

MONTREAL'S MUST SEE



DOWNTOWN MONTREAL

THE GOLDEN SQUARE MILE



The Golden Square Mile is a neighborhood to discover in the heart of the city. Its typical Victorian houses and commercial buildings dating from the 1850s illustrate its vocation as a peaceful bourgeois residential sector of the 18th century, offering easy access to the Port of Montreal. At the start of the 20th century, 80% of Canada's wealth would have been concentrated in the Golden Square Mile. Its residents were from large Montreal families, business people, mainly from Scotland.

THE UNDERGROUND CITY

The name Underground City refers to the vast network of pedestrian walkways below the city. There are 32 kilometers (20 miles) of connecting passageways beneath downtown. Approximately 500,000 people circulate daily on this network, where some 2,000 shops and restaurants, 10 major hotels, museums, theaters, and universities can be found. Cool in the summer and warm in the winter, the Underground City lets you get quickly about town, no matter the weather!



PLACE DES ARTS

Place des Arts is a major performing arts venue in Montreal. It is located in the Quartier des Spectacles, a neighborhood known for its concentration of cultural venues, festivals, and events. Place des Arts was inaugurated in 1963 and has since become one of the most important cultural institutions in the city. The Quartier des spectacles is the meeting place for all the festivals that take place there every summer.

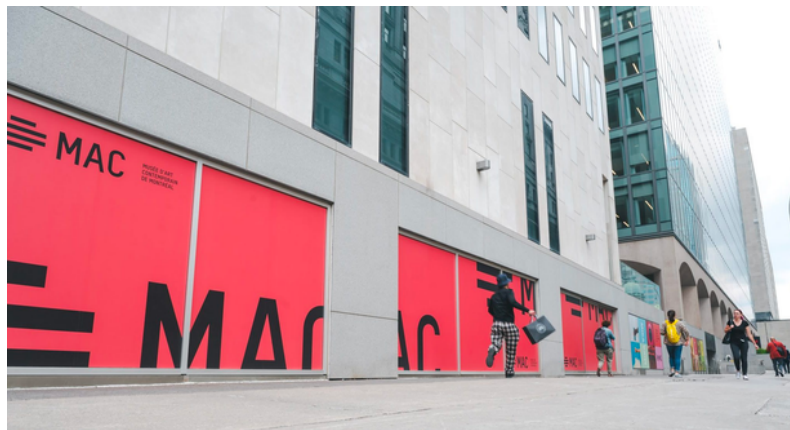


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CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM OF MONTRÉAL (MAC)

185 Saint-Catherine Street West

Located in the center of the Quartier des Spectacles, the MAC makes today's art a vital part of the city's cultural life. A lively place, the MAC brings together local and international artists, their works, and an ever-growing audience. A place of discovery, the museum offers visitors constantly renewed, often unexpected and striking experiences.



MONTREAL MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

1380 Sherbrooke Street West

Founded in 1860, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts ranks 8th among the most visited museums in North America. With their original scenographies, the temporary exhibitions cross artistic disciplines (fine arts, music, cinema, fashion, design) and are exported throughout the world. Its rich encyclopedic collection, spread over five buildings, includes international art, world cultures, contemporary art, decorative arts, and design as well as Quebec and Canadian art.



OLD MONTREAL

DE LA COMMUNE STREET

A recreational and tourist destination that spans 2.7 kilometers (1.6 miles) and runs along the Old Port of Montreal. It offers a wide variety of outdoor activities for all tastes. Cruises and excursions, pedal boating, quadricycle, a spa on the water, exhibitions, shows, events (the majority of which are free), activities, and restaurant terraces with views of the river and the port.



The Montreal Ferris Wheel

Called La Grande roue in French, this 60-metre observation wheel is the tallest in Canada and equipped with 42 luxurious, top-of-the-line, climate-controlled cabins. Hop on board and appreciate panoramic views of the city, the St. Lawrence River, and the surroundings.

