

SUD DE FRANCE LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON FAM TRIP SCHEDULE - FALL 2014

Monday, October 27th 2014 to Saturday, November 1st, 2014

Please note:

- The details such as times and activities are subject to change
- An individual transfer is organized for your arrival on 10/27/2014 & Departure on 11/01/2014 only

Day 0: Sunday, October 26th

- Individual departure from the United States or Canada

Day 1: Monday, October 27th

- **Arrival** in Montpellier, France.
- **Individual pick up** at the airport or the train station to the hotel with your guide Céline Dupin
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Hotel Crowne Plaza Corum ****

190 rue d'Argencourt
34000 Montpellier
Phone: 04 67 72 22 22

- Meet with Aliénor Reisner at the hotel (+001.(646).399.3610)
- **4:00pm – 6:00pm: Optional:** meeting with your guide Corinne Turlan and Pia Penzo, promotion department of Montpellier (Tel: +33 (0)7.87.14.43.32) in the lobby of the hotel. Special visit of Montpellier: an “unusual” visit is organized by the tourism office of Montpellier: *visit of hotel, presentation of the city and the different access, the best places of the city and a welcome drink.*



- **7:30pm – 9:30pm:** Welcome dinner at “**Maxens**” **Restaurant**, in the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**
- **Night-stay** in Montpellier

Day 2: Tuesday, October 28th

- Discover the Mediterranean Pyrenees Department: visit of Perpignan and Collioure, attend a wine tasting, and more.



- **8:15 am: Check out**
- **8:30 am: Departure for Collioure** with Bruno Turmel (+33(0) 6.61.19.12.17), your driver during the fam trip.
- **11am:** Arrival in Collioure. Meeting with your guide Dominique Fabre (+33 (0)4.68.82.15.47) at the Tourism Office. Visit of the city.
- **12.15am-1.30pm:** Lunch at the restaurant **"Coté Patio"**

Coté Patio

14 rue du Docteur Coste
66190 Collioure
Tel: +33(0) 4 68 82 00 71

- **1:30pm:** Departure to **Perpignan**
- **2:30pm-4pm:** Meeting with your guide Cecile Ferrer (+33 (0)6.23.24.49.18) and Bénédicte Biosca at the Palmarium, Tourism office of Perpignan. Visit of the city.
- **4pm-5pm:** Visit of **the Palace of the Kings of Majorca**
- **5pm - 6:30 pm:** Free time in Perpignan
- **7pm:** Check-in at the **Grand Hotel les Flamants Roses**, in Canet en Roussillon

Grand Hôtel Les Flamants Roses****

1 Voie des Flamants Roses
66240 Canet en Roussillon
Tel: +33(0) 4 68 51 60 64 - Fax: +33(0) 4 68 51 60 61

- **7:30:** Diner at the restaurant of the hotel: **“L’Horizon”**
- **9pm:** Night-stay in Canet en Roussillon

Day 3: Wednesday, October 29th

- Discover the Aude Pays Cathare Department: visit of Narbonne, Carcassonne (Unesco World Heritage) and the Canal du Midi (Unesco World Heritage)



- **8:10am:** Check out
- **8:30am:** Departure to **Narbonne**
- **9:30am:** Visit of **Narbonne**, meeting with your guide Christophe Cabrier at the tourism office , 31 street Jean Jaures (tel: +33 (0)6.66.93.38.18)

Narbonne, City of Art and History, is one of the most popular destinations in the South of France. Between the Canal de la Robine, sea and ponds, numerous activities are offered to visitors: river cruises, hiking, horseback or mountain biking, sea or river fishing, as well as many cultural events, and heritage discoveries. Not to mention pleasures of fine sandy beaches!

- **11:00 am:** Departure to the **Fontfroide Abbey**

[Abbey of Fontfroide](#)

Route Départementale 613
11100 Narbonne
Tel: +33(0) 4 68 45 50 71

At first Benedictine, the Abbey of Fontfroide became Cistercian in 1145, before experiencing its heyday of spiritual influence in the 12th and 13th centuries. Today, the abbey of Fontfroide is also famous for its rose garden, the largest in the South of France, its scented garden, and its sacred music festivals.

- **11:30pm:** Presentation of the Abbey and lunch at the restaurant **“La Table de Fontfroide”**
- **1:15pm:** Departure to **Carcassonne**

- **2:15pm:** Arrival in **Carcassonne** and 1and 1/2 hour boat trip on the **Canal du Midi** (Bateau Lou Gabaret. (Tel:+33 (0)6.80.47.54.33), UNESCO World Heritage Site. Boarding for the boat trip directly in the Canal du Midi Harbour.
- **4.20pm - 4:50pm: Visit of the Hotel Domaine d'Auriac******* (Tel: +33 (0)4.68.25.72.22) and meeting with your guide Sarah Seguy (Tel:+33(0)6.10.84.85.57)
- **4:50 pm-6: pm:** Guided visit of **the medieval city of Carcassonne** with Sarah Seguy (tél: +33(0)6 10 84 85 57).

Built on both sides of the river Aude, Carcassonne is shared between the lower city, called La Bastide Saint-Louis, and the old city, la Cité. Located on the right bank of the river, the Cité, great medieval fortress, whose mighty walls with 52 towers dominate the valley, has been entirely restored by Viollet-le-Duc in the 19th century. A must see, the Counts' Castle and its lapidary museum, the basilica of Saint Nazaire, the Portes Narbonnaises (gates of Narbonne), the Tréseau Tower. A walk in the Lices (free space between the two walls) is a moment of intense emotion. The city is crossed by the Canal du Midi and the port, and is watered by the river Aude.

