

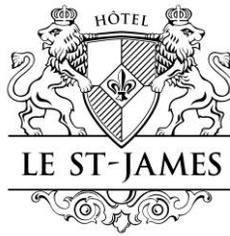
Montréal is a fascinating city to discover as it is on the cutting edge of culinary diversity and multiculturalism! It's a perfect blend of European and North American cultures all the while having its own identity. What Montreal has to offer to its visitors is nothing short of a unique experience. Please find below some recommendations of local attractions and authentic neighbourhoods to discover during your stay with us all the while knowing that your concierge team is here to help you navigate through our city.

Neighbourhoods to discover

Old Montreal & Old Port - covers an area of about one square kilometre (or 0.4 square mile). The **historical district** is located between the **Saint Lawrence River** and nearby downtown Montréal. It is easily accessible, and once there, the best way to discover its charms is undoubtedly on foot. It's beautiful cobblestone streets also offers one of the best selections of local **designer boutiques and art galleries in the city**, all just a few blocks away from Hotel Le St-James.

Golden Square Mile – the heart of Downtown with high-end department stores like **Ogilvy** and **Holt Renfrew**, boutiques, bars, restaurants, cinemas, art galleries, **Fine Art Museum**, bookstores, **McGill Campus** and even a few churches—runs from avenue Atwater to boulevard St-Denis. Ste-Catherine is also the main drag of the Quartier des Spectacles, which runs west to east from rue Bleury to rue St-Hubert. Inside this arts and **entertainment district** are the Place des Arts and several other cultural venues; it also serves as the Downtown home to most of Montréal's many summer festivals. Walk farther north on rue Crescent to rue Sherbrooke and the lower slopes of Mont-Royal and you come to what was once the most exclusive neighborhood in Canada—the **Golden Square Mile**. And underneath it all—the entire Downtown area and then some—is Montréal's **Underground City**, a vast network of more or less anything you'd find on the street above.

Griffin Town – the industrial birthplace of Canada that was home to a storied working-class Irish community, is transforming before our eyes. The vast area of 84 hectares — now delineated by the Bonaventure Expressway to the east, Georges-Vanier Blvd. to the west, Notre Dame St. to the north, and the **Lachine Canal** to the south. The transformation of the district has been underway for years, with hip new restaurants setting up. Notre Dame W. stretching to Atwater Ave. has become the new strip for fine dining in town. A decor and design district is emerging on lower Peel St. A perfect day in Montreal's Griffintown neighbourhood starts with a walk from the Old Port along the Lachine canal up to the Atwater Market, continues with an **antique and vintage shopping spree** on Notre-Dame street and ends with a great meal at one of the **foodies** ultimate destinations like the now famous **Joe Beef** restaurant.



Mile End – is a district where people live together in harmony: Greek and Portuguese immigrants, Hasidic Jews and artsy hipsters coexist in one neighbourly *mélange* of harmonious potential. It is the hotbed of Montréal indie music, cultural diversity and all things cool. In this 'hood you'll find relaxed cafés, designer boutiques, inspiring art, video game developers and arguably the best darn **bagels** in the world!

Le Plateau - is the Greenwich Village of Montréal. With the highest concentration of artists in any Canadian district, the bohemian aura of this neighbourhood is visually palpable: **stunning urban art**, relaxed **café terraces** and fashionably clad individuals. Plateau Mont-Royal is edgy urban vitality.

Little Italy – another Montreal neighbourhood worth visiting because of its charm! Filled with green parks, pizza, espresso, and architectural gems peppering the streets, held together by a strong community vibe. Little Italy is much more than great food and nice buildings: it's a district rich in culture and history, equipped with its own colourful, vibrant energy. From the Jean-Talon Market, unique restaurants, the Plaza St-Hubert, you are a skip and a hop away from experiencing what Montreal is all about.

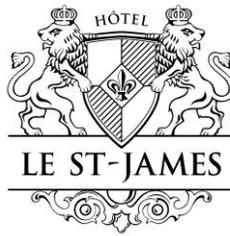
Attractions in Old Montreal

Notre-Dame Basilica - www.basiliquenddm.org

Located in the heart of Old Montreal, Notre Dame Basilica is a jewel of neo gothic architecture. Reputed for its opulent decor and the audacious harmony of an ornate gothic interior and the strikingly modern chapel Notre-Dame du Sacré-Cœur, it is visited by thousands of people per year.

Bonsecours Market - www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/marchebonsecours/

The Bonsecours Market, acknowledged as one of Canada's finest heritage buildings, has become an essential stop on any visit to Old Montreal Headquarters of the Conseil des métiers d'art du Québec and the Institute of Design Montréal, the Market houses 15 boutiques featuring top-quality Quebec creations: crafts, fashions, accessories and jewellery, design items, reproduction Quebec furniture and more.



Pointe-à-Callière Archaeology Museum - <http://www.pacmuseum.qc.ca>

The museum makes a connection between the past, present and the future: the past, because the Museum rises above the birthplace of Montréal, and reveals authentic archaeological remains along an intriguing underground tour route. The present, because it hosts major temporary exhibitions, exciting educational programs and original urban events: from our *Port Symphonies*, coaxing music from ships' horns in the Port in mid-winter, to our *Cultural Rendezvous*, celebrating the city's cultural diversity; our *Public Market*, transforming visitors into 18th-century Montrealers for one glorious weekend, and more. The future, because we at Pointe-à-Callière are constantly dreaming up new ways to share the history and spirit of our city with you. There's also our multimedia show, which you can watch from balconies suspended over the remains themselves, and our cutting-edge, user-friendly museography. Pointe-à-Callière is all about time, but we guarantee you'll never have time to get bored!

