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A luminous experience at the heart of the Basilica

BASILIQUE NOTRE-DAME DE MONTRÉAL
110 Notre-Dame Street West, Montreal, QC H2Y 1T1
PLACE-D'ARMES

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WELCOME TO OLD MONTRÉAL!

Montréal is one of the few major cities in North America that has preserved the heritage of its historical centre. In this old walled city, you can still find narrow cobblestone streets dating back to the French colony, and charming public squares bordered by majestic 18th and 19th century Victorian buildings. You will also see Canada's very first skyscrapers in the heart of what was then the downtown core. Enjoy your visit!

Montréal was founded on May 17, 1642.

Paul de Chomedey, Sieur de Maisonneuve, and Lady Jeanne Mance, along with a handful of French settlers, soldiers, artisans, farmers and priests, founded the Ville-Marie missionary outpost at Pointe-à-Callière. This outpost would later become Montréal.



Paul de Chomedey, sieur de Maisonneuve (1612-1675), co-founder and governor of the Island of Montréal for 24 years.



Jeanne Mance (1606-1673), co-founder of Montréal. She established the Hôtel-Dieu, the first hospital in the colony.

Monuments honouring de Maisonneuve and Jeanne Mance, place d'Armes. Works by Louis-Philippe Hébert (1895).



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Montréal's birthplace

Very rarely can a city pinpoint its exact place of birth, but Montréal can! And remnants of the city's first building are still accessible to the public. A meeting place for Native people for over 2,500 years, Fort de Ville-Marie, as the site is known today, is located at Place D'Youville.

Old Seminary

The Old Sulpician Seminary is the oldest building still standing in Montréal (1684). It served as a residence for the Sulpicians, the seigneurs of Montréal in the 17th and 18th centuries.

HERITAGE ATTRACTIONS

Place d'Armes

In the heart of the historical district, Place d'Armes provides a complete overview of all periods in the history of Montréal: from the city's oldest building to the church of its very first parish, from the head office of the country's first bank (Bank of Montreal) to Canada's first skyscraper, the New York Life building. Inaugurated in 1888, this building had an elevator to go up its eight floors ... quite the novelty at the time!



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Saint-Paul Street

The oldest street in Montréal is home to many art galleries, boutiques, restaurants and cafés. Its authentic cobblestone pavement and magnificent facades are a must-see!



Kelly Jacob

Saint-Jacques Street

At the beginning of the 20th century, St. James Street as it was then called, flaunted the prosperity of Canada's capital with its grandiose head office buildings.



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McGill Street

McGill Street was built in 1805 following the demolition of the fortifications, the walls erected between 1717 and 1738 under the French Regime. McGill Street has regained its prestige of yesteryear.



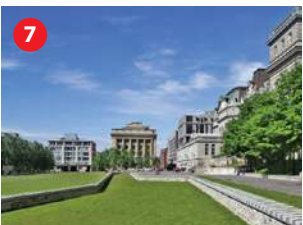
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Place Jacques-Cartier

Built at the beginning of the 19th century, this marketplace, dominated by a monument to Admiral Nelson, quickly became – and still is today – one of the liveliest spots in the city.



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Champ-de-Mars

Over the years, the Champ-de-Mars esplanade has seen its share of historic gatherings. The foundations of the fortifications, the stone walls that surrounded the city up until the early 19th century, can still be seen here.



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City Hall

275 Notre-Dame Street East
514 872-0077

Montréal's City Hall was built between 1872 and 1878. Completely destroyed by fire in 1922, it was subsequently rebuilt. The building is currently closed for major renovations.

In addition to restoring its former glory, the renovations will make City Hall more user-friendly, welcoming and accessible to the public. It will feature an exhibit area, café and a four-season terrace overlooking the Champ-de-Mars.

In the meantime, city council meetings are held at the Lucien-Saulnier building, at 155 Notre-Dame Street East.



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Marché Bonsecours

Inaugurated in 1847 and a testimony to the Classical Revival style in vogue at the time, the Bonsecours Market served as city hall until 1878. Completely restored, it now houses trendy designer boutiques.

RELIGIOUS HERITAGE



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Notre-Dame Basilica of Montréal

110 Notre-Dame Street West
514 842-2925
notredamebasilica.ca

The very first Gothic Revival church in Canada, its gold leaf architecture and spectacular stained-glass windows are simply breathtaking. Inaugurated in 1829, this heritage jewel was elevated to the rank of minor basilica by Pope John Paul II in 1982.

Tickets sold online or on-site
Daytime: Sightseeing visits

Evening: The AURA Experience
Combo offer available at 12% off.

Daily masses:
See the website for a complete schedule of activities.