- **6pm: Visit of the Hotel de la Cité*******(Tel:+33 (0)4.68.71.98.71)
- **6:30pm-7:30pm:** Free time in Carcassonne

Hôtel Les 3 Couronnes ****

2 rue des Trois Couronnes
11000 Carcassonne

Tel: +33 (0)4 68 25 36 10- Fax: +33 (0)4 68 25 92 92

- **7:30pm – 8pm:** Check in at the **Hôtel Les 3 Couronnes**
- **8pm:** Dinner at the restaurant **La Brasserie du Donjon** (Tel: 04.68.25.95.72) with Myriam Journey-Fillaquier, manager of the promotion department of Aude region.
- **9:30pm:** 15 minutes walk to the Hotel and night-stay

Day 4: Thursday, October 30th

- Discover the Gard Department: visit Uzès, Nîmes and the Pont du Gard (Unesco World Heritage)



- **8:30am:** Check out
- **8:45am:** Departure for the first duchy of France: the Charming Village of **Uzès**
- **10:30 - 11:30am:** Free time in **Uzès**
- **11:45am:** Departure for the **Pont du Gard** listed as UNESCO World Heritage (Tel: +33(0) 4 66 37 50 99)
- **12:30pm:** Lunch at the restaurant “**Les Terrasses**” of the Pont du Gard

Restaurant « les Terrasses »

400 Route du Pont du Gard

30210 Vers-Pont-du-Gard

Phone: 04 66 37 50 99

- **2:00pm:** Visit of **the museum and the 3rd floor of the Aqueduct**
- **3:30pm:** Departure for **Nîmes**
- **4:15pm:** Arrival in Nîmes, **the "French Rome"**. Meet with your guide, *Edith Borgniet (+33 (0)6.14.81.76.30)* at the Roman Arena (*contact Culturespaces: +33 (0)4.66.28.20.86*).

Visit of the best-conserved amphitheater of the Roman world. Then, cross the historic center of the city with its sunny squares and fountains and the magnificent façades of private mansions, the cathedral to the Maison Carrée, the main temple of the Gallo-Roman town.

- **6:00pm – 7:00pm:** Free time in the city center of **Nîmes**.

- **7:00 pm:** Check-in at the **Hôtel Imperator****** and welcome drink

Hôtel Imperator****

15 Rue Gaston Boissier, Quai de la Fontaine, 30900 Nîmes
Phone: 04 66 21 90 30

- **7:45 pm :** Meeting in the lobby with Isabel Boyer, Incoming Service of the tourist office of Nîmes
- **8:00pm:** Dinner at the gastronomic restaurant « **Le Croizard** »

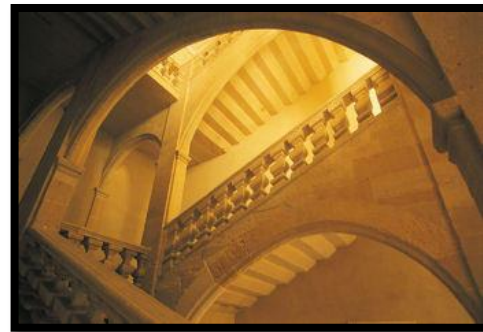
Restaurant Le Croizard

17, rue des Chassaintes. 30900 Nîmes
Phone: 0033 (0) 4 66 67 04 99)

- **9:30 pm:** Night-stay in Nîmes

Day 5: Friday, October 31st

- Discover the Hérault Department: visit of Pezenas, Montpellier city center, The Fabre Museum, and more



- **8.30am:** Check out
- **9:00am:** Departure for **Pézenas**, “Town of art and history”
- **11:00 am:** Visit of **Pézenas** with Christine Personnaz, Head of the tourist office of Pézenas

This town is located in the heart of the Coteaux du Languedoc’s vineyard. For 12 years, Molière and his fellow comedians performed in Languedoc and Guyenne. Pézenas was his favorite place of stay because his protector lived there.

- **12:30pm:** Lunch at the restaurant **Coté Mas**

Restaurant “Coté Mas”

Route de Villeveyrac
34530 Montagnac
Tel: 33 (0)4 67 24 36 10

- **2:00 pm:** Departure from Pézenas to **Montpellier**

- **3:00pm – 3:30pm:** Arrival to the **Hôtel Oceania Le Métropole**, drop-off in luggage room. Meeting with Pia Penzo from the tourism office of Montpellier and departure to **The Fabre Museum**.

- **3:30pm-4:30 pm:** Guided visit of **The Fabre museum** with Carol Millez (tel: 06.22.98.61.04)
The museum contains mainly paintings, as well as some drawings and sculptures. Let's admire some masterpieces of the European schools in outstanding renovated buildings.

- **4:30pm – 6:30pm:** Visit of **Montpellier:** *enjoy the discovery of Montpellier historical heart and its outstanding heritage (mansions, mikveh, arc de triomphe...) through medieval alleyways.*

- **6:30pm – 7:45pm:** Free time in **Montpellier** (shopping paradise) – check-in at your hotel **Oceania Le Métropole**

- **7:45pm:** Meeting in the Lobby with Pia Penzo from the tourism office of Montpellier and departure to the restaurant by foot

- **8:00pm:** Farwell dinner at the restaurant **Le Tamarillos** with Pia Penzo, Sales Manager of the Tourism Office of Montpellier(Tel: 07.87.14.43.32)

[Restaurant Le Tamarillos](#)

2 Place du Marché aux Fleurs, 34000 Montpellier
Phone : 04 67 60 06 00

- **10pm:** Return by foot to the hotel

[Hôtel Oceania le Métropole ****](#)

3 Rue du Clos René, 34000 Montpellier
Phone: 04 67 12 32 32

- Night-stay in Montpellier

Day 6: Saturday, November 1st

- Individual transfer to Montpellier Airport/Train Station (5 minutes walk)
- Departure to the United States or Canada

End of the trip

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