



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

### 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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### Place Jacques-Cartier

Built at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> century, can still be seen here.



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## HERITAGE ATTRACTIONS



Kelly Jacob

### 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!



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### Saint-Jacques Street

At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## RELIGIOUS HERITAGE



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### Notre-Dame Basilica of Montréal

110 Notre-Dame Street West  
514 842-2925  
[notredamebasilica.ca](http://notredamebasilica.ca)

Every year, hundreds of thousands of people visit this magnificent Gothic Revival church inaugurated in 1829, and richly adorned with sculptures and stained glass, gold leaf and Virgin Mary blue. Saturday and Sunday, from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Weekday schedules vary.

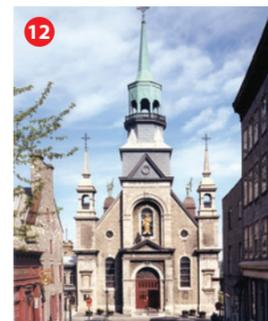
Self-guided tour.

**Entrance fee.**

Tickets sold on-line only: [basiliquenotredame.ca](http://basiliquenotredame.ca)

The basilica also presents AURA by Moment Factory, an unforgettable light and sound performance.

**Daily masses:**  
514 842-2925, ext. 224.



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### Marguerite-Bourgeoys Historical Site

**Museum-Chapel-Archaeology**  
400 Saint-Paul Street East  
514 282-8670  
[marguerite-bourgeoys.com](http://marguerite-bourgeoys.com)

Founded in 1655 by Marguerite Bourgeoys, 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.



### Self guided tour

During this approximately one-hour long sightseeing visit, you will be invited to explore 24 points of interest inside the nave, each highlighting a work of art, an architectural element or a piece of history.

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Marché Bonsecours

## 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



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](http://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: \$25  
Ages 4 and under: free  
Family: \$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.

### Centaur Theatre

453 Saint-François-Xavier Street  
514 288-3161  
[theatrecentaur.com](http://theatrecentaur.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.



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## CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS



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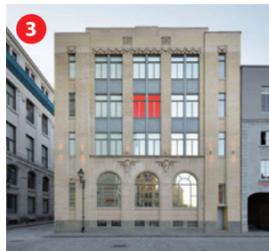
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### PHI Foundation for Contemporary Art

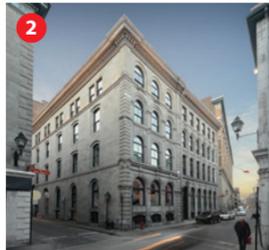
451 and 465 Saint-Jean Street  
514 849-3742  
[foundation.phi.ca](http://foundation.phi.ca)

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.

Reservations required until  
January 15, 2023.



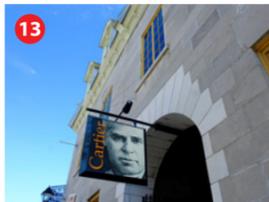
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**PHI Centre**  
407 Saint-Pierre Street  
514 225-0525  
[centre.phi.ca](http://centre.phi.ca)

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](http://parcscanada.gc.ca/cartier)

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

September 6 to October 30,  
Saturday and Sunday and holidays  
from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 3 to December 18:  
Saturday and Sunday  
from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adults: \$4.25

Seniors: \$3.75

Children under 17: free

Guided activities: other rates



Port de Montréal

### Port of Montreal Grand Quay

200 de la Commune Street West  
514 370-QUAI (7824)  
[port-montreal.com](http://port-montreal.com)

Experience the new interactive installation Oars of Light, visit the hands' on All Aboard! exhibit or simply relax in wide-open green spaces on the waterfront.

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

Free admission.



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### Marché Bonsecours

333 de la Commune Street East – 350 Saint-Paul Street East  
514 872-7730  
[marchebonsecours.qc.ca](http://marchebonsecours.qc.ca)

The Bonsecours Market houses exceptional boutiques showcasing the creations of Québec, Canadian and Native designers, as well as local products. THE place for all things "Made in Québec."

Sidewalk cafés and restaurants.

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

Free admission.



Château Ramezay

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

280 Notre-Dame Street East  
514 861-3708  
[chateauramezay.qc.ca](http://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.



Miguel Legault

### Montréal Science Centre

[montrealsciencecentre.com](http://montrealsciencecentre.com)  
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Available in English and French.

[oldmontrealmap.ca](http://oldmontrealmap.ca)

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3 pm to 8 pm

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[VIEUXMONTREAL.CA](http://VIEUXMONTREAL.CA)

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[vieuxmontreal.ca/en/fabricantsemotions-season1](http://vieuxmontreal.ca/en/fabricantsemotions-season1)



Raphaëlle Granger

## OLD MONTREAL'S RESTAURANTS DRAW PEOPLE FROM EVERYWHERE

Montreal's world-famous food scene converges in Old Montreal, where Signature establishments headed by renowned chefs, wine bars and restaurants for all budgets are within walking distance. You are sure to find all the latest foodie trends right here. In season, enjoy the most beautiful patios and terraces the city has to offer!

[vieuxmontreal.ca/en/find/restaurants](http://vieuxmontreal.ca/en/find/restaurants)



Genevieve Giguere

## OLD MONTREAL'S FAMOUS NIGHTLIFE IS NOT TO BE MISSED!

As night falls, the historic district comes alive with a festive vibe enhanced by its beautifully illuminated buildings, streets and public spaces. Take in the unique evening atmosphere and drop by its trendy jazz bars, nightclubs, speakeasies and underground bars. For a drink with friends, memorable encounters or to dance the night away, Old Montreal is the place to be and be seen!