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Marguerite-Bourgeoy's Historical Site

Museum-Chapel-Archaeology
400 Saint-Paul Street East
514 282-8670
margueritebourgeoy.org

Founded in 1655 by Marguerite Bourgeoy, the Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel, known as the "sailors' church", is a jewel of our heritage. Visit the museum to learn about the life of this exceptional woman, see exhibits and a fascinating archaeological site, and climb inside the chapel tower.

Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Chapel: Voluntary contribution
Museum: Fixed entrance fee

Schedule of masses:
514 282-8670, ext 221.

5 Open-air concerts Music Zone

FREE

Place d'Armes
Monday through Friday
From June 12 to Sept. 1st
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.



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Ville-Marie
Montréal

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SACRED FIRE PRODUCTIONS
CULTURAL SPACE



CLASSIC ROCK EXHIBITION

Artist Riel Benn (Sioux Nation)

Until July 30th 2023

A POPULAR DESTINATION YEAR ROUND

Day and night, summer and winter, Old Montréal draws visitors with its rich history and remarkable architecture. This prime riverfront location is home to an eclectic mix of shops and art galleries, restaurants and live music venues providing a unique vacation vibe in a warm and relaxed atmosphere. Forever trendy, this bustling neighbourhood keeps the young, and the young at heart, coming back to discover its attractions, time and time again.

Representing a business community of more than 2,400 businesses, 40,000 workers and 9,000 residents, the Old Montréal Business Development Corporation (SDC du Vieux-Montréal) and its members and partners welcome you to this historic district, the birthplace and soul of Montréal. The SDC du Vieux-Montréal territory extends from Robert-Bourassa Blvd in the west to Saint-Hubert Street in the east, and from Saint-Antoine Street in the north to de la Commune Street in the south.

VIEUX-MONTRÉAL
SDC



Fonderie Darling

The Darling Foundry
745 Ottawa Street
514 392-1554
fonderiedarling.org

A visual arts center that supports the creation, production and showcasing of contemporary artworks.

Closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Open from noon Thursday to Sunday.

Adults: \$5
Thursday: Voluntary contribution

* Prices subject to change.



Frank Polson

Sacred Fire Productions Cultural Space

130 Saint-Pierre Street
514 875-2772
sacredfireproductions.ca

Located in the heart of Old Montreal's cultural corridor, this new space features exhibits of remarkable works by First Nations, Métis and Inuit artists. Paintings, sculptures, handicrafts and jewelry for sale in the boutique.

Wednesday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free admission.



Caroline Bergeron

Pointe-à-Callière, Montréal Archaeology and History Complex

350 Place Royale
(corner of de la Commune Street)
514 872-9150

pacmusee.qc.ca

Discover Montréal's birthplace! Pointe-à-Callière sits atop an archaeological site that is testament to the evolution of the area, from the occupation by First Nations to the colony's first construction (Fort de Ville-Marie), to today. The seven pavilions of the Pointe-à-Callière complex – connected by underground passages – present permanent exhibits that bring history to life through innovative technologies. The Museum also curates temporary exhibits about the history of Montréal and other great civilizations around the world.

Open year-round.

Adults: \$26
Ages 4 and under: free
Families: \$54



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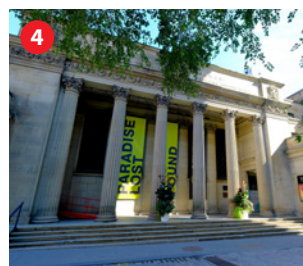
Bank of Montréal Museum

129 Saint-Jacques Street
514 877-6810

Step back in time in Canada's first bank (1817).

Self-guided tours year-round. Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except public holidays).

Free admission.



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Centaur Theatre

453 Saint-François-Xavier Street
514 288-3161
centaurtheatre.com

The Centaur Theatre, located in the building that housed Canada's first stock exchange, presents award-winning English-language plays.

Eda Holmes, Artistic Director.

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS



Gleb Gombert

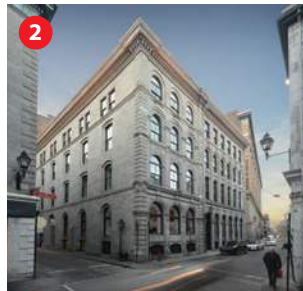
PHI Foundation for Contemporary Art

451 and 465 Saint-Jean Street
514 849-3742
fondation.phi.ca

An exhibition space dedicated to presenting leading contemporary works of art from around the world.

Wednesday through Friday, from noon to 7 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free admission.



Gleb Gombert

PHI Centre

315 Saint-Paul Street West
514 225-0525
centre.phi.ca

The PHI Centre is dedicated to the multidisciplinary production and dissemination of art through collective experiences and exhibits featuring virtual reality and digital art forms.

Programming hours vary.

Some activities free.



