

Montreal

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Montreal - The City

Feel the grandeur of skyscrapers as you walk the broad streets of downtown Montreal. Beyond its French heritage, Montreal is a metropolis built on cultural synergy. From Little Italy to Chinatown, the philosophy of Montreal has always been to celebrate all cultures cohabiting within it, and no other city has done it better. Montreal has a free spirit, one that its residents uphold, and confers a powerful energy. Don't be surprised if, after a few hours only, you catch yourself smiling like a true Montrealer.

From long shopping streets and cute neighborhoods to glossy and huge modern buildings, Montreal's cityscape offers as much variety as its population. City of the 100 bell towers, it has not rejected its past, and one can still encounter old religious buildings such as the beautiful Saint Joseph's cathedral or the stunning Basilique Notre-Dame.

At night, the city awakens to a new energy, and there is always something to do: festivals, fireworks, nightclubs, and more restaurants than one can count, just to begin with.







Montreal - Do & See

From historical landmarks to atmospheric neighborhoods to lose yourself in, Montreal could very well be one of the coolest places on earth. There is enough to do and see to fill up an entire holiday, and every season brings its own charm. Frozen lakes in winter leave way to flowery mounts in spring, and sunbathing in the summer disappears into the maple colors of fall. Whether you choose to use the incredible public transport network, walk, or ride a bicycle, you are sure to enjoy a break in Montreal.





Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal 110 Rue Notre Dame Ouest, Montreal +1 514 8422 925

The most famous and picturesque cathedral in Montreal, Notre-Dame Basilica is sure to leave an impression. Walk through the nave, across the dark blue floor, watched over by the large statues, to reach the impressive altar. The Basilica is a breathtaking sight, one that will most likely put you in a meditative state.



Mount Royal Mt Royal, Montreal +1 514 843 8240

Step off the busy streets of Montreal and into nature to take in city life from up above. Mount Royal is a perfect viewpoint to see the entire city in all its glory. The way up is a bit of a hike so wear good shoes, but, once you're there, take a deep breath and let the clean, fresh air fill your lungs. Do not miss Saint Joseph's Oratory.



Old Montreal

Place d'Youville, Montreal

After a tour of the Montreal History Centre, walk through various areas of Old Montreal, from Champ de Mars to Place d'Youville. Along the way you will have access to museums and attractions, such as the City Hall and the Bonsecours Market, as well as several beautiful public spaces. Don't forget your camera!



Montreal Botanical Garden & Green Spaces

4101 Rue Sherbrooke E, Montreal +1 514 872 3000

The Montreal Botanical Gardens offer a welcome breath of fresh air in the busy city. Whether you visit the Biodôme, Botanical Garden, Insectarium, or the Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium, every single one will be a unique and memorable experience. All locations are conveniently close to each other, but make sure to take at least a couple of hours to explore each



The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

1380 Rue Sherbrooke O, Montreal +1 514 285 1600

The Museum of Fine Arts in Montreal is praised by the overwhelming majority of its visitors, and for a reason: it has the largest collection of fine art in Canada, as well as a continuous rotation of exhibitions. Just like the city itself, the museum showcases two sides to art: historical and modern.



Laurentian Mountains

Laurentian Mountains, Lac-Jacques-Cartier

Leave the urban sprawl behind and admire Canadian natural beauty. Hop on the bus and travel through the beautiful landscapes all the way to the Laurentian Mountains. Get your camera ready to capture the steep mountain sides, adorned with bright red trees in autumn or flourishing greens in spring. Dotted with pretty little towns and impressive rock formations, the Laurentian Mountains are a great day trip.



Circuit Gilles Villeneuve

Parc Jean-Drapeau, Montreal +1 514 350 0000

The noteworthy Formula One Canadian Grand Prix is held on this impressive circuit, located on Notre-Dame island. Stand on the tarmac and experience the feeling of engines roaring past as racers battle each other for pole position. To experience the entire track, it is possible to use your own vehicle or even roller blade along it.



Pointe-à-Callière Museum of Archaeology and History

350 Place Royale, Montreal +1 514 872 9150

Pointe-à-Callière is a national historical and archaeological site that allows visitors to see how old Montreal came to life. It features both historical and contemporary pieces, and takes you from day one to what the city has become now. Witness more than a 1000 years of human progress.



