

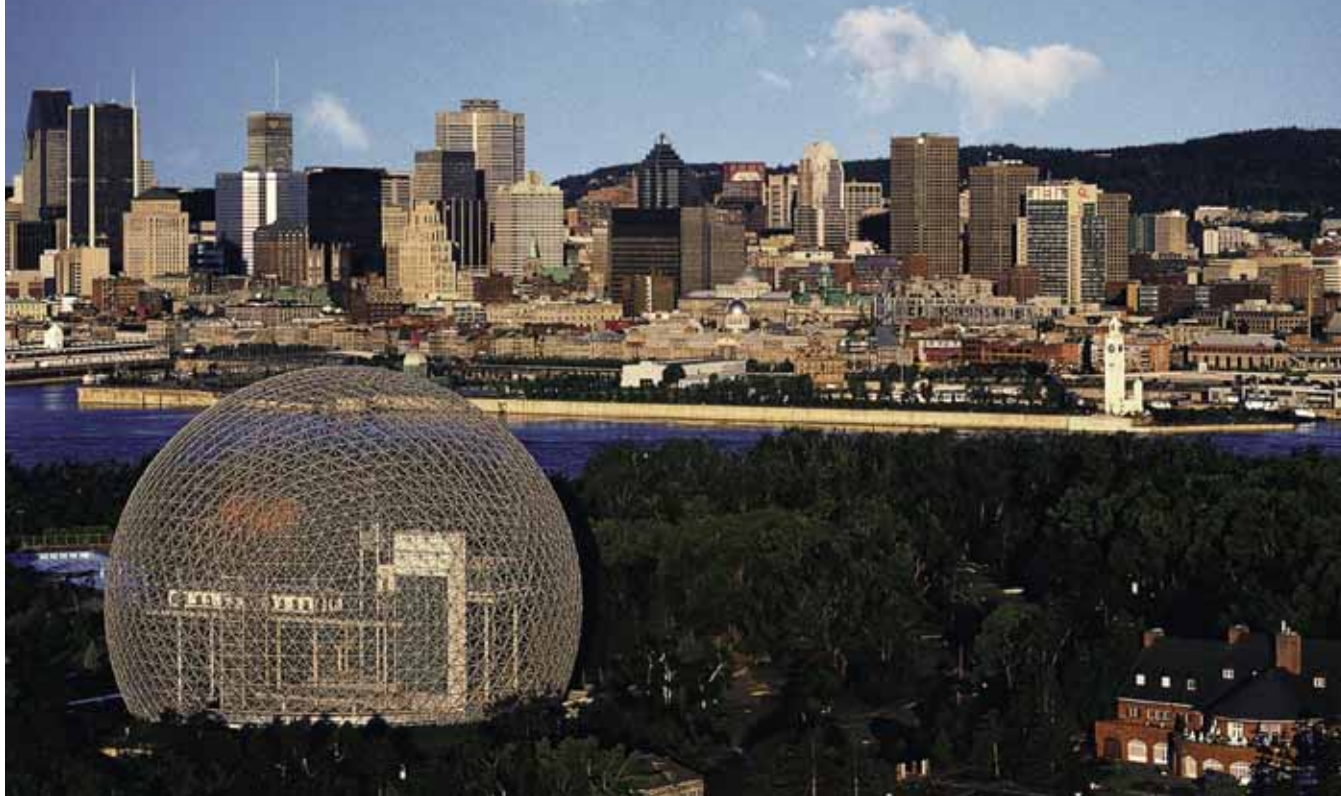


## SUMMERFUN SIZZLES ON

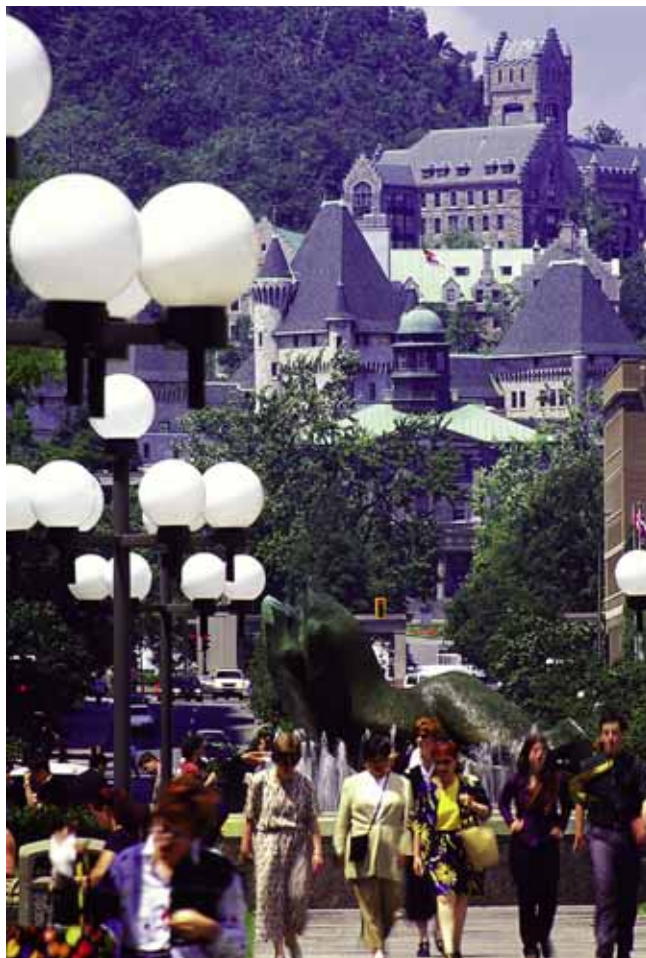
Seek summer sizzle? Want Europe without the distance, chic without the snob, and so much to do in a day you'll never decide what first? In a word: Montréal. Let's just mention it now, before we forget in an overwhelm of this city's million reasons to set your heading for here *right now*. For true *poutine*? Be sure to try it at Au Pied de Cochon, the restaurant that serves it with a tasty bit of foie gras. For the smoked meat sandwich? Better do that at Schwartz's old-time Hebrew deli; they'll pile it nice and high on sourdough rye. For the essential Orange Julep, you can't miss it. The three-storey tall, big orange ball that rises larger than life above boulevard Décarie is the GPS for the classic orange-cream drink. When it comes to the bagel you're on your own, though La Maison du Bagel at 263 avenue St-Viateur Ouest is always a good bet.

Okay, now, where were we? Oh, right: Montréal. This sexy island city on the confluence of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers that was settled by the French, made rich by fur trade, and sports two languages (French and English), is one of the world's great thriving metropolises. What's more, Montréal... what's that? What's the deal with the bagel and the smoked meat and the *poutine-whatever-that-is*, you ask? Excellent question. That's precisely the fascination about this Canadian town that appears to be as rich in French élan as it is bubbling with the influence of many other cultures that also call it home – Italian Greek, Haitian, Jewish, Portuguese, Lebanese and English, among them. It has *things*. You know, as in "it's a Montréal

View of downtown Montréal from the Mount Royal Park.



