

# THE HISTORIC DISTRICT HAS NEVER BEEN SO **CONTEMPORARY**

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## **Old Montréal - Heritage attractions**

#### Montréal is one of the few large cities in North America to have conserved its historic city centre.

Walking through Old Montréal, the old walled town, you are surrounded by traces of more than 370 years of history. You'll see the birthplace of Montréal, at Pointe-à-Callière, where Sieur de Maisonneuve and Jeanne Mance landed on May 17th 1642. Wander down narrow, winding streets, dating back to the origins of the French colony. Admire splendid buildings from the 1700s and some of the most remarkable 19th-century Victorian commercial buildings in North America. And finally, there are Canada's very first skyscrapers, erected in the late 1800s and early 1900s, in the heart of what was then the downtown core of Canada's metropolis.

Fifty years ago this year, the Government of Québec declared Old Montréal a "historic district" saving part of the area from a planned demolition to accommodate the Ville-Marie expressway.



Born in Neuville-sur-Vanne, Paul de Chomedey, Sieur de Maisonneuve (1612-1676) co-founded in 1642 Ville-Marie, which will become Montréal. He directed the destinies of the city for 24 years.

Born in Langres, Jeanne Mance (1606-1673) is co-founder of Montreal. Courageous and tireless she set up the first hospital in the new colony, the Hôtel-Dieu.

Details from the Monument à Maisonneuve, Place d'Armes, Louis-Philippe Hébert (1895)



#### 1 Montréal's birthplace

Very rarely can a city identify its exact birthplace, but Montréal can, and it has preserved tangible traces of its foundation and made them accessible to the public. Seen here, from Place D'Youville, this site, known as Pointeà-Callière, was also a place frequented by Amerindians for over 2,500 years.

#### 12 Old Seminary

The Old Sulpician Seminary is the oldest building still standing in Montréal. It was first erected in 1684, and has been altered several times since. It served as a residence for the seigneurs of the island in the 17th and 18th centuries.



#### Place d'Armes

In the heart of the historic district, Place d'Armes offers an excellent overview of all the periods in the history of Montréal, from the city's oldest building to the huge church of its very first parish, or from the head office of the first bank in the country to Canada's first skyscraper – vthe New York Life building – which opened in 1888. It had an elevator for climbing its eight floors, which was a great novelty at the time.



13 Place Jacques-Cartier

Saint-Paul Street

hooves and settlers' steps.

spacious restaurants and superb outdoor cafés.

The narrow, lazily winding street brings to

mind a dirt road packed down by horses'

and today is home to many art galleries,

This is the oldest street in Montréal,

boutiques, restaurants and cafés.

This was originally a marketplace, created in the early 19th century and is

one of the liveliest spots in the whole city, with artists, street performers,

dominated by a monument to Admiral Nelson. Right from the start, it became



#### Mainte-Hélène Street

Sainte-Hélène and Des Récollets streets, with their recently installed gas lights, boast sumptuous buildings built by wholesalers and new industrialists around 1870 to impress their clients.



#### 8 Bonsecours Market

Bonsecours Market, a reminder of the Classical Revival style in voque at the time, was opened in 1847 and served as the city hall until 1878. It has now been restored and houses some excellent designer boutiques.





#### 1 McGill Street

McGill Street was built in 1805 following the demolition of the fortifications from 1717 to 1738 under the French regime. Today, refitted and always bustling with people, it has regained the prestige it had when the headquarters of the Hudson's Bay and the Grand Trunk were located there.



#### 16 City Hall

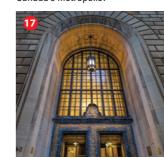
#### **17** Saint-Jacques Street

head office buildings, proclaimed Canada's metropolis!

#### 18 Champ-de-Mars

275 Notre-Dame Street East Montréal City Hall has a more turbulent history than its peaceful façade suggests. The building went up between 1872 and 1878, and survived a disastrous fire in 1922. And it was from this balcony that French President Général de

In the early 1900s, Saint-Jacques Street (St. James Street in those days), lined with magnificent Montréal's prosperity. It was



