Montreal may just be the greatest city on earth.
There is a certain feeling associated with Montreal that cannot exactly be put into words.

One can begin by describing it as a storied metropolis with a strong undercurrent of creativity and multi-culturalism. Even on the surface level, the diversity of the people and the neighbourhoods themselves are easily recognizable. McGill University’s main campus is located in the heart of this vibrant city and will give you access to all of its different neighbourhoods. From the thriving high-rises in the central business district, to the eclectic cafes of Le Plateau, or the peaceful shore of the Lachine Canal, there is a place here for everyone.
**FAQs**

**WHAT IF I DON’T SPEAK FRENCH?**

Even though French is the official language of Quebec, many Montrealers are bilingual, and often even speak a third language. Montreal is home to many different cultures and nationalities, therefore it is not an issue for day-to-day living to not speak French. However, for many jobs in Montreal, it is necessary to be able to communicate in both English and French, especially in the service industry.

**WHAT IS THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIKE?**

(BUS, METRO, TRAIN)

Montreal offers several options for transportation including the bus, metro, and train. Uber is also accessible in Montreal and the city also offers a self-service bike network in the summer called BIXI.

**WHAT ARE THE WINTERS LIKE?**

Are you scared of the snow? Don’t be. In Montreal, we are lucky to experience fully each of the four seasons. With proper winter wear (jacket, boots, mittens, hat, and a scarf), you’ll be all set. The city completely changes when it’s covered in snow, and it’s quite a beautiful sight to see. Also, there are lots of unique winter activities to look forward to during those chilly winter months including skiing, sliding, skating, snowshoeing... Even heading to the spa can be more fun!

**OTHER FAQS & ANSWERS**

GENERAL: www.tourisme-montreal.org/Travel-Information/FAQs


AMT (train): www.amt.qc.ca/en
MUST-DO’S

- Eat a smoked meat sandwich (Schwartz’s, Reuben’s, Main)
- Decide if you are more of a Fairmount or St-Viateur bagel person!
- Experience the traditional Cabane à Sucre in March-April
- Enjoy the food trucks in the summer months
- EAT POUTINE (Some recommendations):
  - Frite Alors
  - La Banquise
  - Orange Julep
  - Au Pied de Cochon

- Go watch a Habs game

WHO ARE THE HABS?
The Montreal Canadian’s hockey team is frequently referred to in English and French as the Habs. French nicknames for the team include Les Canadiens (or Le Canadien), Le Bleu-Blanc-Rouge, La Sainte-Flanelle, Le Tricolore, Les Glorieux (or Nos Glorieux), Les Habitants, Le CH and Le Grand Club.

- Walk up to Mount Royal (or Mont Royal) for a view of Montreal

WEALTHEND TRIPS

- OTTAWA (1)
  - Car: ~2h00m
  - Train: ~2h00m
  - Bus: ~2h30m

- QUEBEC CITY (2)
  - Car: ~2h50m
  - Train: ~3hr20m
  - Bus: ~3hr15m

- TORONTO (3)
  - Car: ~5hr30m
  - Train: ~4hr54m
  - Bus: ~5hr45m

WINTER SPORTS TRIPS

(SKIING, SNOWBOARDING, SNOWSHOEING)

- MONT-TREMBLANT
- ST-SAUGEUR
- MONTEBELLO

HOW TO GET THERE?
VIA Rail, Megabus, car rental.
CULTURE

Locals, travelers passing through, and newcomers cannot help but be completely drawn to the authentic culture that flows through the city. With a myriad of festivals, landmarks, museums, cafés and gastronomic experiences, there is always something to keep you interested.

LANDMARKS
- St. Joseph’s Oratory
- Notre-Dame Basilica
- Old Port
- Mount-Royal Cross
- Biosphère
- Olympic Stadium
- Montreal Botanical Garden
- Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
- McCord Museum
- Redpath Museum (on campus)
- Montreal Museum of Contemporary Arts

MUSEUMS (NEARBY)
- Montreal Museums gives a complete list of museums:
museesmontreal.org/en/museums

RESTAURANTS
BREAKFAST & BRUNCH
- Olive & Gourmando
- Lawrence
- Venice MTL
- Arts Café
- Sparrow
- Fabergé
- La Bête à Pain

DINNER
- Escondite
- Biru
- Boullion Bilk
- Da Emma
- Foxy
- Kazu
- Aux Vivres
- Green Panther
- Santropol
- Lola Rosa
- Le Red Tiger
- Jatoba
- La Salle à Manger
- Marché des Éclusiers

CAFÉS
- Café Parvis
- Tommy Café
- Humble Lion
  [across from Desautels]
- Café Castel
  [next to Desautels]
- Arts Café
- Crew Collective
- Café Myriade
- Dispatch Café
- Depanneur le pickup
- Café Aunja
- Kiffin
- Kafein

BARS
- Alexandraplatz
- Dieu du Ciel!
- Apartment 200
- Le Majestique
- Darling
- La Buvette Chez Simone
- Suwu
- Bar Henrietta

01. Le Quartier Latin
02. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
03. La Salle à Manger
04. Marché des Éclusiers
MONTRÉAL FESTIVALS

- Igloofest (Jan-Feb)
- Fête des neiges (Jan-Feb)
- Salon de l’auto (Jan)
- Nuit Blanche- Montreal en Lumiére (Feb-Mar)
- Art Souterrain (Mar)
- Saint Patrick’s Day Parade (Mar)
- Mural Festival (Jun)
- Les FrancoFolies (Jun)
- International Jazz Festival (Jun-Jul)
- Just For Laughs (Jul)
- Présence autochtone – Montreal First Peoples (Aug)

BOOKSTORES

- Paragraphe
- Argo bookshop
- Indigo
- McGill Bookstore
- Drawn and Quarterly
- The Word (in Milton Park)

MARKETS

- Jean Talon market
- Atwater market
- Bonsecours market
- Metro Mount-Royal market
- Maisonneuve market

MONTREAL’S MOST SUCCESSFUL INDUSTRIES

- Aerospace (Bombardier)
- Entertainment (Evenko, Cirque de Soleil)
- Communications & Marketing (Radio-Canada, Sid Lee, Cossette, Touché)
- Startups (Semeon, mnubo, Macromesures, Frank & Oak, Transit)
- Technology, Video Games, & Virtual Reality (Ubisoft, AI, Go Software)
- Transportation (BIXI)
- Urban agriculture (Les fermes LUFA)

LOOK AT THIS SITE TO READ MORE SUCCESS STORIES

WHAT MAKES Montreal SO UNIQUE?

In Montreal, each season brings new activities and ways to experience Canada. In the summer, the art scene moves outside for the Mural Festival, in the fall families and friends get together for apple or even pumpkin picking, winter brings many opportunities for outdoor sports, and in the spring the landscape across the city changes once again. As some things change at the turn of each season, some things stay the same. Montreal is unique in that its French roots have remained a strong part of the culture in Quebec through the French language, food, and architecture. McGill University is another important factor in the city’s history. Founded in 1821, McGill has maintained a reputation throughout the decades as one of the world’s greatest universities. During your time here, be sure to take full advantage of the memorable times at McGill and in Montreal.

01. Mural Festival
02. McGill University
03. Beaver Lake
04. Jean-Talon Market
05. Jazz Festival
06. Beach, Plage de L’Horloge
07. Row Houses in the Plateau
Welcome to MTL, welcome HOME.