Bell Centre 1909 Avenue des Canadiens-de-Montréal, Montreal +1 514 925 5688

There is always something going on at Bell Centre, whether sporting events or concerts; this same 21,000-seat venue hosts the Cirque du Soleil. Alternatively, you can take one of the guided tours that will take you all the way to the locker rooms. Taking pictures is allowed and encouraged.



Montreal Biosphere 160 Chemin du Tour de l'isle, Montreal +1 514 283 5000

This museum benefits from a great location in a green environment on St Helen Island. The Biosphere Museum is dedicated to preserving the environment and sustainability. Natural environments are recreated indoors. It is a great activity for families, and the sphere is very photogenic from the outside.



Plateau Mont-Royal Le Plateau-Mont-Royal, Montreal

Plateau Mont-Royal is simply the most beautiful and atmospheric neighbourhood in Montreal, with colorful brick Victorian houses, trendiest coffee shops and coolest boutiques in the city. A walk in the area is sure to lift your spirits.



Place Ville Marie Observatory 3 Place Ville Marie, Montreal

+1 514 544 8200

See Montreal from the top! Offering stunning views of Montreal, the 360° Observation Deck Place Ville Marie enables visitors to discover a new and unique view of the city's main landmarks and cultural pillars. Observe the Saint Lawrence River, Mount Royal, Old Montreal, Quartier des spectacles, and the Olympic Stadium – to name only a few of the attractions visible 185 meters above ground.



La Ronde22 Chemin Macdonald, Montreal
+1 514 397 2000

La Ronde is a huge amusement and entertainment park located on Saint Helen Island. With around 40 attractions (ranging from roller coasters to water games), it is a great activity for families in the summer (keep in mind it closes during winter and usually reopens in May).



Montreal History Centre 335 Place d'Youville, Montreal +1 514 872 3207

Experience the first few years of the Montreal colony before it became the thriving and multicultural city it is today. The Montreal History Centre will tell you everything about the city, and it also hosts regular events and temporary exhibitions.



Rage Montreal 1436 rue Amherst, Montreal +1 514 303 7243

Do you have some stress or anger you would like to get rid off? Say no more, Rage is the activity for you. This very special place will teach you how to throw axes in eleven different throwing corridors. Whether you are here for a celebration or to release negative energy, be prepared to discover your inner warrior.



The Force Academy 580 Rue de Courcelle, Montreal +1 514 316 7278

If all you ever wanted was to be a Jedi (or if you think Darth Vader might come back and you should practice), here is your chance. The Force Academy will teach you everything Yoda wishes you knew. A really fun and unique activity.



Bota BotaOld Port of Montreal, Montreal
+1 514 284 0333

Bota Bota is a floating spa location on St. Lawrence River. Prepare for a unique (albeit a little pricey) experience in several saunas, hot tubs, and outdoor pools – maybe even for a dip in the freezing river. The "spa sur l'eau" (spa on the water) also hosts DJs, movies and live music events from time to time.



Montreal - Dining

In a city where cultures mingle as harmoniously as in Montreal, and where the French influence remains strong, one can only expect an incredible gourmet scene. Expectations are more than met in this cosmopolitan megalopolis, and one can savour everything from street food to fine delicacies.

Splurge on traditional Poutines, have a French dinner that may taste even better than in France or try eats from all over the world. The food here is usually well-served and genuine, from all origins and prepared with love.





Île Flottante 176 Rue Saint Viateur Ouest, Montreal +1 514 278 6854

This inspired restaurant (formerly Les Deux Singes de Montarvie) has its roots in French cuisine. The choice of dishes is limited, with a selection from 2 options only: the tasting menu, or the vegetarian tasting menu. This limitation is however a guarantee of quality, and everything here is in season and beautifully prepared. It is a culinary experience like no other.



Bistro 1843 376 Chemin Cherrier, L'Île-Bizard +1 514 305 1229

Bistro 1843 stands out among good restaurants in and around Montreal. Located on Bizard Island, it is surely worth the small trip out of the city. The price is not in the lower-range, but the chef is a true artists and every bite is pure excellence, from meats and fish to even the sauces. This restaurant is great if you want to celebrate or treat yourself to something special.