Top: Montreal skyline viewed from the parc Jean- Drapeau; bottom left: McGill University, Royal Victoria Hospital and Mount Royal; bottom right: Christ Church Cathedral and Place de la Cathédrale building



## ASPECTACLEOFFESTIVALS

Hot fun, summer in the city, dressed so fine and looking so...nifty! Montreal come summer gets the party started with practically nonstop festivals. Fly-in for one or more of these sizzling events, and you'll see why up north, they do amusement right.

### JULY

**Montreal International Jazz Festival. Through July 8** Hundreds of well-known jazz legends and musical talents take to outdoor stage and hall in a rhapsody of sound expressed in more than 400 different (free) concerts. [montereyjazzfestival.com](http://montereyjazzfestival.com) (888) 515-0515.

**Shakespeare in the Park. July 18-August 19** Montreal's maverick traveling Repercussion Theatre Company presents in local parks Molière's high energy comedy, *Les fourberies de Scapin*, the story of a rascal with the brains of Einstein, the brawn of Jackie Chan and the comic madness of Bart Simpson. [shakespeareinthe.park.ca](http://shakespeareinthe.park.ca) (514) 931-2644.

**Montreal International Dragon Boat Race & Festival. July 28-29** Rowing teams from the world over pit their colorful Chinese dragon boats against one another in a race that is accompanied by music, food, and endless fun at Olympic Basin in Parc Jean-Drapeau. [montrealdragonboat.com](http://montrealdragonboat.com) (514) 866-7001.

**Festival International Nuits d'Afrique. July 21-22** The culture of Africa and the Caribbean is a folderol of fun when more than 500 artists from 20-plus countries share their arts, crafts, music, and exotic cuisine with delighted guests at Place Émilie-Gamelin. [festivalnuitsdafrique.com](http://festivalnuitsdafrique.com) (514) 449-9239.

