing heritage and modernity in its programming. With a hall that can accommodate about 1200 spectators. This building is a strong symbol of Montpellier culture and is a must-see for art lovers.

Beyond the shows, the Opéra Comédie also contributes to cultural mediation by offering workshops, conferences and guided tours to discover the backside of the scenery and the history of this place full of heritage.

The Opéra Berlioz, located in the Corum, is a modern performance hall inaugurated in 1990. The Opéra Berlioz focuses mainly on major opera productions and symphony concerts. With a capacity of over 2,000, it is one of the

largest performance venues in the south of France.

It is also the seat of many performances of the Opera Orchestre National de Montpellier Occitanie, which offers a varied program ranging from masterpieces of classical repertoire to contemporary creations.





<u>Promenades</u>



The <u>Place Royale du Peyrou</u>, located west of l'Écusson is an emblematic site and a place steeped in history. This large elevated spot offers a panoramic view of the surroundings of Montpellier and, on a clear day, of the Cévennes and the Pyrenees. It is a popular place for locals and visitors to walk.



The Jardin des Plantes in Montpellier, founded in 1593, is the oldest botanical garden in France still in operation. Located near the Faculty of Medicine, it was created for teaching botany and medicine to students. This historic site of 4.6 hectares is now a place of science, and promenade. The garden now houses a collection of more than 2000 species.



The Maison de la Nature, located in Lattes, is a natural and educational space dedicated to the discovery of local fauna and flora. It also offers interactive exhibitions, educational workshops for children and adults, as well as information on local biodiversity. It engages in environmental awareness and conservation actions.



The Zoo of Lunaret covers about 80 hectares. Located north of Montpellier, near the agricultural area, it was inaugurated in 1964 and is completely free. The zoo is home to more than 1,100 animals representing approximately 120 species, living in large enclosures that reproduce their natural habitats. The zoo offers guided tours, workshops and events to raise awareness of wildlife conservation.

<u>Leisure</u>

The Laser Game of Odysseum features several futuristic and modular mazes, dark immersed in atmosphere and a illuminated by fluorescent neon lights, which add a dose of strategy and suspense to each game. It offers packages for all audiences, classic games for beginners and even special events.





Planet Ocean is a unique complex in France combining an aquarium and a planetarium. The aquarium is home to hundreds of marine species, while the planetarium, equipped with cutting-edge technology, offers spectacular projections on a 360 degree screen.

The Vegapolis ice rink is located in the Odysseum mall. It offers a sports track of 1800 m², connected by two ice passages to a fun track of 1300 m² where you will find among other things unevenness, an ice slide and a light tunnel.





The bowling of Montpellier at Pompignane provides 16 tracks as well as various video games, billiards all accompanied by a bar and its relaxation area, and can organize children birthday parties.

Cinemas



The <u>Pathé Comédie</u> is located opposite the Montpellier theatre, the cinema complex has eight rooms for a total capacity of 1113 seats in a building that recalls the architecture of the Baronbuilder Haussmann.



The Diagonal is a cinema near the Place de la Comédie, presenting mainly art and experimental films, but also some foreign films for the general public broadcast in original version with subtitles. With an unusual programming, the Diagonal cinema is very different from the Pathé cinemas.

Close to the Odysseum mall, the **Pathé Montpellier** cinema offers IMAX Laser and 4DX screenings. You can also enjoy a bar and arcade space.



Sports



The sports halls located in the **Hauts de Massane** and in **Castelnau-le-Lez** are sports complexes that offer many different sports that vary from table tennis to dance including handibasket. In addition, international competitions are held there such as the international master of shooting or the French basketball cup



The Piscine Olympique Angelotti offers a superb competition pool combined with a magnificent play pool. The play pool is a real aquatic recreation center with hot tubs, fast river, giant slide, solarium terrace. The French championship of waterpolo elit is organized here



Mosson Stadium has a total seating capacity of 35,500. You can see the MHSC the famous Montpellier football club founded in 1919, play in league 1 and proudly wears its orange and blue colors.



The <u>climbing hall ALTISSIMO</u>
<u>Montpellier Odysseum</u> is a must for climbing enthusiasts. With more than 1,000 m2 of climbing space, it offers areas dedicated to rock climbing and route climbing

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Located in the city center, the house of international relations is there to help opportunities for discover international offering cultural mobility, exchanges, partnerships or events organized with the sister cities of Montpellier. It is also a place where one can participate in exhibitions, conferences or activities to get to know the local culture and meet other students or professionals involved in international projects.

The YOOT is a scheme set up by the Occitanie Region to allow young people aged 15 to 29 years old to benefit from discounts and benefits in various areas, including culture, leisure, sports and transport.



<u>yoot.fr</u>



The SAIEC is a public department designed to support students in their orientation, training and mobility. It is a one-stop office offering practical advice, information on different types of training and career opportunities as well as student life. The department also guides students in their search for internships, alternance or first job and provides access to resources and advice.