

Let's work together into delivering the best edition of the 2027 CYCC & Open!

Tourisme / Montreal





Montréal

It's with pleasure that we present you this bid book to host 2027 Canadian Youth Chess Championship and Canadian Open.

In the following slides, you will find all the information surrounding Montreal, the most attractive destination for players and families, our signature as Quebec metropolis and the **second-largest city** in Canada.

We are happy to work on this opportunity with the **Fédération québécoise de s échecs**, that have a great expertise in events.

Having the **2027 Canadian Youth Chess Championship and Canadian Open** will benefit to the province of Québec. We are eager to welcome you in Montréal!



Welcoming words

Bonjour Mr Vladimir Drkulek,

On behalf of Tourisme Montreal, I would like to invite you to consider Montréal, to host the 2027 Canadian Youth Chess Championship and Canadian Open. As a city renowned for its rich cultural heritage, passionate sports community, and world-class facilities, we believe Montréal is the perfect host city for this gathering.

The tournament would be ideally suited to Montreal's vibrant landscape. We have a strong track record of hosting international events, including major competitions such as the late 4 Nation Face-off, and our facilities are well equipped to manage such high-profile events. Our team at Tourisme Montreal is committed to working closely with Chess Canada and the Fédération québécoise des échecs to ensure that every aspect of the tournament is executed flawlessly.

Montréal's diverse and dynamic culture, coupled with its excellent transportation infrastructure, make it an attractive destination for players and fans. With over 25,000 hotel rooms on the island as well as the Montréal-Trudeau International Airport located just 30 minutes from downtown. Montréal is accessible and easy to get around.

Thank you for considering Montreal as a potential host city. We look forward to the opportunity to partner with Chess Canada and contribute to the continued success of the chess in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Yves Lalumière

President and Chief Executive Officer, Tourisme Montréal





A word from the Local Committee

Bonjour Mr Vladimir Drkulek,

On behalf of the Quebec Chess Federation (Fédération québécoise des échecs - FQE), I am particularly excited to join the team of organizers for the CYCC and Canadian Open project 2027 in Montreal. The FQE will fully support this project. Widespread and continuing support from our local clubs and associations is also assured. Volunteer, business and community participation will also act as a supportive field essential to the success of the events.

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Our organization looks forward to the next steps and upcoming partnerships with the Chess Federation of Canada and the City of Montreal.

Once again, I would like to express, on behalf of our Federation, my profound support for the CYCC-Canadian Open in Montreal in 2027.

Yours truly,

Richard Bérubé

Business Director of Fédération canadienne des échecs



Why Montréal?



In 2026, Montreal will celebrate the **50th anniversary** of the Summer Olympics, a historic moment that will shine a spotlight on sports throughout the city.



Montreal is **easily accessible** from all regions of Canada thanks to direct flights. Its downtown is only **30 minutes** from Montreal-Trudeau International Airport.

A lively city all year round

100

festivals and a worldrenowned culinary scene.



Recognized Expertise in Sports Event Management

The local committee, **Fédération québécoise des échecs** has a strong expertise in hosting parasport competitions, for many years.





A diverse range of hotel options, high-quality competition venues, and an approach focused on accessibility and eco-responsibility.



Montréal and universal accessibility in a nutshell



214

Fully accessible establishments (hotels, sports facility...)

2024

Since end of last year the entire urban bus network is equipped with a platform to accommodate people with reduced mobility.

4
Adapted Transport Services





+25

Metro stations accessible to people with reduced mobility

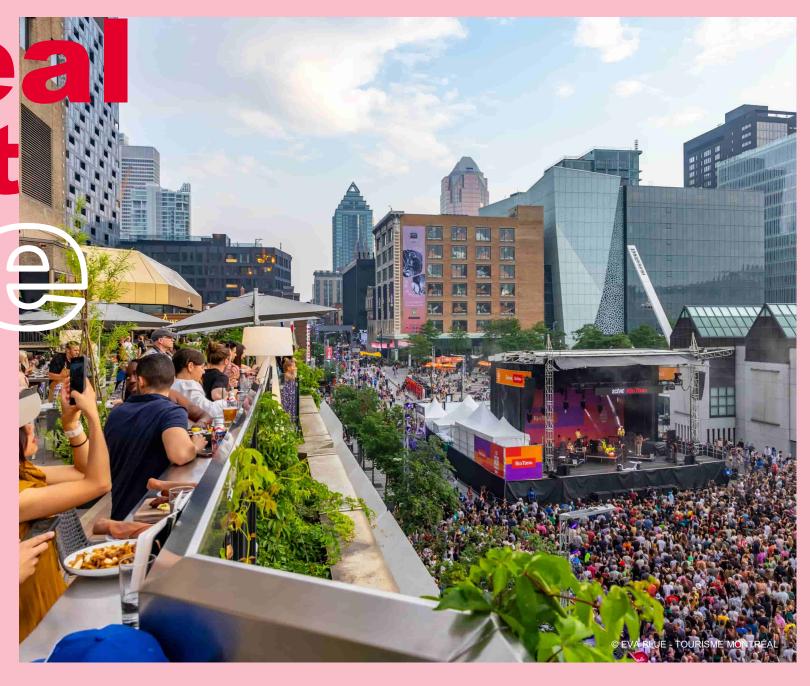
247Partially accessible establishements.



