

Dear Dancing Friend,

October 2017

### **Dancing by the Med**

The Montpellier club's 30<sup>th</sup> International Ball will be on **9<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. We'll be dancing to the music of Jim Lindsay and Ian Robertson, who played for this year's Australian Winter School. All dances are recapped; the more difficult ones will be walked.



The weekend is renowned for its friendliness, for the frequent cherry and apricot refreshment breaks and for the Sunday excursion and convivial lunch. As on the occasions of the 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries, there will be a cruise, which will be ideal if the weather is as hot as it usually is.

On the Sunday morning we'll be cruising the canals of Sète and the oyster beds of l'étang de Thau (25 miles south west of Montpellier) and this will be followed by a picnic in a nearby vineyard, which has a swimming pool.

EasyJet are the only company landing at Montpellier but there are 6 airports in the south of France with regular trains to Montpellier (and shuttles from airport to station). Beziers has flights from Bristol, Stansted, E. Midlands, Edinburgh; Perpignan connects with Birmingham and Stansted; Carcassonne connects with Manchester, Edinburgh, Glasgow and E. Midlands. Marseille connects with Manchester Bristol and (with connections to Scotland) Luton and Gatwick. It is even possible to depart UK early on the Saturday morning by flying from Gatwick/Luton to Montpellier/Nimes or from Birmingham or Southampton to Avignon.

Car-hire rates are reasonable and, for an extra fee, one can return the car to an alternative airport. Below are flights from 10 UK airports between Tue 5<sup>th</sup> and Thur 14<sup>th</sup>. Some EasyJet prices have already gone up but the other flights are still under £75 and some are only £25.

The total cost of the weekend will be £90, including ball, cruise, meals, drinks (and fruit of course). Non-dancing partners pay less. The dance programme will be published early next year and will then be available, with a booking form, on <http://danseecossaisemp.free.fr>

We're a small club but our members always help out with accommodation so if you are interested we suggest you contact us as soon as you've booked your flights, or before.

Apart from getting a wider choice of flights and prices, there are many reasons for extending the weekend as Montpellier is an attractive city close to the Mediterranean. For ideas see: <http://www.leguidemontpellier.com/en/>

For further information contact me on **0033 610 612 522** or on **[mroundot.hay@gmail.com](mailto:mroundot.hay@gmail.com)**

We hope to welcome you at CREPS on Saturday afternoon, 9 June 2018, any time after 14:30.

Happy dancing,

Marion Rondot-Hay, President, Club de danse écossaise de Montpellier

## Direct flights from 10 airports in England and Scotland

Apart from the 7 French airports mentioned Nice may be worth consideration.

Outward flights are from

**Gatwick** (Tue 5<sup>th</sup> to Sat 9<sup>th</sup>) to **Montpellier** (**easyJet**)  
**Manchester** (Tue 5<sup>th</sup> at 1315) to Marseille (**easyJet**)  
**Birmingham** (Tue 5<sup>th</sup> at 1510) to Perpignan (**Ryanair**)  
**Edinburgh** (Tue 5<sup>th</sup> at 0730 to Carcassonne (**Ryanair**)  
**Edinburgh** (Wed 6<sup>th</sup> at 0725) to Beziers (**Ryanair**)  
**Luton** (Wed 6<sup>th</sup> at 0710) to Marseille (**easyJet**)  
**Glasgow** (Wed 6<sup>th</sup> at 1025) to Carcassonne (**Ryanair**)  
**Stansted** (Thu 7<sup>th</sup> at 0625) to Perpignan (**Ryanair**)  
**Bristol** (Thu 7<sup>th</sup> at 1345) to Marseille (**easyJet**)  
**Stansted** (Fri 8<sup>th</sup> at 0625) to Beziers (**Ryanair**)  
**Bristol** (Fri 8<sup>th</sup> at 1300) to Beziers (**Ryanair**)  
**East Midlands** (Fri 8<sup>th</sup> at 1145) to Carcassonne (**Ryanair**)  
**Manchester** (Fri 8<sup>th</sup> at 1245) to Carcassonne (**Ryanair**)  
**Luton** (Fri 8<sup>th</sup> at 0710) to Marseille (**easyJet**)  
**Luton** (Sat 9<sup>th</sup> at 0635) to Nimes (**easyJet**)  
**Southampton** (Sat 9<sup>th</sup> at 0700) to Avignon (**Flybe**)  
**Birmingham** (Sat 9<sup>th</sup> at 0700) to Avignon (**Flybe**)

Return flights are from

**Montpellier** (Sun onwards) to Gatwick (**easyJet**)  
**Beziers** (Sun at 1550) to Stansted (**Ryanair**)  
**Beziers** (Sun at 1650) to Edinburgh (**Ryanair**)  
**Beziers** (Mon at 1620) to Bristol (**Ryanair**)  
**Carcassonne** (Mon at 1515) to E. Midlands (**Ryanair**)  
**Carcassonne** (Mon at 1615) to Manchester (**Ryanair**)  
**Marseille** (Mon at 1055) to Luton (**easyJet**)  
**Perpignan** (Tue at 1125) to Stansted (**Ryanair**)  
**Marseille** (Tue at 1655) to Manchester (**easyJet**)  
**Carcassonne** (Tue at 1135) to Edinburgh (**Ryanair**)  
**Perpignan** (Tue at 1835) to Birmingham (**Ryanair**)  
**Marseille** (Wed at 1055) to Luton (**easyJet**)  
**Beziers** (Wed at 1120) to Edinburgh (**Ryanair**)  
**Carcassonne** (Wed at 1415) to Glasgow (**Ryanair**)  
**Marseille** (Thu at 1710) to Bristol (**easyJet**)

All airports have good shuttle bus services to their city centres and train stations. For train times see [www.voyages-sncf.com](http://www.voyages-sncf.com) (For example you could be in the Marseille Airport Terminal by 08:30 having left Montpellier by train at 06:35.) Please note that SNCF will not be selling tickets until March.

At Montpellier the shuttle bus goes to Place d'Europe to connect with the modern tram system.