

**Club de danse écossaise de Montpellier**  
(affilié à la ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY)

**Dancing Scottish by the Med – Montpellier 2023**

Dear dancing friend

The Montpellier club's 32nd International Ball will be on 10th June 2023. The venue is, as usual, CREPS, 2 Ave Charles Flahault, 34090 Montpellier. All dances are "re-capped" and some are walked. The weekend is renowned for its friendliness, for good weather, for brilliant music and for the quantities of fresh-picked cherries and apricots. The dancing starts at 1600 and lasts 7 hours to allow for refreshment, for sociability and for keeping cool.



The Sunday excursion will be a cruise, on a boat reserved for us, during which we will:- pass the walls of Aigues-Mortes and discover some of its history; see reed beds, marshes and rice fields, whilst looking out for wild-life; visit a Camarguaise manade and learn how bulls are managed; return to the boat for an aperitif followed by a 4-course meal on board with wine and coffee. This should finish by 15h00 leaving time to explore the "Cité médiévale" of Aigues-Mortes if you don't have a train to catch.

We'll be dancing to the music of Ian Robertson & Jim Lindsay who played for Australia's Winter School in 2017 and for our ball in 2018. Ian has played with Scottish Dance Bands for many years, including 15 years leading his own band, Sound Company. Ian's been a regular guest at major festivals throughout the UK and Europe, Canada and Australia and at the RSCDS Winter School. He's an accomplished composer with several publications to his name.



The programme, cribs and booking form are on the club's website and the price of 99 euros includes the ball, excursion, meals and drinks (and fruit of course). See <http://danseecossaisemtp.free.fr/bal/bal-e.html>

We're a small club but our members often help out with accommodation (first come, first served). There are 4 small hotels within walking distance of the venue: Hôtel Acapulco (350m), Hôtel Hospitalet St Charles (550m), Hôtel Les Fauvettes (600m) and Hôtel du Parc (990m).

Apart from getting a better choice of flights and prices, there are many reasons for extending the week-end as Montpellier is an attractive city and is close to the Mediterranean. For suggestions go to <https://www.montpellier-france.com>

Happy dancing

Jan 2023

Claire-Lise Boissier, Présidente

PS Here's the verdict of a dancer from Scotland who attended our 31<sup>st</sup> ball (in 2019): *"I did enjoy the Ball. From the moment I walked in it was welcoming and friendly, the music was brilliant and the chat over the meal lovely. And, I will never forget those cherries and apricots ! As always with Scottish Country Dancing you meet lots of lovely and interesting folk and despite the distance it was a real treat for me."*