Montré makes it

More to discover More welcoming More accessible More supportive







Local Committee



Fédération québécoise des échecs' expertise.

The Fédération québécoise des échecs (FQE) is the official governing body for chess in Québec. Its mission is to promote, organize, and develop chess across the province by supporting players of all levels, training arbiters and coaches, and hosting tournaments that foster both competitive excellence and community engagement. With decades of expertise, the FQE plays a central role in growing the game and inspiring the next generation of chess enthusiasts.





About Sports Events Montréal

- A **specialized team** within Tourisme Montréal that is responsible for developing the city's sports market.
- Sports Events Montréal (SEM) collaborates with local partners on planning, bidding on and promoting events as well as working with:
 - Government
 - Sports partners
 - Venues
 - Volunteers
- SEM acts as your first point of contact to Montréal's thriving sports and event ecosystem and ensures seamless, successful and memorable Montréal events.





Synergy with our partners

- Along with a group of sports events partners, we work as a team to leverage a wide range of services and resources to provide tailor-made solutions to suit your specific needs.
- The « Groupe des partenaires de Montréal » includes :
 - Ville de Montréal
 - Montreal Sports Council
 - RSEQ Réseau sport étudiant du Québec
 - Parc Jean-Drapeau
 - Olympic Park
 - Tourisme Montréal
- **Key partners**, to name but a few:
 - Air Canada
 - STM Société de Transport de Montréal







Available Grants



POTENTIAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

STAKEHOLDERS	RANGE OF POTENTIAL GRANT	FUNDING FOR COMPARABLE EVENTS
Ministère de l'éducation du Québec – PSES ou PSESI	\$10, 000 to \$20, 000*	\$15, 000*
City of Montreal – program culture ?	Up to \$25,000*	\$15,000*
Tourisme Montreal	-	Confirmed: \$37, 042 incl VIK
PAFEL	-	\$10, 000
Autres subventions	-	\$15, 000
TOTAL		Approximately \$ 92, 042

^{*}Those numbers are approximative and based on the information received and past events that were supported. Sports Events Montreal add them indicatively and cannot be responsible for a change in the amounts.



BUDGET*

Spends	Amount	Revenues	Amount
Tournament Operations	**\$237,500	Public Grants	**\$55, 000
Media and Promotion	**\$21, 000	Tourisme Montréal	**\$37,042
Hospitality and Tourism	**\$15, 000	Registrations Sales	**\$256, 000
Insurance and Miscellaneous	**\$4, 000	Rooms commissions	**\$12, 000
Administrative Fees (6%)	**\$19, 145	Other activities, Sponsoring , various	**\$2, 000
TOTAL	**\$296, 645	TOTAL	**\$364,042





Financial proposal

Financial

Can\$13 per revenue-generating room night in the contracted hotels, on the Island of Montréal. Up to 2 675 room nights.

Max of Can\$34, 775*

In addition to the monetary offer described above, Sports Events Montréal offers in value in kind.

Max of Can\$2, 267*

Total

Max of Can\$ 37, 042*

Additional financial incentives

Sports Events Montréal is also pleased to offer **Can\$2**, **267** in value for the following financial incentives (all the details are listed in the financial proposal attached to this bid book):

- CSM
- Bidbook
- Sport Cadeaux aux participants
- Site Visit
- Carbon Tax Can Train (R/T)
- City Tour (per group)





Passeport MTL – Summer/Fall 2027

Make the most of your stay in Montréal with the **Passeport MTL**, a smart and affordable way to explore the city's top attractions.

Special offer from **Tourisme Montréal** that generously offers **20 Passeport MTL** passes to your delegates, allowing participants who may not have the financial means to enjoy local attractions and experience the best of Montréal.

Starting at \$56 + taxes, you can choose 3 or 5 attractions and enjoy an average savings of 35% on your activities and outings.

This city pass is the perfect companion for discovering Montréal at your own pace while keeping your budget in check.

Valid from April 1, 2027 to October 31, 2027

Letters of Support



Fédération Québécoise des échecs



Montréal, October 15, 2025

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Business Director

Fédération québécoise des échecs





Tourisme Montréal







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September 26, 2025

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Subject:

Financial Offer and Incentives for the Canadian Youth Chess Championship and Canadian Open July 5 to 15, 2027

Bonjour Mr. Guipi Bopala,

The Sports Events Montréal's Hosting Program for National and International Sports Events offers financial incentives to organizations that confirm sport competitions in the city of Montréal. These incentives are evaluated according to the estimated scope, visibility and reach, as well as the economic, tourism, social and sport impact and benefits that the international or national event should generate.

