

## Enjoy a year in Southern France in a french family as an Au Pair Learn French and play softball in D1 National League



The [Rabbits Softball Club](#) is looking for young to high experienced female players to integrate the D1 team (equivalent level as American High School league). During the regular season from March to June, we are playing around 20 games and the goal is to reach the semi finals in September.

You can be part of this amazing team where having fun and perform is the moto!

For board and lodging, you can stay with the [d'Hauteville Family](#). We are looking for a mature, autonomus girl who enjoys playing with kids and having fun. We provide an independent studio with a private bathroom and a king-size bed on its mezzanine, plus 75€/week, in exchange of help 20-25 hours per week.



We live in the sunny South of France, just by Montpellier, a sought-after cosmopolitan city, renowned for its students (50,000+, very international), its cultural and outdoorsy life, and charming old center. Ideally situated on the Mediterranean cost, just a couple of hours away from Provence, Barcelona, Marseille, Nice and Paris (a 3h TGV trip).

We have had happy au-pairs for the past 4 years now (see what they say at the end of this document), we love it, and are looking forward meeting and welcoming you in our family!

### About us

Our family (see [photos](#)) consists of 5, including the parents, 1 boy, and 2 girls (plus Circus the cat!). Gaelle and Pierre are married since 1997, and we both work (Pierre is an entrepreneur in a startup and Gaelle an HR consultant). We enjoy dancing, rock climbing and picnic on the beach all year round. Juliette is now 11. She is a bright and joyful girl who enjoys horse riding, painting and baseball. Samuel is 8, he loves tennis, baseball, and reading Harry Potter. Then comes Lila, 7, energetic, charming and cunning, also fond of baseball, tennis and football. We speak both French and English at home and the children are going to an bilingual school.

We are situated in Clapiers, a charming town just outside of Montpellier (5km from the center), with easy access by bicycle (we lend you one or a car if you drive), bus and tramway. We live in a quiet villa (see [photos](#) - last 2 pictures shows the au pair "studio" for you) just at the edge of the countryside. It consists of 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, a large living room and kitchen, and a garden with a swimming pool. 300m from the bus stop, 1km from a shopping centre, 2 km away from the tramway station, 5km from the center of Montpellier where you can find a public "Maison de Quartier" where appropriate and affordable French language courses are available.

## Expectations

We are looking for a mature, autonomous girl who enjoys playing with kids and having fun. On average, we need help 20-25 hours per week. We are pretty flexible but here is how a typical week would work for you:

### Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri Evenings

- From 17h30 to 20h00: play with the kids, help with homework, bath, dinner (involve some simple cooking), then, with the kids help, clean & tidy up the kitchen, bathroom, living room.
- We need some help during the day at your leisure to clean & tidy up things, run a washing machine & fold clothes.
- If you're driving, you may have to pick up Juliette at school once in a while.
- Once a week, babysit the kids till bed time while the parents are enjoying their night off!
- Once or twice a week, practise your favorite sport with the Rabbits Softball Club

### Wednesday afternoon

- Have lunch with the kids and then take them around to their activities, play, homework,...

**Sat/Sun off** - Enjoy the lively cultural and night life of Montpellier. You can also take long week-ends and borrow a car from time to time to travel around. And of course play the D1 League games with the Rabbits !

We also offer 3 weeks paid holidays, usually during Christmas, Winter and Spring holidays

It is very important to us is that our au-pair feels good in our home all year round, that she enjoys the experience of living in our family and in Montpellier. Each time we welcome an au-pair in the family, we are keen to find the right balance, the right relationship that would suit all of us, between independence and closer, familiar relationship, through open-minded and flexible attitude and dialogue.

Here are two testimonies, and please let us know if you want to contact our previous au-pairs:

"I really enjoyed my stay with the D'Hauteville family. They are a very active family and I was never bored whether I was on holidays with them on the french riviera or getting the chance to go rock climbing, which is one of their favourite things to do. I really grew to love the children as well and I'm missing them very much at the moment. They are a really laid back family and I never felt awkward with them, I always had my own space as well which was very important when you're away from home. All in all it was a great experience and Mané Anne is a great cook! Sarah from Dublin."

"The D'Hauteville children are really energetic and interested in diverse activities, so being their au pair was always interesting. I had a chance to interact with 3 different developmental ages, and as their parents are very involved, I was sometimes just an extra pair of hands for dealing with three young children! I really enjoyed all the outdoor and creative activities the family did (rock climbing, swimming, going to the beach, crafts, etc) and being close to Montpellier is a big plus for a young au pair :)" Michelle from Washington DC.

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