Quays of the Old Port Montreal - www.quaysoftheoldport.com

Perched between the river and the city, the **Quays of the Old Port** are a unique site of attractions in Montreal. They are a designated heritage site extending 2.7 km along the Saint-Lawrence River and covering 47 hectares from east to west. Tuned-in to the pulse of the city, the Quays present a varied and innovative program of recreational and cultural events throughout the year. The Quays of the Old Port are steeped in history. The river brought the first settlers here, and the river and port transformed the small colonial outpost of Ville-Marie into a thriving international city.

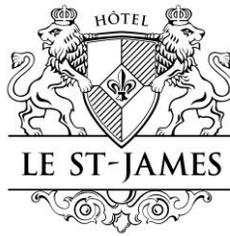
The Montréal Observation Wheel - Take a seat in La Grande Roue de Montréal for an unforgettable experience. A panoramic view 60 meters high, with a breathtaking view of the river, Old Montreal, downtown and the mountains! In the evening? It's simply magical. And all this in an air-conditioned cabin in summer and heated in winter! Bar, bistro and coffee shop on site! <http://www.oldportofmontreal.com/activity/montreal-observation-wheel>

Attractions In & Around Montreal

Montreal Museum of Fine Arts - www.mbam.qc.ca

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, true to its vocation of acquiring and promoting the work of Canadian and international artists past and present, has a mission to attract the broadest and most heterogeneous public possible, and to provide that public with first-hand access to a universal artistic heritage.

Founded in 1860, one of the first museums in North America to amass an encyclopaedic collection worthy of the name, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts has, over its existence, has built up a collection of over 33,000 objects - painting, sculpture, works on paper, prints and drawings, photographs and decorative art objects - from Antiquity to today.



Montreal Museum of Contemporary Art - www.macm.org

A major Canadian institution dedicated exclusively to contemporary art, the museum offers a varied program ranging from presentations of its Permanent Collection to exhibitions of works by Québec, Canadian and international artists. The Permanent Collection comprises some 7,000 works, including the largest collection of art by Paul-Émile Borduas. Through Education and Documentation Department, the museum presents a host of educational activities further to connect the general public with contemporary art. The museum also stages numerous multimedia events, including performance, new dance, experimental theatre, contemporary music, video and film.

McCord Museum - www.mccord-museum.qc.ca

Inaugurated in 1921, the McCord embodies the vision of a passionate collector, David Ross McCord, whose abiding wish was to shed light on the history and cultures of his country and thus bring its people together. McCord Museum was (is) a national history museum in Montreal, then Canada's metropolis.

Biodôme **Closed for Renovations Until Spring 2020******

<http://www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/biodome/site/site.php?langue=fr>

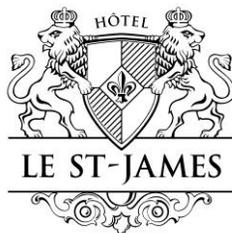
The Montréal Biodôme offers members of the general public and school groups a host of habitats, activities and tools for exploring, from its ecosystems to its Naturalia Discovery Room, temporary exhibitions, interpretation staff posted along the path, educational activities, day camps, shows on different themes and more.

The **Biodôme's permanent exhibition** – its ecosystems – is the perfect place for visitors to learn about the importance of preserving biodiversity (with 750 plant species and 230 animal species). The creatures and plants in each ecosystem form a whole, interacting with one another and also with the air, water and soil around them. This is the very essence of the five ecosystems represented at the Biodôme.

Botanical Gardens

- www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin/jardin.htm

The Montréal Botanical Garden is the place to visit in any season. The Montréal Botanical Garden, located just minutes from downtown Montréal, right near the Biodôme and Olympic Park, offers a world of colors and fragrances for visitors to enjoy. Ranked as one of the largest of its kind in the world, the Montréal Botanical Garden is a veritable living museum of plants from the four corners of the Earth.



St-Joseph Oratory - <http://www.saint-joseph.org/>.

Built between 1904 and 1967, the **St. Joseph Oratory of Mount-Royal** is considered to be the world's largest monument to Saint Joseph and attracts millions of visitors and pilgrims as one of North America's revered pilgrimage destinies.

Jean Talon Market - <https://www.marchespublics-mtl.com/marches/jean-talon/>

Located in the neighbourhood since 1934, the Jean-Talon Market proposes visitors fresh and varied products. Home to producers of fruit, vegetable and other regional products, the market is the ideal place where to buy fresh products for a good dinner with friends. Apart from the habitual products, you can find little boutiques offering specialized products, such as oils, cheeses, meat, desserts and regional products. The Jean-Talon Market is like a little village where everyone knows each other.

Atwater Market - <https://www.marchespublics-mtl.com/en/marches/atwater-market/>

The Atwater market has been in operation since 1933, and its Art Deco-style architecture places it among the most beautiful buildings in the city. It offers the year-round services of indoor merchants specializing in fresh meat, fish and baked goods. You will also find fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers, as well as caterers on site. The impressive Lachine Canal bike path leads up to the market.

Mont Royal Park - www.lemontroyal.qc.ca

The jewel of Montreal's city parks is, without question, Mount Royal. This 101-hectare park occupies part of the mountain that lies in the midst of Montreal Island, and includes the highest spot in the city (234m). Mount Royal is where Montrealers go to get a breath of air on a hot day, to cross-country ski without leaving the city, to walk off a hangover or a bad mood, to picnic, to jog, to ice skate, to look out over the city, rest their eyes on the horizon and dream.