Sports Events Montréal is renowned for its collaborative approach and the palpable synergy between sports partners and local stakeholders. Montréal possesses considerable assets when it comes to accommodating all types of sporting events: easy to access, easy to get around, easy to love.

Sports Events Montréal can offer financial incentives to sport competitions and face-to-face meetings through funding it receives from three levels of government as well as its members and industry partners.

Financial Offer

Should Montréal be selected for the 2027 Canadian Youth Chess Championship and Canadian Open, Sports Events Montréal and its partners would be delighted to offer Fédération Québécoise des échecs the following financial offers and incentives, based on the current requirements:

Can\$34,775

Sports Events Montréal will contribute Can\$13 per revenue-generating room night in the contracted hotels and/or Can\$5 in the contracted student housing properties, on the Island of Montréal, to a maximum of Can\$34,775 (2,675 maximum room nights).

Payment will be issued by Sports Events Montréal to Fédération Québécoise des échecs after the Canadian Youth Chess Championship and Canadian Open and following an analysis of the report on rooms reserved and paid for in one or more hotel establishments that collect the accommodations tax required under Montréal region by-laws. Fédération Québécoise des échecs should also provide the Sports Events Montréal post-event report, survey and high-resolution pictures of the event.



- Location and Map
- Venue and Accomadations

MONTREAL SPORTS EVENTS



Location and Map



Location and Map





A city between river and mountain







A city on a human scale

Compact, walkable, convenient and safe: that's Montréal in a nutshell.

Our vibrant downtown is home to:

- Over 660 miles of bike lanes
- 20 miles of stores, restaurants and services in the underground pedestrian network
- An ultra-modern metro (subway) system with 68 stations
- BIXI, a public bike rental system with 1000 stations and 12,600 bikes



North America's first major cycling city according to People for Bikes (2024)

Venue & Accomodations solutions



Proposal with 2 options

After working closely with our partners to host your event, we would like to present you 2 different options to host the 2027 CYCC & Open.

Option A – Selfcontain in a hotel	Option B – Centre Mont-Royal & hotels							
Event location: In hotels	Event location: Centre Mont-Royal							
This is a selfcontained option where you can host the event and playes to one hotel, that would like to welcome you. The following hotels can host your event and players.	In this option, we offer you to host the event in the Centre Mont-Royal and to have your players and families stay in the surrounding hotels.							
Hotels: - Le Centre Sheraton Montréal Hôtel - DoubleTree par Hilton Montréal	 Hôtel Omni Mont-Royal Hôtel Best Western Ville-Marie et Suites Hôtel Le Cantlie Suites Marriott Residence Inn Montréal Centre-ville Fairmont Le Reine Elizabeth 							





Sleep tight. Sleep right. /



35,000+

rooms in the Greater Montréal area

25,000+

rooms on the island of Montréal Montreal

events

16,000+

Rooms in downtown Montréal

10,000

rooms in deluxe and luxury properties



What's new in Montréal?

Hotels

- Le Centre Sheraton Montréal's recent \$50-million transformation includes the 45,000 sq. ft. of banquet and foyer space (2024)
- Sofitel announced the complete beautification of its flagship Canadian property in Montréal's Golden Square Mile (Spring 2025)



Venues

- The Marriott Château Champlain has fully restored its iconic Caf'Conc cabaret-style theatre, first opened in 1967 (2024)
- Le 9^e (2024)
- La NESRA (2025)



Destination

- Bonjour Montréal sign (2023)
- Montréal Bungee will be Canada's highest bungee jump in the heart of the Old Port of Montréal (2025)
- The MICHELIN Guide is officially coming to the province of Québec (2025)





Read our article: What's new in Montréal

Summary Chart hotelsDates: July 5th to 15th, 2027



	al Centre	July 2027										2025 RATES			2027 RATES						
Hotels	ont-Roya	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	CDN Dollars				CDN Dollars			
	Walk to Mont-Royal Centre	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Single	Double	Triple	Quad	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Room block for the Mont-Royal Centre - Option A																					
Hôtel Omni Mont-Royal	< 3 min	96	100	100	100	56	40	100	100	100	100	100	29	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259
Hôtel Best Western Ville-Marie et Suites	< 4 min	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259
Hôtel Le Cantlie Suites	< 4 min	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	75	\$265	\$265	\$295	\$325	\$265	\$265	\$295	\$325
Marriott Residence Inn Montréal Centre-ville	< 5 min	50	50	50	28	20	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	\$340	\$399	\$399	\$399	\$340	\$399	\$399	\$399
Fairmont Le Reine Elizabeth	< 9 min	252	262	262	262	146	106	262	262	262	262	262	75	\$389	\$389	\$389	\$389	\$389	\$389	\$389	\$389
Novotel Montréal Centre	< 13 min	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	\$239	\$249	\$274	\$299	\$239	\$249	\$274	\$299
InterContinental Montréal	< 24 min	60	75	75	75	50	35	150	150	150	150	150	40	\$379	\$385	\$405	\$425	\$379	\$385	\$405	\$425
Self-Contained - Option B																					
DoubleTree par Hilton Montréal	N/A	252	262	262	262	146	106	262	262	262	262	262	75	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$285
Le Centre Sheraton Montréal Hôtel	N/A	252	262	262	262	146	106	262	262	262	262	262	75	\$289	\$289	\$329	\$369	\$289	\$289	\$329	\$369
TOTAL REQUESTED:	252	262	262	262	146	106	262	262	262	262	262	75									
						AVERAGE DAILY ROOM CDN Dollars			AVERAGE DAILY ROOM CDN Dollars												
Date : October 10, 2025														Single \$314	Double	Triple	Quad \$344	Single \$314	Double		Quad \$344