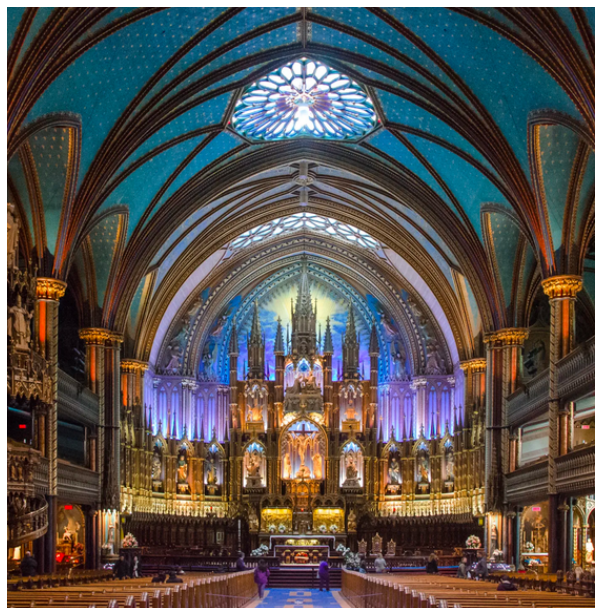
NOTRE-DAME BASILICA

110 Notre-Dame Street West

The Notre-Dame de Montréal Basilica is a masterpiece of Gothic Revival architecture. It testifies to its Catholic foundations and the steady connections between art and religion. Its architectural style marked a turning point in the religious tradition, imitated by several parishes.

AURA, a luminous experience

A source of light unveils the rich heritage of the Basilica, inviting us to celebrate its beauty. The experience begins with a path of lights that brings us closer to the Basilica by taking another look at its works of art. A progressive immersion into a sonically and visually captivating universe guides visitors to the heart of the Basilica. Then, lights, orchestral music and elaborate architecture combine to create a unique, four-act multimedia spectacle.



OLD MONTREAL



BONSECOURS MARKET

350 Saint-Paul Street East

The Marché Bonsecours, inaugurated in 1947, is acknowledged as one of the ten finest heritage buildings in Canada, and has established itself as a must on any visit to Old Montreal. Headquarters of the Conseil des métiers d'art du Québec (Québec Crafts Council), the Marché houses 15 boutiques featuring top-quality “made in Québec” creations: crafts, fashions, accessories and jewellery, design items, reproduction Quebec furniture and more.

CITÉ MÉMOIRE- MONTREAL EN HISTOIRES

Cité Mémoire invites you to meet a host of characters who have witnessed the city's evolution first-hand. Poetic, dreamlike and occasionally playful, the tableaux come alive with images, words, and music. Projected throughout Old Montreal, the work appears on the very walls that surround us, the ground on which we walk, the trees that frame our present. For a complete Cité Mémoire experience, download Montréal en Histoires free application and its contents. Soundtrack and historical contexts are available in 4 languages.



POINTE-À-CALLIÈRE MUSEUM

350 Place Royale

Designated a national archaeological and historic site, Pointe-à-Callière presents centuries of history from the settlements of our Indigenous People to the present day. Located on a spot occupied by humans for more than a thousand years and on the very site where Montreal was founded, the Museum is home to some remarkable architectural ruins that are showcased on site. It holds striking permanent exhibitions where history comes to life through the innovative use of new technologies.

PLATEAU MONT-ROYAL

LAURIER AVENUE AND BERNARD STREET

While both of these arteries are renowned for their French cachet, shoppers go to Laurier Avenue West for imported and Quebec fashion designs, gourmet shops and bakeries. Leafy Bernard Street's early 20th century buildings, for their part, house a plethora of gorgeous boutiques as well as sidewalk cafés and eateries. A perfect union of residential and commercial, this charming street is home to a bounty of shopping treasures.



The Plateau Mont-Royal is characterized by its charming and distinctive housing stock, the streets are lined with mature trees, creating a peaceful and inviting atmosphere. Enjoy a walk to Prince-Arthur Street that leads to the architecturally rich Square Saint-Louis with its imposing 19th century homes.



The area is known for its vibrant cultural life, its many cafes, restaurants, boutiques, and art galleries. The Plateau Mont-Royal is a dynamic and vibrant neighborhood that is beloved by both residents and visitors alike for its unique character, lively atmosphere, and cultural richness.