**Fantasia. July 5-23** Devotees of fantasy, action, and horror films will get their fill at this love-fest of the genre. [fantasiafestival.com](http://fantasiafestival.com) (514) 876-1760.

### AUGUST

**Les Francofolios. July 26-August 5** French language song, dance and theatre expresses its singular ohlala! in more than 200 performances that feature some of today's brightest stars. [francofolios.com](http://francofolios.com) (514) 876-8989.

**Montreal World Film Festival. August 23-Sept 3** One of the most prestigious film events in Canada, it is a Cannes-like red-carpet scene when producers, writers, directors and stars arrive for screenings. [ffm-montreal.org](http://ffm-montreal.org) (514) 848-3883.

**NASCAR Busch Series Event. August 4** Parc Jean-Drapeau hosts the new-to-Montreal race that has all of Québec a'buzz with excitement. An all-new Grand-Am Series also smokes around the track (August 3). [parcjeandrapeau.com](http://parcjeandrapeau.com) (514) 872-6120.

### SEPTEMBER

**Magic of Lanterns. Sept 8-Oct 31** In a tradition that dates from the Han Dynasty (207 BC-220 AD), when gorgeously fashioned lanterns were used to illuminate festivals, the Chinese Gardens of Montreal's Jardin Botanique are illumined by hundreds of remarkable works of art for evening strolls of pure magic. [ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin/en/propos/lanterns.htm](http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin/en/propos/lanterns.htm) (514) 872-1400.

**Manifestation Internationale Vidéo et Art Electronique. Sept 20-27** A cornucopia of video and electronic art exhibits are showcased throughout the city in a variety of très trendy venues. [champlibre.com](http://champlibre.com) (514) 393-3937.

thing," you'd say about *poutine*, which is fries smothered in cheese curds and gravy (order it "all dress" and add sautéed mushrooms and bell pepper). Or, "Montréal's thing is bagels," you'd say about locals' passion for their unique version, altogether lighter, sweeter and crispier than those in the rest of the world. Montréal's things are not what you'll find anywhere else, really, which makes flying here fantastic fun. Land at "Dorval," aka Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau Int'l Airport (CYUL) and you'll understand. It is just foreign enough, this vivacious place that likes nothing more than to party (more on this later), so that a visit here can feel wonderfully exotic, yet comfortably familiar – an adventure in every sense of the word.

It was Mark Twain who remarked: "This was the first time I was ever in a city where you couldn't throw a brick without breaking a church window." But don't let the majestic church steeples that dominate the skyline of every neighborhood – especially the spectacular Basilique Notre-Dame in Vieux-Montréal (old town) – lead you to believe the originally christened "Ville-Marie," or City of Mary is of huge interest to only the pious. The Roman Catholic Church may have been "the driving force behind Québec society for centuries," and one of the greatest influences on its des-

# GO.SEE.DO.

## THE MARVELS OF MONTRÉAL SAY BIENVENUE

- Au Pied de Cochon** 536 avenue Duluth Est (514) 281-1114
- Schwartz's** 3895 boulevard St-Laurent (514) 842-4813
- Orange Julep** 7700 boulevard Décarie (514) 738-7486
- La Maison du Bagel** 263 avenue St-Viateur Ouest (514) 276-8044
- La Basilique Notre-Dame** rue Notre-Dame Ouest, basiliquenddm.org (514) 842-2925
- Parc du Mont-Royal** lemontroyal.qc.ca
- L'Escogriffe** 4467a rue St-Denis (514) 842-7244
- Bentley's** 93 avenue Mont-Royal Ouest (514) 849-8883
- Centre iSci** King Edward-Old Port, centredessciencesdemontreal.com (877) 496-4724
- Tam Tam Jam** montrealplus.ca
- Bières & Compagnie** 4350 rue St-Denis (514) 844-4394
- Toque!** 900 Place Jean-Paul Riopelle, restaurant-toque.com (514) 844-4394
- Cirque du Soleil** cirquedusoleil.com (514) 790-1245
- Musée des Beaux-Arts** 1380 rue Sherbrooke Ouest mbam.qc.ca (514) 285-2000

tiny, in the words of Ellis Quinn, author of the *Lonely Planet* guide to Montréal. But today the life, the very sizzle of the city comes from additional quarters. The super-happening Québécois film industry is one such influence. French-language movies made here often smash of box office records. Music is another. From classical to pop to world beats, the live performance scene is hot, hot, hot...and getting hotter. Don't miss the Tam Tam Jam Sunday afternoon concerts that play beautiful Parc du Mont-Royal, or the stellar showcase of jazz that regularly rocks L'Escogriffe, an intimate Plateau-area club. Of course, from the days of Prohibition, when trainloads of fun-seekers from New York and Boston would stream into the city every weekend looking for legal booze and amusement, Montréal has been – and remains – a thriving nightlife venue. It is said that while midnight in other cities means it's time to head home, in this town packed with bars and pubs and clubs (notably around Plateau