Summary Chart hotels Dates: July 5th to 15th, 2027



Hotels	Breakfast included	Parking on Site	Complimentary Meeting Spaces	Complimentary Room Upgrades	Room Rebate to the LOC						
Room block for the Mont-Royal Centre - Option A											
Hôtel Omni Mont-Royal	Not included, rate is 30.00\$ + taxes	No parking. Nearest is 20.00\$ + taxes	N/A	Yes, TBD	Yes, 10% discount						
Hôtel Best Western Ville-Marie et Suites	Full breakfast @27.00\$ + bx + service. 20% discount at booking	Parking @40.00\$ per day. Subject to change	N/A	Free upgrade to Studio de Luxe for 4+ nights	Yes, 200.00\$ per night for max 2 rooms						
Hôtel Le Cantlie Suites	Negotiable with on-site caterer	No parking. Nearest is 20.00\$ + taxes	N/A	N/A	N/A						
Marriott Residence Inn Montréal Centre-ville	Yes.	Parking is 29.00\$ + tax	N/A	1 upgrade based on availability	No						
Fairmont Le Reine Elizabeth	No, 39.00\$ per person (2025)	Self-park 27.00\$	N/A	Yes, included	TBD						
Novotel Montréal Centre	Not included. Buffet 28.50\$ + service + taxes	No free parking. 30.00\$ per night, managed by Indigo	N/A	Up to 3 upgrades to Executive King, based on availability	No rebate on rate						
InterContinental Montréal	Not included, 39.50\$ per person	Self: 25.00\$, Valet: 45.00\$	N/A	5 upgrades to Tourelle Suite	Yes, 10.00\$ rebate per room night						
Self-Contained - Option B											
DoubleTree par Hilton Montréal	No. Buffet 45.00\$ all inclusive	Valet: 45.00\$, Self: 25.00\$ per day	No. Meeting rental 80,000.00\$ for full program	2 Executive, 1 Bedroom Suite upgrades	7% commission						
Le Centre Sheraton Montréal Hôtel	Not included. 2027 prices TBD	Self: 35.00\$, Valet: 45.00\$. Subject to change	75% off facility fee - 3,000.00\$/day	3 suite upgrades at group rate	N/A						

Date: October 10, 2025



VENUE







Centre **Mont-Royal**

In the heart of Montréal's: Connected to the Golden Square Mile, the shining beacon of central Montréal

underground pedestrian network (RESO)

The only **IACC** certified conference center in the entire province of Québec

Total space

50,000 ft² / 4,645 m²

Meeting rooms

Surface area of the largest room 8.280 ft² / 769 m²

Maximum of exhibit booths

140

Maximum capacity by configuration

Cocktail: 800 Theatre: 800 Banquet: 550

ACCOMODATIONS



Le Centre Sheraton Montréal Hotel

The Centre Sheraton Montréal Hotel, located in the heart of downtown core, warmly welcomes guests with exceptional service and an array of amenities. The hotel, which has recently undergone renovations, is located steps from the Bell Centre, a variety of restaurants, bars and more.

Cheat sheet

Total meeting space 45,000 ft² / 4,181 m²

Largest meeting room 13,000 ft² / 1,208 m²

Total meeting rooms 33

Total units 858





Learn more about this hotel





Doubletree by Hilton Montreal

Given its prime location, modern amenities and superior service, the DoubleTree by Hilton Montréal offers convenience and comfort to business and leisure travellers alike. Located in the heart of the Quartier des Spectacles, is ideally situated to explore the city.

Cheat sheet

Total meeting space 37,700 ft² / 3,502 m²

Largest meeting room

7,540 ft² / 700 m²

Total meeting rooms 25

Total units 595





Learn more about this hotel





Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth

Located above the train station and connected to Montréal's famed underground city, this hotel boasts the best location in town. With a restaurant, bar, urban market and café that showcases local products, the hotel fully embraces its concept of "by Montrealers, for Montrealers".

