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The big question - where to reneest or invest?

If you've heard about the Languedoc, but would like to get a feel for life in the region yourself, join us for one of the full-day regional excursions available.



Why Languedoc?

Why should you consider living or investing in the Languedoc? ...because there really is something for everyone!

- Languedoc is #5 best place to retire overseas
- Montpellier real estate market voted top 3 in France
- Over 300 days of sunshine per year
- Lower cost of living than neighboring Provence or the Riviera
- Large sand beaches and developed ports for nautical activities
- Accessible mountains in the Cévennes and Pyrenees
- Dynamic cities like Montpellier, Nîmes, Béziers, Narbonne, and Perpignan
- Charming towns and villages like Sète, Uzès, Pézenas, and Carcassonne
- Biggest wine-producing region in France
- Rich cultural heritage with many Roman, Cathar and Medieval sites
- Excellent travel connections with international airports and TGV stations

Travel Information

The Languedoc area has several options for air travel from around the world with airports in Montpellier, Nîmes, Béziers Cap d'Agde and Perpignan.

Many international flights to Montpellier airport connect through Paris or another European capital. You can also fly to Marseille (1h45 from Montpellier) or Toulouse (2h35). Several UK airports fly to Nîmes and Béziers Cap D'Agde.

Fly to **Aéroport Montpellier Méditerranée** from:

Ajaccio, Algiers, Amsterdam, Basel, Mulhouse, Freiburg, Bordeaux, Brest, Casablanca, Charleroi, Copenhagen, Dublin, Düsseldorf, Fes, Frankfurt, Leeds, London, Marrakech, Nador, Nantes, Oran, Paris, Rome, Rotterdam, Strasbourg, Tangier

For more information and flight schedules, visit www.montpellier.aeroport.fr/en



Discover the area as an 'insider'

There is a reason why our wonderful region is called the 'real South of France'. Here we have all the character, history and beauty for which neighboring Provence is admired, but with lower cost of living and real estate prices, due to its yet-undiscovered Mediterranean coastline status.



The Tour Experience

We'll meet up near a public transportation hub and cover the towns mainly on foot (some public transportation possible). Your personal bilingual guide will provide insider tips to life in those areas (which bakery has the best croissants, how to get around, where do the Anglos hang out, etc.) as well as information on their property markets. You will not be sight-seeing but discovering what real life is like in these areas.

Transportation and lunch is included in the tour



REAL ESTATE & REAL LIFE TOURS

MONTPELLIER & SÈTE

BÉZIERS, PÉZENAS & MARSEILLAN

UZÈS & SOMMIÈRES

Montpellier

Montpellier has become one of the most sought-after locations in the South France, drawing thousands of new inhabitants each year, on their quest for sun and high quality of life in a very convenient location.

Small enough to not be overwhelming (pop 275K), especially according to US standards, Montpellier still has everything a large urban area can offer and more. Regrouping 409 000 inhabitants in its Metro area, Montpellier provides all of the amenities imaginable (shopping, culture, entertainment, healthcare, etc.) as well as a significant amount of green spaces and quick access to the countryside, the mountains and the sea. Well, that actually sums up all of France - beautiful, diverse landscapes and environments and everything is super accessible.

The city is known for being athletic and bike-friendly with close to 200 km of paths and the public transportation system makes it possible to survive without a car on a daily basis. Its perfect location also means that you are a little over three hours from pretty much anywhere in Europe and even North Africa. Catch a high-speed train to Paris, a plane to London or drive to Barcelona!

From Les Arceaux (named after the arched aqueduct that passes over the neighborhood), passing through the historical center of Ecusson, the headed down the modern, spacious, green, eco-friendly neighborhood of Port Marianne, the real estate offering is very diverse. Purchasing price within Montpellier is on average €2570 and the property market boast a majority of apartments. However, if you're looking for more space, a garden and a pool, you will want to check out the following towns in the metro area: Castelnau-le-lez, Clapiers, Lattes/ Perols, Jacou, Le Crè.

Where to Stay

Montpellier has a wide variety of housing options available for every type of traveler and budget, whether it be a hotel, rental or a bed and breakfast such as [Les 4 Etoiles](#).

Hotel chains like Ibis, Mercure, Kyriad and Best Western have several addresses in and around Montpellier, [BW Eurociel](#) being one of the most appreciated by Renestance clients.

You may want to opt for a more unique location, like the [Domaine du Verchant](#), a Relais & Chateaux, just outside of Montpellier, offering a luxury hotel, spa and restaurant experience.

Short-term holiday rentals are also readily available, if you'd like to live as a local during your stay. Check out Vrbo, Airbnb, le Bon Coin, or [ask Renestance](#) to do a bilingual rental search for you!