Europea 1233 Rue de la Montagne, Montreal +1 514 398 9229

Europea might make you think the best French cuisine is not in Paris or anywhere in France, but right here in Montreal! Chef Jérôme Ferrer, who learned to cook by his grandmother's side, has never since left the kitchen and now shares his talent and passion with anyone who wishes to dine at his restaurant. Spanish, Italian and Catalan influences enhance the French flavours, for a truly extraordinary experience.



Damas Restaurant 1201 Avenue Van Horne, Outremont +1 514 439 5435

Damas offers a beautiful culinary experience with recipes originating from Damas and Alep, prepared with the finest ingredients. A number of hot and cold mezze (small plates) as well as main dishes are available. Worry not about making the right choice, all of them are top notch.



Restaurant Atma 3962 Boulevard Saint-Laurent, Montreal +1 514 798 8484

Restaurant Atma planted itself in the Plateau Mont-Royal in 2014, blowing an air of Indian culinary heritage into the streets of the beautiful neighborhood. Successful, and for good reason, Atma offers tasteful dishes and an authentic atmosphere.



Arepera
73 East Prince-Arthur Street Montreal
+1 514 508 7267

Arepera offers an appetizing cuisine, deeply rooted in Venezuelan culinary tradition. Experience the taste of an arepa, a corn based Venezuelan bread, together with a memorable guacamole sauce. Arepera will please meat lovers (but also offers numerous vegetarian and vegan options) and is 100% gluten-free.



Le Club Chasse et Pêche 423 Rue Saint-Claude, Montreal +1 514 861 1112

With a mix of French gourmet cuisine and Canadian specials, Le Club Chasse et Pêche knows how to please its crowd. From oysters to deer and all the way to red velvet cake and other desserts, you are in for a treat. The wine and the service match the quality of the food: a great dining experience awaits!



La Banquise 994 Rue Rachel E, Montreal +1 514 525 2415

La Banquise is without doubt the most famous Poutine joint in Montreal, and most locals will tell you it simply is the best. With over 30 varieties of Poutine, (extra large if you go for the T-Rex), it is a local institution. It is also open 24/7, so you simply have no excuse to miss out on the place.



Local Montreal Food Tour 5369 St-Laurent, Montreal +1 438 600 0501

Join the Mile End Montreal Food tour for another kind of lunch: stroll in Mile End and discover local specialties ranging from fresh homemade tomato sauce to rich chocolates. The tour will take you to six different locations where you can taste local gastronomy.

There are also other tours to choose from.



Moleskine 3412 Av du Parc, Montreal +1 514 903 6939

The Moleskine's cuisine is eclectic, imaginative and offers a wide range of gastronomic experiences, just like its baroque decor, which combines elegant modernity with rough-draping. For lunch or dinner, you can sit down on the ground floor for a sandwich, a salad or a cheesy pizza. Or you may prefer going up to the mezzanine and enjoy more elaborate dishes, in a cozy and intimate atmosphere. On weekends, don't miss out on brunch.



Montreal - Cafes

Montreal has cafes at nearly every corner. Some neighborhoods never disappoint, one good area to wander through in search for a cosy cafe or small eatery is Plateau Mont Royal. Avoid the big brands and scout the city for hidden gems and individual cafes. There is always a good excuse to stop for a nice cup o'Jo or some sweet treats, especially in a city like Montreal.





Cafe Myriade 1432 Rue Mackay, Montreal +1 514 939 1717

Cafe Myriade is a sweet place. With its very warm atmosphere and great coffee, it will definitely charm you. They are the only coffee shop in the country offering fresh milk with absolutely no preservatives. The atmosphere here is, however, very relaxed.



Cafe Castel 1015 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal +1 514 285 6514

At Cafe Castel, coffees come in different colors, which often makes a cup resemble a true work of art. All kinds of brewing techniques are in use here, and you can also opt for another drink such as an iced tea or a milkshake. For the hungry ones, you can also eat a quick sandwich or a full breakfast or meal. Certainly one of the best cafes in Montreal.



Cafe Parvis 433 Rue Mayor, Montreal +1 514 764 3589

Serving coffees as well as all sorts of food all day long, Cafe Parvis is one of the trendiest spots in Montreal for a coffee break. The cafe offers somewhat of a classic backdrop to a sunny tea room and terrace. A great little cafe for warm summer days.