Cheat sheet

Total meeting space 84,000 ft² / 7,804 m²

Largest meeting room 17,000 ft² / 1,579 m²

Total meeting rooms 36

Total units 950





Learn more about this hotel





Omni Mont-Royal Hotel

Offering a timeless escape in Montreal at the foot of Mount Royal, the Omni Mont-Royal Hotel epitomizes sophisticated comfort. Abundant natural light streams in to illuminate the elegantly appointed loft-style guest rooms and suites, enhanced by magnificent views of the city skyline.

Cheat sheet

Total meeting space 23,000 ft² / 2,137 m²

Largest meeting room

4,410 ft² / 410 m²

Total meeting rooms 14

Total units

299





Learn more about this hotel







EXPERIENCE



Convenience meets flair

- North American amenities with a chic European vibe
- A business scene that welcomes you like a local and makes you feel at ease
- One-of-a-kind creative energy
- That little something more, that unique je ne sais quoi





Experience

Discover Montreal: A Vibrant Host City for All

- Explore historic Old Montreal with its charming cobblestone streets and iconic landmarks.
- Enjoy world-class cuisine from diverse cultures, including renowned local markets.
- Experience exciting festivals and cultural events year-round for all ages.
- Discover the scenic Mount Royal Park offering stunning city views and outdoor activities.
- Benefit from accessible transportation and welcoming accommodations for all visitors.





Montréal tourist highlights



Climb Mount Royal (the lookout)



Spree on Sainte- Catherine Street



Eat emblematic Montréal cuisine



Head back in time (in Old Montréal)



Experience AURA at the Notre-Dame Basilica



Visit the famous
Biosphère at the
Parc Jean-Drapeau



Ascend to Saint Joseph's Oratory



Explore the Underground City (33 km pedestrian network)



Take a bite at one of the local public markets



Discover the colourful Plateau neighbourhood



Go East and check out the Olympic Stadium



Contemplate art at the Montréal Museum of Fine Arts



More than 100 festivals year-round!

Summer

Festival International de Jazz de Montréal

MONTRÉAL CIRQUE FESTIVAL

Festival International Nuits d'Afrique

Osheaga, Music and Arts Festival

National Bank Open

International First Peoples' Festival (IFPF)

Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal

Fall

Gardens of Light

Montréal International Black Film Festival

POP Montréal International Music Festival

Festival du nouveau cinéma de Montréal

MTLàTABLE (Montréal's restaurant week)

La Grande Dégustation de Montréal

Winter

LUMINO

The Great Christmas Market

Igloofest

Poutine Week

MONTRÉAL EN LUMIÈRE

Nuit blanche à Montréal

International Festival of Films on Art (FIFA)

Old Montréal's Happening Gourmand

Spring

C2 Montréal

Festival Art Souterrain: contemporary art exhibition

Piknic Électronik

Festival TransAmériques

MURAL Festival

YATAI MTL

Mondial de la bière (beer festival)

Formula 1 Grand Prix du Canada





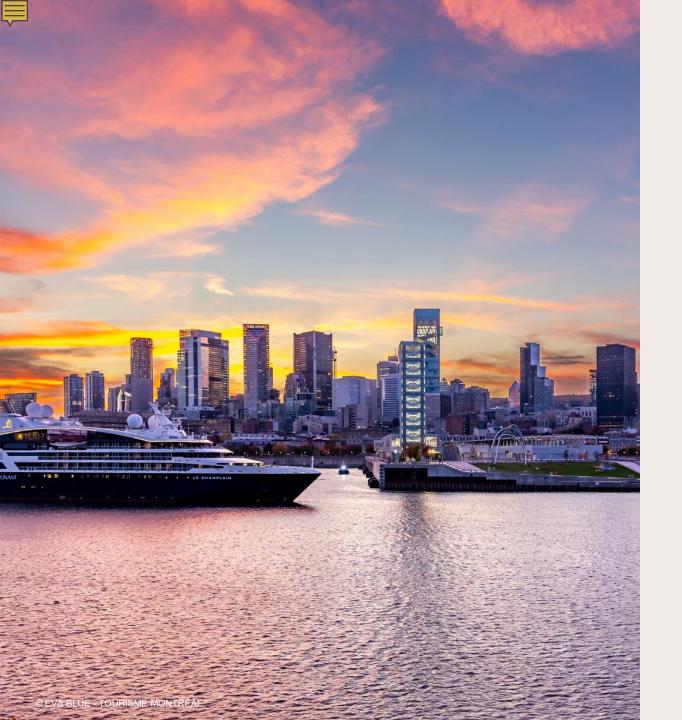
World capital of contemporary circus arts

- Headquarters of Cirque du Soleil, one of the world's largest live entertainment companies specializing in contemporary circus arts
- Home to the National Circus School, one of the most prestigious circus schools worldwide
- Many local circus companies can be hired for an offsite event



SUMMER





Summer in Montréal

May to September

Summer is festival season!