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



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Old Montréal

shopping gallery

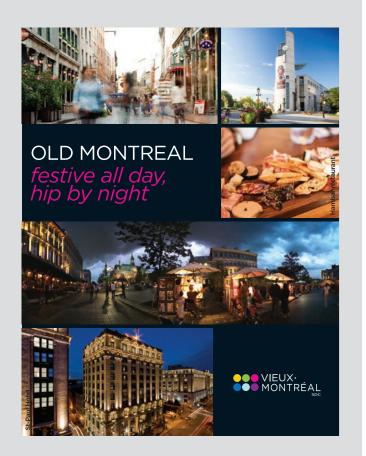
### Welcome

## Old Montréal, much more than a place of history and heritage

Experience the most exciting area of Montréal, with its unique and spectacular backdrop, its lively streets and its wide range of shops and boutiques. Discover some forty art and crafts galleries, Québec fashion designers' workshops, cozy sidewalk cafes and many restaurants, including several rated among the finest in Montréal, trendy bars, and especially an unparalleled atmosphere, just a few steps away from the river banks.

With all its attractions, it is no wonder that Old Montréal, a safe and always vibrant neighborhood inhabited by more than 5,000 residents, and where more than 40,000 people work daily, is recognized as the most popular destination by Montrealers and hundreds of thousands of visitors and tourists.

#### Shopkeepers, business people and local residents welcome vou



## Old Montréal - Cultural attractions



#### 1 Pointe-à-Callière, Montréal Archaeology and History Complex

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

#### www.pacmusee.gc.ca

Explore Montréal's birthplace! The only North American museum rising atop an authentic archaeological site, Pointe-à-Callière offers a unique underground visit. An interactive model, surprising projections, voices that are sure o move you, virtual characters... we pull out all the stops to captivate our visitors! Not to be missed: the multimedia show offered in eight languages, and the exhibition Pirates or Privateers? for the family.

Open all year long 5 and under:

Family:

2 Centre d'histoire de Montréal

335 place D'Youville 514 872-3207 www.ville.montreal.gc.ca/chm

The city's history is that of its inhabitants, past and present. A history of places and memories that shape a present and suggest a future.

Relive the history of Montreal from the earliest Native presence to today, through a media-rich exposition and immersive podcast.

Seniors and students 5 year-old or less Free Discount with Accès Montréal and CAA card



#### Phi Centre

407 Saint-Pierre Street 514 225-0525 www.centre-phi.com

Phi's mission is to create a gathering place for art and to make art accessible to as many people

Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.



#### 4 DHC / ART Foundation for **Contemporary Art**

451 & 465 St-Jean Street 514 849-3742 www.dhc-art.org

DHC/ART is a exhibition space dedicated to presenting some of the leading contemporary art of our time from around the world.

Wednesday to Friday, 12 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Free admission



#### **5** Centaur Theatre

453 Saint-François-Xavier Street 514 288-3161 www.theatrecentaur.com

The Centaur Theatre, housed in Canada's first stock-exchange is Québec's first English language theatre featuring award-winning shows.

Roy Surette, Artistic Director



#### 6 Bank of Montreal Museum

129 Saint-Jacques Street 514 877-6810 The Museum of Canada's first

bank (1817). Self-guided tours year-round Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except holidays).

Free admission

### Montréal **Science Centre**

www.montrealsciencecentre.com Discover original, hands-on multimedia expositions and IMAX



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#### 8 Marché Bonsecours 350 Saint-Paul Street East

514 872-7730 www.marchebonsecours.gc.ca



Marché Bonsecours proposes superb boutiques showcasing the wares of Québec designers: friendly sidewalk cafés and restaurants

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Free admission



#### 8 Museum of Costume and Textile of Québec

363 de la Commune Street East 514 419-2300 www.mctq.org

The collection and exhibitions of this ethnological museum show

the cultural diversity of Québec society.

Thuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



#### Marguerite-**Bourgeoys Museum**

400 Saint-Paul Street East 514 282-8670

This history museum invites you to discover the life of an exceptional woman and to visit exhibits and an archaeological site that you will find captivating. Head for Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel, 18th century jewel of our heritage. Don't miss the tower and its breathtaking view.

Tuesday to Sunday: March 1 to April 30: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 1 to October 12: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. October 14 to January 11: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Seniors and students: 6 to 12 years old:

#### 10 Château Ramezay -**Historic Site and Museum of Montréal**

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

Enter the history of Montréal through its front door. A prestigious residence, the Château Ramezay invites you to relive more than 500 years of history through its numerous exhibits, its multimedia tour offered in six languages as well as its New France garden. June 1 to October 13: daily from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.