Dispatch Coffee 267 Rue Saint Zotique O, Montreal +1 514 437 1327

Dispatch Coffee sest the bar high on its products, the roasting, the brewing and the talent of its baristas - and you can taste it at the first sip! Dispatch places special emphasis on keeping coffee production and trade sustainable and beneficial to both the producer and consumer.



Cafe Larue & fils 244 Rue de Castelnau E, Montreal +1 514 272 8087

Cafe Larue & fils offers everything from artisan lattes and sweets to soups and panini, but also beers. The best part of the cafe is its atmosphere: quiet and relaxing, with stylish decor and pleasant staff. It's easy to completely lose track of time here.



La Brume Dans Mes Lunettes 378 Rue Saint-Zotique E, Montreal +1 514 379 1178

This cute neighbourhood cafe has it all: a family feel, amazing staff, delicious sweets, a large choice of crepes and other eats, and, of course, delicious coffees - including some particularly well-prepared iced drinks. Don't miss out on this trendy spot.



180g Cafe-Disquaire 6546 Rue Waverly, Montreal +1 438 386 4121

The friendliest vinyl shop in Montreal is also one of its coolest coffee shops: welcome to 180g Cafe-Disquaire! This place gets involved in the city's cultural events, promoting street art and local artists. You will be received like an old friend and have a great time.



Moustache Cafe 35 Rue Beaubien E, Montreal +1 514 999 0685

Moustache Cafe offers a merry experience, with large common tables where, if you like, you can meet new people, all the while sipping on coffee, fresh juices or vegan smoothies. You can also opt for gluten-free eats and other sweets. The cafe fosters a true community spirit.



Paquebot Cafe 2110 Rue Bélanger, Montreal +1 514 439 4344

With a pleasant environment and original, quality drinks, Paquebot Cafe is certainly a spot worth checking out. Join the crowd of dedicated regulars and try their barrel coffee, or go for an original curry-ginger latte for a taste of something different.



Noble Cafe 430 Avenue Laurier E, Montreal +1 514 656 7630

This independent coffee shop also serves ice-cream, in a classy and fancy yet understated interior. The owners and the staff are attentive and it's a great place to chill all year long. The location is also great - Noble Cafe really has everything going for it.



Cafe Aunja 1448 Rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Montreal +1 514 914 8337

This popular Persian cafe boasts, perhaps, the cosiest atmosphere in town. With its seating area a little below ground level, clients can enjoy soft lighting and people-watch while retaining their privacy. In Cafe Aunja one can also find superb teas and coffees, sweets, live music and art on the walls.



Cafe Melbourne 4615 Boul St-Laurent, Montreal

Cafe Melbourne is a taste of Australia right in the heart of Montreal. If you feel like some Australian warmth could help you through the tough Canadian winter, step in for some vegemite avocado toast or jaffle. The inside room is comfortable, but the best part of Cafe Melbourne is its patio filled with potted plants.



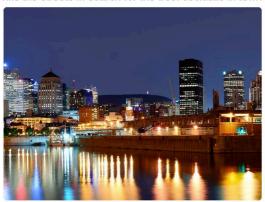
Café Olimpico 124 Rue Saint Viateur West, Montréal +1 514 495 0746

Established in 1970, Café Olimpico has always stuck to its Italian roots, which show in every detail, from their signature espresso to the memorabilia belonging to soccer teams of the country. A TV is also available for sport fans, so that they can enjoy watching a match while sipping on their beverage coupled with cannoli pastries.



Montreal - Bars & Nightlife

As night falls, Montreal gains new vibrancy with its large variety of authentic bars, musical performances, and frequent festivals. Head to the Old Port of Montreal and check out Terrace Bonsecours to dance the night away. One can also take things at a slower pace and relax in a lounge or a jazz bar. Music lovers will find an abundance of music bars, while the rest hits the streets in search for the best cocktails in town (the options here are practically endless).





Dieu du Ciel 29 Avenue Laurier Ouest, Montréal +1 514 490 9555

Both bar and brewery, Dieu du Ciel offers some of the best locally brewed beers one can find in Montreal and (some may dare say) all of Canada. You can sit in the comfy room inside or in the outside patio, but its best to sit at the bar and get all the best recommendations directly from the bartender.