July

MONTRÉAL CIRQUE FESTIVAL

Festival International Nuits d'Afrique

Just For Laughs Montréal

August

Osheaga, Music and Arts Festival
National Bank Open
Montréal First Peoples festival

September

Gardens of Light

Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal

Montréal International Black Film Festival



Day activities

- Get your adrenaline pumping with adventures in the <u>Old Port</u>, including urban bungee, ziplining, and jet boating (up to 50 people)
- Test your skills with <u>Combat Sports</u>, including target archery and axe throwing (up to 25 people)
- Spend a thrilling day a <u>La Ronde</u>, Six Flags amusement park, where you can ride one of the tallest and fastest roller coasters in Canada (+100 people)
- Join the excitement of a <u>quidditch game</u>, the fast-paced sport inspired by Harry Potter (up to 75 people)
- Enjoy an adventurous <u>jet ski ride</u>, exploring the St. Lawrence River and the vibrant city of Montréal (up to 16 people)
- Indulge in a personal shopping session at <u>Holt Renfrew Ogilvy</u>, and enjoy a personalized luxury shopping experience (up to 50 people)
- Attend an exclusive sports event with VIP access:
 - Formula 1 Grand Prix du Canada at Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve
 - <u>Canadian tennis tournament</u> (National Bank Open) at IGA Stadium





Evening activities

- Witness the magic of <u>Cirque du Soleil</u> under the big top with VIP cocktail access and an exclusive money-can't-buy experience, including a meet and greet (+100 people)
- Experience the thrill of watching fireworks up close at <u>L'International</u> <u>des Feux Loto-Québec</u>, a spectacular event showcasing the world's best pyrotechnic artists (+100 people)
- Immerse yourself in an unforgettable evening at the <u>Casino de</u>
 <u>Montréal</u>, where dazzling shows, exquisite dining, and thrilling games create a night of pure entertainment (+100 people)
 - Step into the future of gaming at ARcade by Moment Factory, where players take control in an immersive experience (up to 20 people)







Guided adventures

City tour with 16/42 Tours (on foot or in a vehicle) **Intercultural city tour with N-tours Ghost tour with <u>Guidatour</u>** (on foot) Mural tour with <u>Spade & Palacio Tours</u> (on foot or in a vehicle) Food tour with Local Montréal Food Tours (on foot) Food adventure with Round Table Tours (on foot) **Urban agriculture tour (in a vehicle) Bike tours with Fitz Montréal Bike Tours Helicopter tour with Helicraft**



Exciting circus activities

- Participate in a contemporary immersive workshop with <u>The 7</u>
 <u>Fingers</u>, by performing circus disciplines both on the ground and in the air (up to 150 people)
- Master the art of aerial skills, trapeze, acrobatics, and juggling with the Montréal circus Academy (up to 50 people)



Incorporate physical and mental well-being into your meetings with Better Being



Discover 100 creative things to do in Montréal

Music festivals

May to October

Piknic Électronik

Dance your Sundays away at Parc Jean-Drapeau with electronic music.

May

Francos de Montréal

Celebrate the best of French-speaking music from around the globe July

Festival International Nuits d'Afrique

Journey through the sounds of Africa with vibrant performances

July

Osheaga

Join the ultimate summer music festival experience, featuring top international artists

August

La Virée classique (OSM)

Delight in the elegance of classical music with the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal.

August

LASSO Montréal

Saddle up for a weekend of country music fun

May

Fuego Fuego Festival

Dive into the rich music genres from Latin pop, to reggaeton and Latin trap

May

Festival TransAmériques

Immerse yourself in this festival that celebrates experimental dance

July

Festival International de Jazz de Montréal

Groove to the rhythms of one of the world's largest jazz festivals

August

îLESONIQ Montréal

Lose yourself in the pulsating beats of electronic music

July

SoulFest Montréal

Get ready to dance under the stars to the greatest hits of soul, R&B, funk, gospel, and disco music. September

Palomosa Festival

Celebrate the end of summer with a vibrant mix of music, art, and culture











RESTAURANTS



Creative cuisine to celebrate

- Custom blend of local influences, bold global inspirations and European heritage
- 58.2% of the province's restaurants are independent
- Montréal is home to First Fridays, the biggest food truck and street food event in Canada
- There are 20 public markets, three of which—the Jean-Talon Market, the Atwater Market and the Maisonneuve Market—are open year-round
- The MICHELIN Guide is officially coming to the province of Québec in 2025



Montréal restaurants dominate Canada's 100 Best list, with Mon Lapin taking the lead





Restaurants and venues



High-end restaurants*

- Mon Lapin
- Restaurant Europea
- Joe Beef
- Moishes
- Estiatorio Milos
- Restaurant Toqué!
- Le Club Chasse et Pêche
- Montréal Plaza Restaurant
- Monarque
- Portus 360



Summer rooftop terraces*

- Terrasse Alizé
- Terrasse Carla
- Terrasse Nelligan
- Terrasse Perché
- Terrasse R Montreal



Offsite venues*

- Bell Centre
- Cirque Éloize
- Espace Paddock
- Grand Quay of the Port of Montréal
- Port of Montréal Tower
- La Nesra
- Le Monastère Circus Cabaret
- New City Gas
- Windsor Station



Luxury food halls*

- Le Cathcart
- LE CENTRAL
- Time out Market



Restaurants to host an event*

- JEGantic Hospitality Group
- Pangea Restaurant



More about Montréal's food scene*

- The MICHELIN Guide reveals its first Québec selection
- Montréal's award-winning restaurants
- <u>Top Montréal restaurants for the</u> gourmet traveller



*Please be aware that some hotels and restaurants may not offer full accessibility for all guests.



