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Come and take a stroll down the cobble-stoned streets of Montréal, located in Quebec – established in 1832. You will find yourself in awe looking up at the Montréal Clock Tower and the Notre Dame Basilica will have you mesmerized with the intricate stained glass windows. Eric's painting of Montréal will transport you to a place of love, festivity, fame, and culture.

1. It has been said that no building in Montréal can be taller than the cross on the Mount Royal Mountain. 1000 de La Gauchetière is Montréal's tallest building with its height just below the elevation of Mount Royal at 205 m (673 ft). A fun feature of this building is that it has a large ice skating rink.
2. Montréal Clock Tower, also called "The Sailors Memorial Clock", is a memorial to the Canadian sailors who died in WWI.
3. Notre-Dame Basilica is located in the historic district and was dedicated in 1829. Instead of depicting bible scenes the stain glass windows tell the story of the religious history of Montréal.
4. Montréal City hall took six years to build (1872-1878).
5. Montréal's flag has five symbols which are supposed to represent Christian principles: The fleur-de-lis for the French, the shamrock for the Irish, the thistle for the Scottish, and the Lancastrian rose for the English.
6. Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel "Our Lady of Good Help" is one of Montréal's oldest churches—built in 1771.
7. Montréal hosted the 1976 Summer Olympics, the first Olympics ever held in Canada.
8. This small part of the old port of Montréal, used as early as 1611 by French fur traders, stretches 2 km along the St. Lawrence River in Old Montréal.
9. On May 17, 1642 Ville-Marie was established as the first real colony here.
10. There are more than 350 kilometers of bike paths in Montréal.
11. William Shatner, actor, author, producer, director, was born and raised in Montréal.
12. Trivial Pursuit was invented by two Montréalers, namely Chris Haney and Scott Abbott of Montréal.
13. Celine Dion was born and raised in a suburb of Montréal.
14. There are eleven university level institutions in Montréal, including four that are world-class.
15. Montréal is home to the world famous Cirque du Soleil, aka Circus of the Sun, the largest theatrical producer in the world.
16. The Montréal Jazz Festival was dubbed the largest of its kind in the world, which can also be said about Montréal's month-long Firework Festival.
17. Montréal is home to several professional sports teams including the Montréal Canadiens – an NHL team, the Montréal Expos – a baseball team, the Montréal Alouettes – a CFL team and Montréal Impact of Major League Soccer.