Upstairs Jazz Bar & Grill 1254 Rue Mackay, Montreal +1 514 931 6808

A jazz bar/club at its best. With live music all year long, a classic and elegant interior with stone walls and wood panels, and a good offering of meals and snacks, Upstairs takes the lead on Montreal's music scene. It is a place to come for inspiration or to make friends.



Comedy Nest

2313 Saint-Catherine St W 3rd Floor, Montreal +1 514 932 6378

The purported "funniest city in the world" has no shortage of comedy clubs, The Comedy Nest ranking among the funniest of the funniest. The club features a regular rotation of top-tier acts, who perform every weekend even outside of Montreal's famous Just for Laughs festival, the largest celebration of all things comedy globally.



La Distillerie 300 Rue Ontario E, Montreal +1 514 288 7915

La Distillerie is has three locations in Montreal, so you can choose the one located the most conveniently for you. They serve amazing original cocktails, as well as some food. Beer is also on the menu, in case cocktails aren't your drink of choice.



Le Lab Comptoir à Cocktails

1351 Rue Rachel Est, Montreal +1 514 544 1333

If you want a unique experience, head to this peculiar speakeasy-style bar, inspired by the prohibition years. You will be served very special cocktails mixed by talented and passionate bartenders - creations far more elaborate than those available during the 1920, which somehow do not compromise the establishment's style.



Juste pour pire aka Just For Laughs 2101 Boul St-Laurent, Montreal

+1 514 845 3155

Plan in advance if you want to catch a comedy show at one of the venues, or even attend their popular Just for Laughs festival. Well-known comedians from all over the continent gather to make you laugh out loud. Have a look at the website and check out the program.



Bistro a Jojo 1627 Rue Saint-Denis, Montreal +1 514 843 5015

The compact (yet incredibly popular) Bistro a Jojo is guaranteed to let you have an incredibly fun evening out. Grab a drink, sit back and enjoy the live music while the bartender sets the bar on fire. If you're looking for an explosive night out, make your way to the Quartier des Spectacles where the bar is located.



2 Pierrots 104 Rue Saint Paul E, Montreal +1 514 861 1270

Live music and cheap drinks are usually the recipe for a great atmosphere, and 2 Pierrots does nothing but confirm this. This must of Montreal's nightlife welcomes regular musicians and special guests alike, with music covering all genres and pleasing every generation.



Brutopia 1219 Rue Crescent, Montreal +1 514 393 9277

Freshly brewed beer and good food are only a couple of Brutopia's perks. The waiters are knowledgeable and can recommend which beers will best suit your taste. The menu includes vegetarian options. Several events also take place here, ranging from open mic nights and live music to quizzes.



Foufounes Electriques

87 Rue Sainte-Catherine E, Montreal

+1 514 844 5539

A mix of house, electro, metal, and punk music is played in this club; genres vary by day. What might just be the city's best alternative bar and club, Foufounes Electriques frequently hosts concerts and has a well-stocked bar to keep you going all night long, as well as pool tables and foosball.



Ziggy's Pub 1470 Rue Crescent, Montreal +1 514 285 8855

"No food, just drinks" could be Ziggy's motto. Come here to have fun, mingle and meet people - Ziggy's is a place to meet the locals and make unforgettable memories, all the while catching a sporting match on TV and sipping on one of the many drinks on offer.



Pullman 3424 Av du Parc, Montreal +1 514 288 7779

The Pullman is dedicated to the pleasures of wine-drinking. In a sophisticated and subtly eccentric setting (the chandelier is made of drink glasses), where a relaxed atmosphere prevails, the noble beverage is enjoyed with simple bites or mouthwatering dishes. Lodged in a three-story town house, it truly is a place like no other.



Apt. 200 3643 St-Laurent, Montreal +1 438 880 3354

Apt. 200 is a very peculiar and eclectic place, where you are sure to have a great time. The management team values its clients and makes sure it does not get crowded so everyone can dance, chat and generally enjoy themselves (so if you want to make it inside, arrive early). The place is styled as an apartment with a bedroom, living room, etc., and has old arcade games and a pool table.