Mont-Royal) the clock striking twelve signals to Montréalers it's time to go out – deterred not one bit by winters that average 13 degrees (before windchill) and see maybe 84 inches of snowfall (more than Moscow). Oh, we're reminded: That's another *thing* about Montréal: Its excellent artisanal beer. Among the many delicious selections, look for an apricot wheat ale crafted by McAuslan Brewing, or the ultra-bitter beer of Lion D'Or, or even Unibroue's *Fin Du Monde* ("end of the world"), which is said to be a triple fermented "monster." Savoring local brews like these is partaking of quintessential Quebec; the popular pub Bières & Compagnie happily serves a slew of these, as well as European microbrews. Speaking of going out, salsa dancing is so popular around town that Montréal is known as "the Latin capital of the North." Explore [nightmontréal.com](http://nightmontréal.com) to find just the right floor for your dancing shoes. If, instead, you are a day person, there is an entire universe of

pleasures to pursue in the city that in summer, especially, shimmies with fun. First, get to Bentley's for breakfast. A legendary a.m. meal available all day is served at this legendary retro '50s diner where you will be greeted in legendary fashion: "How are you, dah-ling?" The "Special" bagel with lox is recommended. Next you might poke around Vieux-Port, Montréal's rehabbed old port now a glittering gathering of parks, bike trails, shops, cafés, and the fascinating Centre iSci, an interactive science center. Go antiquing around the Westmount neighborhood, or indulge in *le shopping* around trendy rue Sherbrooke and boulevard Saint-Laurent. As an outpost of all things chic and stylish (the French thing), Montréal offers lots of shops of the unique. This especially extends to the arts and crafts that fill its galleries, fabulous *objets d'art* frequently dating from the city's days as New France, when the colony's Catholic bishops kept dozens of artists at work decorating churches with mosaics, paintings, sculpture and stained glass. Montréal's Musée des Beaux-Arts, Canada's oldest (and awesome) art museum, exhibits some phenomenal examples among its fine old masters and other joys to behold. By now, surely, a dining adventure calls. Do try Toque! It is a renowned gastronomic temple of contemporary French/Asian fusion cuisine; one taste of the Nova Scotia princess scallops and you'll know: the food here is deliciously *oh-la-la!* Should you desire a fine cigar at some point, you're in luck. Canada and Cuba (unlike the U.S.) remain in trade cahoots so it is the rare Montréal tobacconist that does not have a humidor full of genuine Havanas; smoke to your heart's desire for these choice cigars cannot be brought back across the border. Evening still young? Snap-up some last-minute tickets to Cirque du Soleil, the magical show conceived in this magical city, and allow yourself to be thrilled still further by the many, many delights that await the fly-in adventurer. Then, once you're home, you'll no doubt say, "My thing? Why, if I have a thing at all, it is summer in Montréal."



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### MONTRÉAL CANADA (TRUDEAU) INT'L AIRPORT (CYUL)

#### AIRPORT DATA

Elevation:	118'
Runways:	06L/24R 11,000' 06R/24L 9,600' 10/28 7,000'
Approaches:	ILS, GPS, VOR, VOR DME, NDB
ASOS	514.633.3037

#### FIXED BASE OPERATIONS / FUEL / SERVICES

Aerocentre Shell	514.636.5870
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#### TRANSPORTATION

Alamo Rent A Car	514.633.1222
Brenka Limousines	514.444.4220
Airport Taxi Service	514.633.3019

#### AIRPORT RESTAURANTS

Boulangerie de Montréal	514.633.9972
Café Bar Le Métropole	514.633.9972
Jazz Bar	514.633.9972

#### AIRPORT LODGING

Hilton Montréal Aéroport (Airport) 2 miles	514.631.2411
Chateau Versailles (Traditional) 11 miles	888.933.8111
Hotel Gault (Modern) 12 miles	866.904.1616

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