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Sète

The Mont Saint Clair perches above the city of Sète and its 12 km of beaches that stretch along its coast. Sète is not only a famous port and seaside resort on the Mediterranean, but also a town with its own very strong cultural identity, traditions, cuisine and dialect. Its location on the Etang de Thau lagoon and the Mediterranean Sea, explains why it's known as the Venice of the Languedoc Roussillon.

With a Population of 44 000 inhabitants and just a 30-minute train ride from Montpellier, Sète draws people of all ages interested in a lively town, sea views and a rich cultural and festive scene. The town hosts various art and music festivals as well as the popular canal jousting events that draws thousands of spectators each year.

Sète is home to numerous historical monuments, the fantastic les halles food market where you can taste local specialties like oysters, tielles (sea food pot pies) and regional wine as well as museums like Espace Brassens, dedicated to Sète's most famous artist/musician Georges Brassens.

Sète's property market offers mainly apartments, with average purchase price of €2240 per square meter, below the average for the Hérault department.



Uzès

The most Provençal village in the Languedoc Roussillon, Uzès is known for its history, architecture, weekly market and beautiful countryside. An extremely charming village (pop. 8600) that is very popular with expats and tourists looking for that authentic, old stone, small town atmosphere. Amazing markets and terrace life. Lots of history and cultural activities/ classes to take. Due to its size and distance from a city, you would still need to travel to Nîmes for most administrative issues. The environment around Uzès is also lovely and rural.

With an average purchase price of €2300 per m2, the Uzès area is definitely more expensive than the rest of the Gard department, however the offering is diverse with as many apartments as single family homes. Other towns and villages to explore around Uzès include Saint Maximin, Blauzac, Vers Pont du Gard and Remoulins.

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Sommières

With traces of history dating back to the 1st century, Sommières has an undeniably authentic and old soul. The beautiful Roman Tibère bridge, one of the very few inhabitable bridges left in Europe, allows you to cross the Vidourle river and head into a historical center filled with cobblestone pedestrian streets, quaint shops, countless restaurants, many of very notable quality, and the venue of one of the most famous markets in the area. Sommières' Saturday food and antiques market draws visitors, both local and international, looking for a typical French market with a wide variety of stalls and products to choose from each week.

Those seeking country living, in a mild climate, will be drawn by the surrounding nature, mountain biking, hiking and Voie Verte pedestrian trails, the vineyards, local produce and olive production. However, Sommières also offers the practical and pleasant aspects of a well-developed city with shopping, medical centers and cultural activities, not to mention its renowned micro-brewery, chocolate maker and jazz club!

At an average buying price of €1920 per square meter, Sommières and its neighboring villages are a great investment option. Whether you're looking to purchase a vacation home with a garden and swimming pool or plan on settling in this very dynamic semi-rural zone, you can call this part of the Gard, also called the "Vaunage", your new home for a lot less than in other areas.

Neighboring towns to consider: Villevieille, Aujargues, Junas, Boisseron

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If you are unable to attend on these dates please **contact us** to register your interest in a future event.

You may also like our **Regional Reconnaissance** package - custom tours exclusively for you.



Marseillan

Béziers, Pézenas or Marseillan

We've taken three popular towns to study and present to you: Béziers, Pézenas and Marseillan. Three towns offering a different dynamic, depending on what you are looking for. With all three located in the heart of the Languedoc, they lie within easy reach of the coast, only about 90 minutes from Spain, and a couple of hours from the Pyrenean ski resorts. This being a famous wine-growing region, you can explore winemakers across the region and taste their wares; or hike in the stunning hills of the Haut Languedoc. Something to tickle everyone's fancy!

Béziers - a thriving town of nearly 76,000 inhabitants (2014), this town is the main hub for administration in the Hérault department, after Montpellier, just 45 minutes away. It benefits from an active theatre, arts and events community, and offers a good range of commercial enterprises - from boutiques and stores to artisans and multi-nationals. It has an important place in history, with the Cathédrale de Saint Nazaire the setting for a hugely historically important Cathar battle. Well-placed on the World heritage-listed Canal du Midi (with the famous Neuf Ecluses - nine locks in a row) and just a stone's throw from the Mediterranean Sea, if water is your thing, then Béziers can float your boat!

Pézenas - a small town of 8,200 (2014) inhabitants, the home of the famous French poet and playwright, Molière, Pézenas consists of an ancient heart, radiating out rings of architecture reflecting the passage of time, from streets of old stone vine-workers houses, to the newer housing on the outskirts of the town. The narrow cobbled streets, limestone arches and cloisters of its centre reflect a rich and beautiful history. Pézenas today has a bustling market day on Saturday, bringing locals from the towns and villages around to browse the stalls of local produce and wares. Ideally located for travel to Béziers, Montpellier and the north of France, on the new A75, it is popular with discerning middle-class commuters and choosy retirees.