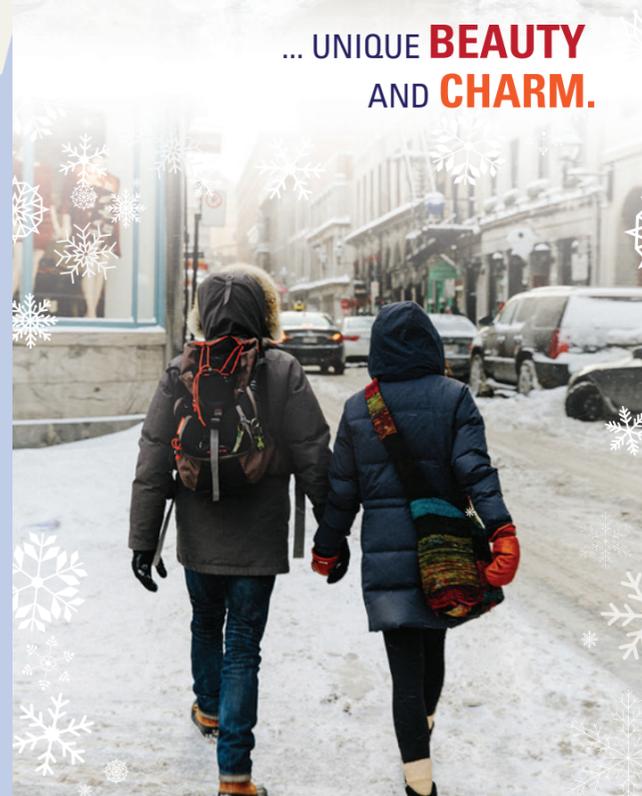
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 Underground network  
 Access by car  
 Bicycle path  
 Light Tour  
 Pedestrian walkway  
 Line of former fortification  
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**1** POINTE-À-CALLIÈRE

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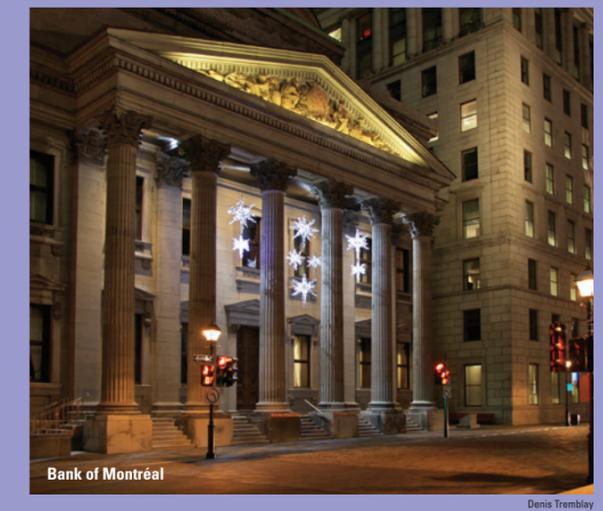
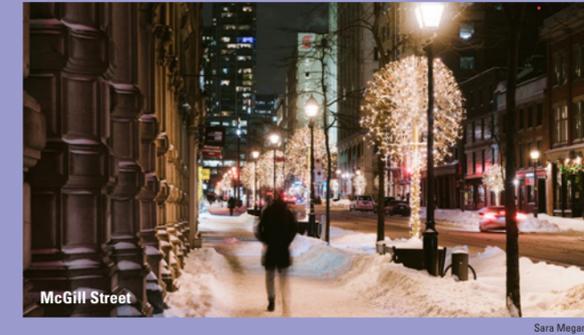
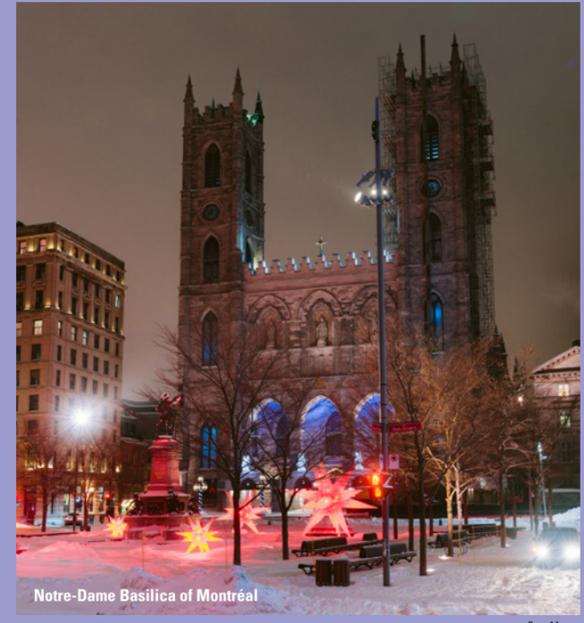

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No tour of Old Montréal is complete without an evening stroll, when the neighbourhood turns on its lights to showcase the spectacular architectural details of its historical buildings, streets and public squares. During the winter months, beautiful light installations adorn the neighborhood.

★ Follow the **yellow line** on the pedestrian map.



## LIGHT TOUR



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**THE DISTRICT'S EVENT CALENDAR**

Performances  
PLACE AUX ARTS DU CIRQUE!



# OLD MONTRÉAL

Official Map™  
2022/2023

Cultural and Heritage Attractions  
Light Tour



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