Time Out Market Montréal

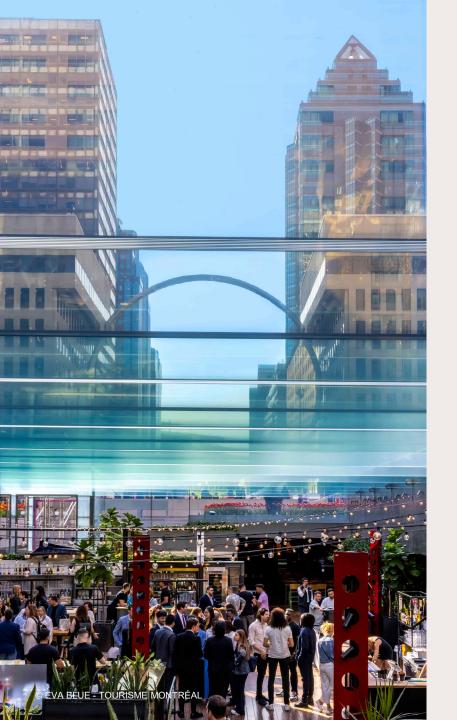
From magazine to foodie dream, Time Out Market is not just a place to go to eat, it's a place to get to know the city. Here is where you'll find some of Montréal's best food and drink, live events, and a groovy place to hang out.

Maximal capacity by configuration

800 Cocktail 630 Banquet 40k sq. ft.



Learn more about this venue



Le Cathcart Restaurants & Biergarten

Le Cathcart Restaurants & Biergarten is a gourmet destination in downtown Montréal. It features an impressive glass pavilion with an indoor urban garden, providing a vibrant and inviting atmosphere to experience the vibrant Montréal vibe.

Maximal capacity by configuration

1,000 200 35k Cocktail

Banquet

sq. ft.





- Transportation hub & Public Transports

MONTréaL sports events



Transportation hubs & Public Transportation



Closer than you think



160+
world
destinations



600+

flights transit through the YUL Montréal-Trudeau International Airport daily

32 air carriers





20minutes from the airport to downtown

28
minutes from the Auditorium de Verdun



Crossing the U.S. border

Passports

- The Government of Canada requires that all people travelling to Canada hold a valid passport
- No visas needed for United States citizens
- For first-time applicants, <u>processing time</u> for U.S. passports is 8 to 11 weeks. If expedited, between 5 to 7 weeks
- U.S. Passport is valid for 10 years (US\$16.50 per year)

Useful links



How to apply for first-time applicants



How to get a U.S. passport fast



Arriving to YUL Montréal-Trudeau International Airport







Borders are a breeze

Our team is here to help with information and tools to simplify the planning of international events.

Passports Pass

- Visitors entering Canada must present a valid passport and, in most cases, a visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)
- The Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is mandatory for visaexempt foreign nationals who fly to Canada. While U.S. citizens and travellers with a valid visa are exempt, all those with passports from other countries may need to obtain an eTA