Marseillan - Just a touch smaller than Pézenas in terms of its population, at 7,800 (2014), Marseillan is a small coastal town that has been spared the march of modernity. Here you can stroll along its ancient port (Marseillan is purportedly one of the oldest villages in France) where the Greeks landed and brought their wine-growing skills with them many centuries ago, and which is now home to some wonderful seafood restaurants. Just around the corner are sailing schools and the new part of the port, home for boats large and small. The town exudes friendliness and conviviality, with street café culture much in evidence, and the local council busy organising year-round events and concerts.

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Getting around

Ecusson

The best way to travel within the *centre ville* of Montpellier, one of the largest pedestrian city centers in France, is by foot. However, there are a few other options that can make getting around a bit quicker and more fun.

Vélo taxi

You'll see these three-wheel electric bike taxis zooming around town. Rates starting at 2 EUR. Look for a Vélostation near you at Halles Castellane, Foch, Louis Blanc, Albert 1er and Esplanade.

Montpellier Tram

Montpellier Metropolitan area has four easily identifiable lines, which cross the entire metro area.

Line 1 (Wind – blue with birds) Mosson/Odyseum

Line 2 (Earth – flower power) Saint-Jean-de-Védas Centre/ Jacou

Line 3 (Water – multicolored fish) Juvignac/Montpellier/Lattes et Pérols

Line 4 (Fire – Le Roi Soleil) Circle line

The Bus includes several lines going through and around the center of town and the entire network allows you to travel throughout the Metropolitan area.

Visit www.tam.cartographie.pro to view an interactive map of the public transport system

Lecab VTC

Private chauffeur: www.en.lecab.fr

Modulauto

24/7 mini car sharing service. Membership from 9 EUR a month and 2.70 EUR / hour.

Stations at Préfecture, Arc de triomphe, Corum and Comédie.

www.modulauto.net

Beyond Montpellier

From the Gare Montpellier Saint-Roch, you can grab a train to just about anywhere:

TER (regional train) to Nîmes, Béziers, Avignon, Toulouse, etc.

TGV (high speed train) to Geneva in 4 hours, Paris in 3.5 hours, Barcelona is 3 hours, Lyon in 2 hours, etc.

For more information, visit www.sncf-voyage.com

Renting a car

The easiest place to find a rental car is at Gare Saint-Roch – Avis, Enterprise, Europcar, Hertz, Sixt. However, the airport does tend to have better deals.



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Extending your stay

With its ideal location, Montpellier is a perfect home base for travel in and around France. There are the natural wonders like the Cirque de Mourèze, the Cirque de Navacelles, the Clamouse cave, the Cévennes mountains, the Pyrénées and the Mediterranean. You can also visit the most beautiful towns in France like Lussan and Minerve, UNESCO World Heritage sites like: the Pont du Gard, the Canal du Midi, and fortified cities of Carcassonne and Vauban.

Here are just 3 of our favorite day trips from Montpellier:



Sauve

Quaint village of less than 2000 inhabitants but from 60 different countries... don't miss the sea of rocks, the pitchfork museum and the impressive dining options. Just a little over an hour's drive. *Photo IbanezManuel [CC BY-SA 4.0] Wikimedia*



Pic Saint Loup

The vineyards of Pic Saint Loup and l'Hortus are two of the most well-known and appreciated in the Languedoc Roussillon only 45 minutes from Montpellier. Whether it's for wine tasting or a fantastic hike up to the peak, this area, which is about 45 minutes from Montpellier will not leave you indifferent.



Camargues

One of the several natural wonders in the region, home of the famous white Camarguais horses, black bulls and pink flamingos. Check out the medieval walled city of Aigues Morte and les salins du midi (salt farms) only 40 minutes away, the port town Grau du Roi or Sainte-Maries-de la mer.

And for a weekend getaway...

Collioure

A colorful coastal town on the Spanish border that has inspired many an artist. Just two hours from Montpellier. Be sure to taste local anchovies and don't forget to stop in Banyuls while you're there.

Castelnou

With the Canigou mountains as its backdrop, the hill top town of Castelnou is recognized as one of the most beautiful villages in France. Just under two hours from Montpellier, the charm of this Catalan town and its surroundings is tremendous.

Cévennes National Park

A weekend of adventure and nature in the Cévennes mountains. Truly the Great Outdoors and one of the most unique and well-preserved regions in France, the Cévennes is the perfect destination for a weekend of hiking and cuisine du terroir. Start in Valleraugues, on the Hérault river, then head up to the Mont Aigoual, the tallest peak in the Gard, and then back down to the adorable village of Dourbies. Schist and granite mountains and plateaus will satisfy even the most experienced climber. Local delicacies include chestnut cream, sweet Cévenne onions, pèlardon goat cheese, wine, artisanal beer.



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