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Sir George-Étienne-Cartier National Historic Site

458 Notre-Dame Street East
514 283-2282 (or 1 800 463-6769)
parcscanada.gc.ca/cartier

Explore the elegant 19th century home of George-Étienne Cartier and discover the lasting legacy of a man who helped shape Canada.

June 17 to September 4: Wednesday to Sunday and holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

September 9 to October 29: Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adults: \$4.25
Seniors: \$3.75
Children under 17: free

Château Ramezay - Historic Site and Museum of Montréal

280 Notre-Dame Street East
514 861-3708
chateauramezay.qc.ca

One of the few vestiges of the French Regime, Château Ramezay invites you to relive more than 500 years of history through its exhibits, multimedia tour (available in six languages) and New France garden. One of the 1001 Historic Sites You Must See Before You Die!

Open daily, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free access to the garden.
Admission fees for the museum.
Discounts available for families, students, etc.



Château Ramezay



André Tremblay - PhotoGraphex

Marché Bonsecours

333 de la Commune Street East – 350 Saint-Paul Street East
514 872-7730
marchebonsecours.qc.ca

The Bonsecours Market houses trendy boutiques featuring the latest fashion and jewelry by Quebec designers, as well as local and indigenous products. This is where to look for all things "Made in Québec".

Sidewalk cafés and restaurants.

Open 7 days a week as of 10 a.m.

Free admission.



Port de Montréal

Port of Montreal Grand Quay

200 de la Commune Street West
514 370-QUAI (7824)
port-montreal.com

Visit the Port Interpretation Centre and its free, interactive exhibit for all ages. Take the time to enjoy the relaxation areas along the river.

Open to the public from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

New! Discover the Port of Montreal Tower, a 360° observation tower offering the most beautiful views of Montréal and the St. Lawrence River, plus enjoy an interactive, augmented reality experience.

Every day from 10 a.m.

Adults: \$15
Reduced rates for children, students and seniors.
Families: \$45



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Port of Montreal Tower

For the best views and unbeatable interactive fun!



Family \$45*

GRAND QUAY

200 De la Commune Street West
port-montreal.com



*2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children, rates subject to change, before taxes



THE OFFICIAL MAP OF OLD MONTREAL



Available in English and French.
oldmontrealmap.ca



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- Subway entrance
- Underground network
- Access by car
- Bicycle path
- Light Tour
- Pedestrian walkway
- Line of former fortification
- Visible fortification

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Tim Hortons presents
HOCKEY: FASTER THAN EVER
An interactive exhibition.

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MontrealScienceCentre.com

POINTE-À-CALLIÈRE EGYPT

• THREE MILLENNIA ON THE NILE •
Exhibition until October 15, 2023



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EXPERIENCE AWAITS YOU



MAGNIFICENT... ENCHANTING... MAGICAL!

No tour of Old Montréal is complete without an evening stroll, when the neighbourhood turns on its lights to showcase the spectacular architectural details of its historical buildings, streets and public squares.

✦ Just follow the **yellow line** on the pedestrian map and enjoy the amazing show that is Old Montréal by night.

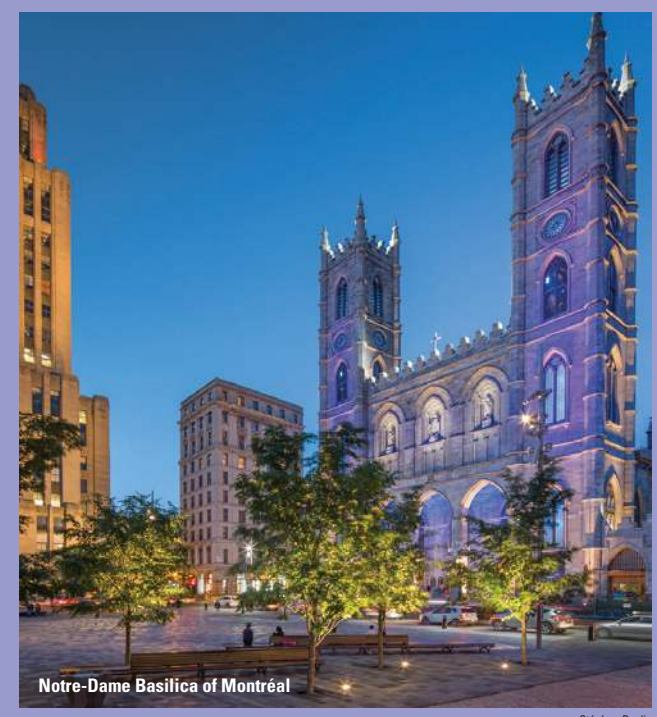


Marché Bonsecours



De la Commune Street

LIGHT TOUR



Notre-Dame Basilica of Montréal



City Hall



McGill Street

Hôtel St-Paul



Bonsecours and Saint-Paul East Streets

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Light Tour



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