Flyjin 417 Rue Saint-Pierre, Montreal +1 514 564 8881

The Flyjin is a chic Asian brasserie located in the heart of Old Montreal. Sophisticated and mysterious, the place offers a unique concept, bringing together a restaurant with Asian influences and a vibrant bar, where one can discover a vast selection of Japanese whiskey, sake, wines and exclusive Japanese beers, as well as carefully crafted cocktails.



Burgundy Lion 2496 Rue Notre-Dame Ouest, Montreal +1 514 934 0888

The Burgundy Lion brings England to Montreal with its full-on British pub atmosphere. The pub is pretty laid-back and serves British pub grub foods (as one may well expect), along with offering a large selection of beers, whiskeys and wines. The vibe is laid-back and everyone is welcome.



La Champagnerie 343 Rue Saint Paul Est, Montreal +1 514 903 9343

La Champagnerie is the first and only "bubble bar" in Montreal, created as a love declaration to the precious drink. The champagne list is so long you can find bottles from all across the world and to suit different budgets. You can accompany your glass of bubbly with some delicious food, or opt for the Bloody Caesar: a Canadian specialty that gives a twist to the Bloody Mary and turns it into a drink-and-snack.



Montreal - Shopping

There is an incredible amount of opportunities to shop for nearly anything under the sun in Montreal. And with an entire underground network of stores, hotels, and even offices nicknamed "Underground City", the cold of the winter is no excuse. Huge malls can be found throughout the whole city, but chances are Montreal will win you over with its nice markets, vintage stores or small local boutiques boasting of true Montreal style.





Divine Chocolatier 2158 Rue Crescent, Montréal +1 514 282 0829

Buying chocolate in the supermarket is one thing, having it personally prepared by one of the most dedicated chocolatiers in Canada is another. Among the busy streets of Montreal lies a small boutique called the Divine Chocolatier. Richard Zwierzynski opened his store after being inspired by Willy Wonka and makes sure his customers experience a memorable visit.



Eaton Centre 705 St Catherine St W, Montreal +1 514 288 3708

A beautiful shopping centre and a part of what locals call the "Underground City" of Montreal: an extensive network of malls, shops, hotels and even office buildings connected under the ground, used a lot in the winter. The multi-storey Eaton Centre has multiple stores and boutiques and large food court.



Jean-Talon Market 155, Av. Greene +1 514 937 7754

Jean-Talon Market is a colorful fruit and vegetable market in Montreal. Take a stroll through the different aisles and take in the smell fresh fruit, all ready to be taken home. If you're looking to keep to a healthy lifestyle while on vacation, this is the place to visit.



Atwater Market 138 Avenue Atwater, Montreal +1 514 937 7754

Another city market offering various fruit and vegetables. The iconic tower overlooking the market makes it particularly easy to spot from a distance. When on a bicycle or on foot, take a pleasant stroll along the canal and end up at Atwater for some shopping.



Noël Eternel 60 Rue Notre Dame Ouest, Montreal +1 514 285 4944

Why should December be the only Christmas month? Noel Eternel makes sure to give you that Christmas feeling every day of the week and all year round, whether or not snow is falling. Offering a large variety of Christmas items such as little villages, elves, nativity scenes, tree decorations (and much more), at Noel Eternel it's Christmas every day.



Bar à lunettes Marie-Sophie Dion 401 Rue McGill, Vieux-Montréal +1 514 843 3466

A very appreciated optician in the city of Montreal, offering many different frames and with a staff that treats you like a VIP. When looking for new glasses or inspiration, the staff will listen to your needs and wants and offer a selection based on your choices.



Les Cours Mont-Royal 1455 Rue Peel, Montreal +1 514 842 7777

A traditional mall/shopping centre offering various shops, hair salons, a food court and individual cafes. Connected directly to a metro station and the Underground City, it is very easily accessible by public transport and offers a wide selection of fashion boutiques.



Mycoboutique Inc 4324 Rue Saint-Denis, Montreal +1 514 223 6977

A store with a focus on teaching you everything there is to know about mushrooms (down to how to grow them yourself - you can even easily grow your own truffles on your lawn). The boutique is an off-the-road location to pick up unusual gifts and souvenirs.