MONT-ROYAL/ OUTREMONT

PARC DU MONT-ROYAL

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Inaugurated in 1876, the Parc du Mont-Royal is the work of Frederick Law Olmsted, designer of several large parks, including Central Park in New York. Montréal's green jewel, is it affectionately known as "the mountain." The park is home to an exceptional fauna and flora well worth discovering. Various outdoor activities are practiced there in summer and winter.



ORATOIRE SAINT-JOSEPH DU MONT-ROYAL

3800 Queen Mary Road

Rising majestically above the cityscape is Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, it is the largest sanctuary dedicated to Saint Joseph and one of the world's most visited pilgrimage sites with over 2 million visitors per year.



FAIRMOUNT & ST-VIATEUR BAGELS

Being a very multicultural city, Montreal's food scene was built largely by immigrants. Eastern Europeans who settled in Montreal brought their culinary customs, the biggest contribution to the city's gastronomic identity being smoked meat and bagels. What makes the Montreal bagel the far superior is that, not only is each single bagel is made by hand, but they are poached in honey water before being baked in a wood-fire burning oven. This cooking process gives the bagel its distinctive chewiness, golden colour, and crust. The proper way of eating a Montreal Bagel is fresh out of the bag.



HOCHELAGA- MAISONNEUVE

OLYMPIC STADIUM

The Olympic Stadium is an iconic stadium built for the 1976 Summer Olympics and is considered one of the most ambitious and expensive architectural projects in the country's history. Although the stadium had some design and construction issues, it has become a symbol of Montreal's identity.



PARC MAISONNEUVE

Parc Maisonneuve is a large urban park located in the east end of Montreal. The park covers an area of over 63 hectares and is a popular destination for outdoor recreation, cultural events, and relaxation.

The park features a wide range of amenities and attractions, including several large sports fields, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, an ice-skating rink, a golf course, and numerous walking and biking paths. It is also home to several important cultural institutions, including the Montreal Botanical Garden, the Montreal Insectarium, and the Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium.

The park is also a popular spot for picnics, family outings, and is a beloved destination for Montreal residents and visitors alike.



NOTRE-DAME AND SAINTE-HÉLÈNE ISLANDS



LA RONDE

With more than 40 rides and attractions, La Ronde is the main attraction park East of Canada! Thrill seekers will want to take on the Goliath, which is one of the tallest and fastest roller coasters in North America. Every summer, La Ronde is also home to L'International des Feux Loto-Québec, a prestigious international fireworks competition.

JEAN-DRAPEAU PARK

Spanning two islands in the middle of the St. Lawrence River, the Parc Jean-Drapeau is home to a multitude of facilities and recreational opportunities, and host of the famous Formula 1-Grand prix event in June. Come summer, the park offers a beach, three heated outdoor pools; in addition, it offers a varied program of activities, events, and exhibitions in a splendid green setting.

MONTREAL CASINO

1 Du Casino Avenue

With nearly 100 gaming tables and approximately 3,000 slot machines, the Casino de Montréal offers one of the largest game varieties in North America. The Casino includes five restaurants and four bars and a cabaret, which host burlesque-style shows, electro dance performances and concerts from the most popular local and international singers.



FOOD MARKETS

ATWATER MARKET

138 Atwater Avenue

Established in Montreal's Southwest borough, close to the Lachine Canal, Atwater Market takes its name from the avenue bordering it. The market has been in operation since 1933, and its Art Deco-style architecture places it among the most beautiful buildings in the city. Atwater Market is celebrated for its many butcher shops and cheese mongers, its horticultural producers in the spring, and its market gardeners, who set up their stands around the building as soon as summer begins. Shopkeepers also provide a wide variety of fresh, refined, and original merchandise.



JEAN-TALON MARKET

7070 Henri-Julien Avenue

Located in the heart of Little Italy, Jean Talon Market has been inaugurated in May 1933. Jean-Talon Market stands out with its many local fruit and vegetable growers, its diversity of small shopkeepers (butchers, bakers, fishmongers, grocers, etc.) and its restaurateurs, who are sure to whet your appetite when you visit.