October 14 to May 31: Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Free access to the Garden

Admission fees for the Museum

Special rates: families, students

Guided tours: variable schedule



#### 1 Sir-George-Étienne-**Cartier National Historic Site**

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

Visit this bourgeois residence with its sumptuous 19th century Victorian decor. It was the home of Sir George-Étienne Cartier, architect of the Confederation and a lawver and businessman.

June 21 to August 31, wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

September 1 to December 21. Friday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Senior: \$3,40 6 to 16: \$1.90 \$9.80



**Religious Heritage** 

Every year, hundreds of thousands of people visit this magnificent Gothic

1 Notre-Dame Basilica

Revival church, which was inaugurated in 1829.

110 Notre-Dame Street West

www.notredamebasilica.ca

514 842-2925

(upon reservation)

7 to 17: The Grand Tour (60 min) June 24 to October 11

Adults: \$10 7 to 17:





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## Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel

400 Saint-Paul Street East 514 282-8670

Monday to Friday.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Schedule of masses:

514 842-2925

Sunday 12:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more than 350 years, this jewel of our heritage, know as the sailors, church, has held a special place in the hearts of Montrealers. The tomb of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, founder of the chapel, is in the left-side altar.

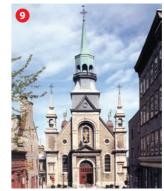


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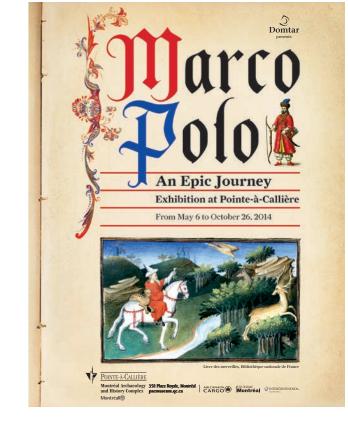
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Chapel: free admission

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



#### Rates are subject to change

335, place D'Youville

Old Montreal

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East and West, two captivating tours filled with history, architecture and anecdotes.

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SEASON 2014 [EAST & WEST] Saturdays and Sundays May 17 to June 25

June 21 to October 12 (Year-round on a private basis)

Tickets \$23 (adults) On sale 15 minutes prior to departure in front of the boutique of the Notre-Dame Basilica.

East tour at 11:00 a.m. West tour at 1:30 p.m.

Bon-Secours Chapel (Marguerite-Bourgeoys Museum

Subway entrance

Lighting Tour

Pedestrian walkway

Access by car

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Visible fortification

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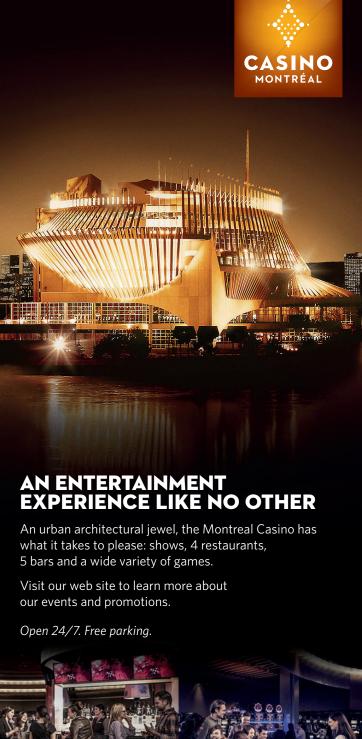












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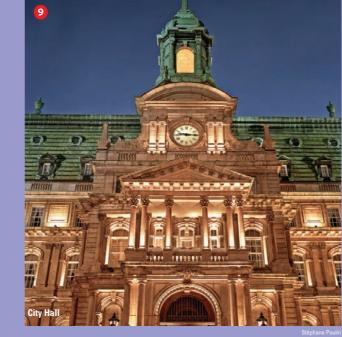
## **Old Montréal – Lighting tour**

## **Awesome! Magnificent! Magical!**

Any tour of Old Montréal is incomplete without a stroll in the evening when the neighborhood is beautifully lit to bring to the fore the spectacular architectural details of its historic buildings, its streets

The line in yellow on the pedestrian map shows you how to fully enjoy this amazing spectacle.







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## Musical brunches Place Jacques-Cartier

July 5 to August 31, Saturdays and Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Zone Musique Place d'Armes

July 2 to August 29, Tuesday to Friday, noon to 1 p.m. Summer concerts are sponsored by

the SDC du Vieux-Montréal







**18th Century Public Market** Saturday August 23 and Sunday August 24



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