Eva B

2015 Boul St-Laurent, Montreal +1 514 849 8246

Don't be discouraged by the post-apocalyptic looking front of the store and dare to enter this Ali Baba's cave. Vintage clothes and accessories, odd objects and art pieces are gathered here in a seemingly chaotic manner, but you can also stop here for some coffee or snacks. Eva B is eclectic and fabulous.



Complexe Desjardins

150 Rue Ste-Catherine O, Montreal +1 514 281 1870

The Complexe Desjardins is a sight to behold, with a futuristic architecture and lights as well as a large lit-up fountain. On the inside it is a classic mall with an assortment of food, clothing, and sundries. It is so huge that it feels at times like a city within the city.



Argo Bookshop

1915 Rue Sainte-Catherine O, Montreal +1 514 931 3442

This book shop has, since its creation in the 1960's, always focused more on providing quality and personalized services than making a big profit. Montreal's oldest English language bookshop offers all kinds of books, including works of local authors, and hosts an open mic night once a month for writers, comedians and musicians.



m0851

3526 Boul St-Laurent, Montreal +1 514 849 9759

Designer of leather bags, accessories and clothes, m0851 has a prime spot on the shopping scene of Montreal. All products sold in the shop are crafted locally and by hand, creating a unique identity among them all. The quality is superb and the styles on point.



Harricana by Mariouche

416 Rue McGill, Montreal +1 514 287 6517

Harricana designs and manufactures clothing and accessories made from recycled materials. Fur, silk, leather, men's shirts, and even wedding dresses: in Harricana, everything is good to recycle! Everything is also eco-friendly. You can visit the boutique in the city centre or the workshop a bit outside of town.



Fou D'ici

360 Boulevard de Maisonneuve O, Montreal +1 514 600 3424

Come by for some high quality groceries or stop at the prêt-à-manger section for a lunch or a takeaway made of delicious local bites prepared freshly. It is the perfect experience for the true gourmets and has everything from smelly cheeses to dry goods or organic products.



Montreal - Tourist Information





There is an active bus service between the airport and the central bus station: the 747 bus line, which runs 24/7. The average travel time is between 45 to 60 minutes, depending on traffic conditions. The fare allows for unlimited travel for 24 hours. The ticket can be acquired through dispensers on the international arrivals level at the airport.

Apart from buses, it is possible to hire a cab to downtown or a limousine. Additionally, most hotels offer shuttle services which can be ordered via their own website, or at the airport. You can also check the services of a car rental company for more flexibility.

Trains also service the airport with Canada's national passenger rail service called VIA Rail Canada. They offer intercity connections, and a free minibus service to travel to Dorval and the Montreal-Trudeau Airport. You can also check out the regional bus shuttles for other cities.



Public Transportation

Société de transport runs most of the bus and metro lines within the city of Montreal.

The metro system website has a trip planner and various maps that can assist with your daily planning. The first metro train usually starts around 5:30 in the morning, the last one is between 00:30 and 01:00 on Friday and Saturdays, and earlier the other days. Metro lines are color coded and directions are indicated using the name of the last stop on the line.

Buses are also available all over the city. A one-way ticket is the only ticket type that can be bought on board the buses, if you have exact change. If you continue a single ride from the metro onto a bus, the same ticket is valid. When switching from bus to metro or from one bus to another, ask the driver for a free slip.

Several types of tickets exist and can be purchased at vending machines or stations. If you are staying for an extended period of time, purchase a rechargeable Opus card for convenient fare payment.



Taxi

You can either hail taxis in the street or book one in one of these agencies:

Taxi Diamond +1 514 273 6331 www.taxidiamond.com

Taxi Co-op +1 514 725 9885 www.taxi-coop.com

Taxi Champlain +514 271 1111 / +1 514 273 2435 www.taxi-champlain.ca



Post Office

1974 Saint-Catherine St W, Montreal +1 514-846-5387

You can usually buy stamps in post offices of Canada Post or in pharmacies and drugstores. Mail boxes are red.

Canada Post:



Pharmacies are relatively easy to locate and some operate 24/7. Two addresses that work on a 24-hour basis are:

Jean Coutu 305 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal +1 514-285-2646 www.jeancoutu.com

Pharmaprix (Shoppers Drug Mart) 5122 Côte-des-Neiges Rd, Montreal +1 514-738-8464 www1.pharmaprix.ca



Telephone

Country code: +1
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