Useful links



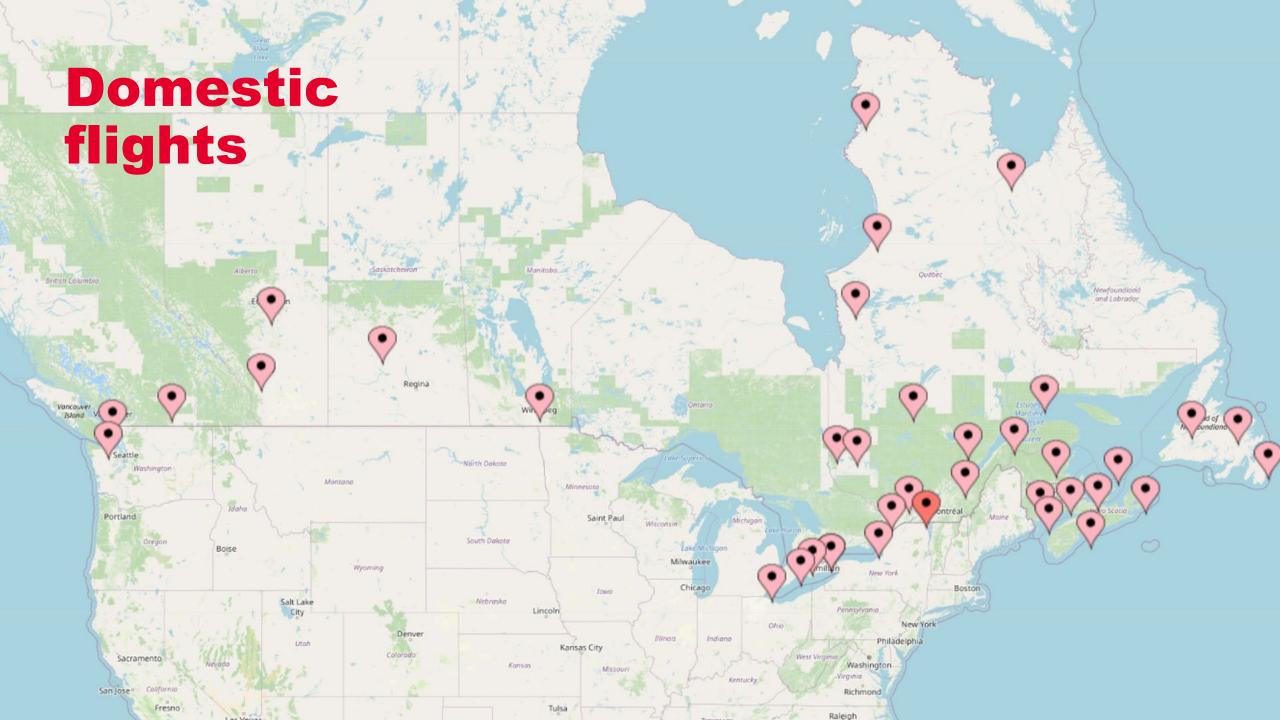
How to apply for an eTA



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Driving distance from major NE and MW cities /

City, State	Distance	Estimated driving time
Boston, MA	308 miles	5 hours
New York City, NY	379 miles	6 hours
Buffalo, NY	380 miles	6 hours 40 minutes
Philadelphia, PA	460 miles	7 hours 15 minutes
Detroit, MI	563 miles	9 hours 30 minutes
Pittsburgh, PA	604 miles	9 hours 30 minutes
Washington D.C.	584 miles	9 hours 45 minutes
Cleveland, OH	582 miles	11 hours 40 minutes
Chicago, IL	850 miles	13 hours



Driving distance from major ON and QC cities

City, State	Distance	Estimated driving time
Toronto, ON	542 km	5 hours 30 minutes
Ottawa, ON	198 km	2 hours 18 minutes
Quebec City, QC	251 km	2 hours 45 minutes
Gatineau, QC	197 km	2 hours 9 minutes
Sherbrooke, QC	148 km	1 hours 42 minutes



Transport



Montreal offers an efficient and eco-friendly transportation network to facilitate travel between key sites of the **2027 CYCC & Open**.

Airport → **Downtown (20-25 min)**

- Electric 747 shuttle
- Hybrid taxi / ride-sharing
- Public transport (REM starting in 2027)

Montreal is committed to providing an accessible, smooth, and environmentally friendly competition.



Meet our team



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MONTreaL SPORTS EVENTS

Three words that describe me:

- Sporty
- Sustainability
- Social

The first Montréal attraction I bring visitors to is:

The Mont-Royal is one of our most iconic landmarks. From scenic trails to breathtaking city views, the mountain offers an immersive nature experience. Discover this incredible urban gem.

My favourite food experience is:

- Schwartz's Deli
- Ichigo Ichie Izakaya
- Luna
- Chez Janine

My favourite Montréal festival is:

Omnium Banque National de Montréal, a Master 1000 tennis tournament. Beyond seeing the best players in the world, it's a true village within the city and, for me, the best example of eco-responsibility. Igloofest because it's the coolest and coldest festival in the world.

Finally, the Montreal Marathon, a must in my annual races.



International, inclusive and safe



Top 5 most open cities in North America*



Population of more than

4 million

Over

120 ethnic groups

are represented in the metropolitan Montréal area



One of the safest cities to travel to in 2024*

We combine fun and games with the assurance of safety, thanks to a city that thrives on diversity and respect. The most trilingual city in Canada — French, English, and some

80 other languages





We do sustainability in style

- First Canadian city to join the Global Destination Sustainability (GDS) Index
- And we put our money where our values are:



Sustainable **Destination strategy**

- Carbon footprint calculator
- Visitor's promise



Guide to Best Practices for Sustainable Business Events

Guidelines and concrete, tangible recommendations for planning and holding sustainable meetings









Eco-friendly activities /

Your participants can engage in activities that are consistent with sustainable development criteria:

- Walking tours
- Food tours
- Electric boat rides

Tools to help you make a difference during your event in Montréal:



Directory of Volunteer Activities

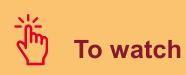


Directory of Donations, Recycling and Reuse Opportunities





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/ When you're backed by the right team, great things happen.

