



## **2-day Montreal Itinerary**



**Montreal**



# Montreal: A Blend of European Charm and Modern Vibrancy

Welcome to Montreal, a captivating city where French heritage meets contemporary North American culture. This comprehensive 2-day guide will lead you through the city's rich history, stunning architecture, and diverse attractions, perfect for first-time visitors.

## Historical Overview

Montreal, founded in 1642, is one of North America's oldest cities. Originally established as Ville-Marie by French settlers, it has evolved into a vibrant metropolis that beautifully preserves its historical roots while embracing modernity. The city's unique blend of European charm and North American dynamism makes it a fascinating destination.

## Iconic Landmarks

- Notre-Dame Basilica: A masterpiece of Gothic Revival architecture, featuring stunning interior designs and stained glass windows that tell the story of Montreal's religious history.
- Mount Royal: The city's namesake mountain offering panoramic views of the cityscape and featuring extensive walking trails and recreational areas.
- St. Joseph's Oratory: One of the world's largest churches, this impressive basilica stands as a testament to Montreal's religious heritage and architectural prowess.

## Cultural Treasures

- Old Port of Montreal: A historic waterfront area transformed into a recreational and cultural hub, perfect for walking, cycling, and seasonal activities.
- Montreal Science Centre: An interactive museum that makes science accessible and engaging for visitors of all ages.
- Château Ramezay: A historic governor's residence turned museum, offering insights into Quebec's colonial period.

## Charming Neighborhoods

- Old Montreal: The city's historic district, featuring cobblestone streets, historic architecture, and charming cafés.
- Le Plateau-Mont-Royal: A trendy neighborhood known for its colorful houses, artistic atmosphere, and vibrant food scene.
- Little Italy: Home to the famous Jean-Talon Market, one of North America's largest outdoor markets.

### **Montreal Lifestyle**

- Cuisine: A blend of French sophistication and multicultural influences, from poutine to smoked meat.
- Café Culture: Vibrant coffee scene with numerous independent cafés and patisseries.
- Shopping: Mix of high-end boutiques, local designers, and unique markets.

### **Green Spaces**

- Montreal Botanical Garden: A vast oasis featuring themed gardens, including the stunning Chinese and Japanese gardens.
- Mount Royal Park: Frederick Law Olmsted's masterpiece, offering year-round recreational activities and spectacular city views.

### **Practical Travel Tips**

- Transportation: Utilize the efficient metro system and extensive bike paths; consider purchasing an OPUS card.
- Best Times to Visit: Summer (June-August) for festivals or Fall (September-October) for beautiful foliage.
- Language: Both French and English are widely spoken; basic French phrases are appreciated.
- Weather: Pack according to season; winters are cold and snowy, summers warm and humid.

### **2-Day Itinerary Highlights**

Day 1: Notre-Dame Basilica, Old Port of Montreal, Montreal Science Centre, Château Ramezay

Day 2: Mount Royal Park, Montreal Botanical Garden, Jean-Talon Market, St. Joseph's Oratory

This guide presents a curated selection of over 30 locations, allowing you to customize your Montreal experience. Each destination offers unique insights into the city's rich cultural tapestry and historical significance.

Montreal is more than just a destination; it's a journey through time where historical architecture meets modern innovation. As you explore its diverse neighborhoods, savor local delicacies, and immerse yourself in its cultural attractions, you'll discover why Montreal is considered one of North America's most captivating cities.

Let this beautiful city charm you with its unique character and create lasting memories during your visit. Enjoy your adventure in Montreal!



# Itinerary Preview

2 days

## **DAY** 01

Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal

Old Port of Montreal

Montreal Science Centre

Château Ramezay - Musée et site historique de  
Montréal

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## **DAY** 02

Mount Royal Park

Montreal Botanical Garden

Jean Talon Market

Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal





# **Daily Events**



## Day 1

09:00

### **Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal**

110 R. Notre Dame O, Montréal, QC H2Y 1T1, Canada

11:00

11:45

### **Old Port of Montreal**

Old Port of Montreal, Montreal, QC, Canada

13:45

14:30

### **Montreal Science Centre**

2 R. de la Commune O, Montréal, QC H2Y 4B2, Canada

16:30

17:15

### **Château Ramezay - Musée et site historique de Montréal**

280 Rue Notre Dame E, Montréal, QC H2Y 1E3, Canada

19:15

# Map for Day 1





## Day 2

09:00

### **Mount Royal Park**

1260 Chem. Remembrance, Montréal, QC H3H 1A2, Canada

11:00

11:45

### **Montreal Botanical Garden**

4101 R. Sherbrooke E, Montréal, QC H1X 2B2, Canada

13:45

14:30

### **Jean Talon Market**

7070 Av. Henri-Julien, Montréal, QC H2S 3A3, Canada

16:30

17:15

### **Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal**

3800 Chem. Queen Mary, Montréal, QC H3Y 1N5, Canada

19:15

# Map for Day 2





# Spots



## Jean Talon Market

7070 Av. Henri-Julien, Montréal, QC H2S 3A3, Canada

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### Summary:

Established open-air market with many vendors selling produce, meats, cheeses, fish & baked goods.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(514) 937-7754



## Parc Jean-Drapeau

Montreal, QC H3C 1A9, Canada

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### Summary:

Park made up of 2 islands that are home to multiple attractions, venues & museums.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Thursday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Friday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Saturday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Sunday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

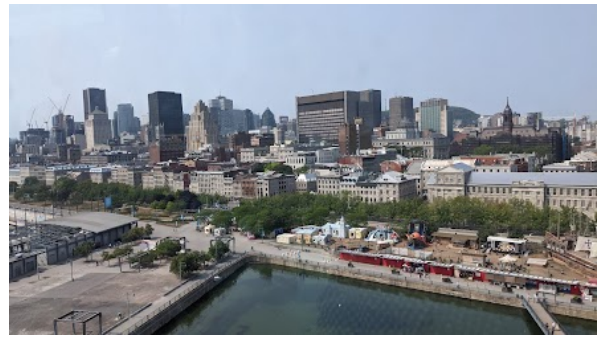
### Phone:

(514) 872-6120



## Old Port of Montreal

Old Port of Montreal, Montreal, QC, Canada



## Square Saint-Louis

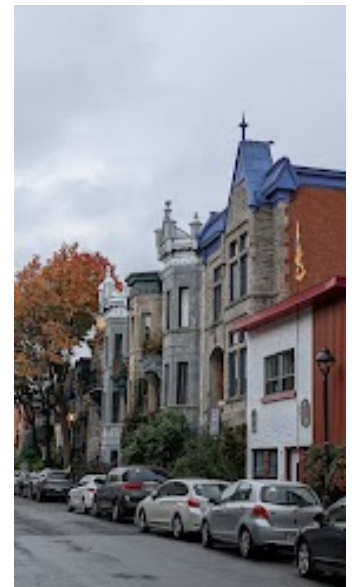
312 R. du Square-Saint-Louis, Montréal, QC H2X 1A5, Canada

### Summary:

Longtime public square featuring a large fountain, trees & Victorian-style rowhouses facing it.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Thursday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Friday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Saturday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Sunday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM



## Montreal Biodome

4777 Av. Pierre-De Coubertin, Montréal, QC H1V 1B3, Canada

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### Summary:

Former Olympics velodrome housing replicas of 5 ecosystems & related species of animals & plants.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(514) 868-3000



## Place des Arts

175 Rue Sainte-Catherine, Montréal, QC H2X 3X5, Canada

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### Summary:

Multi-venue complex used by jazz & comedy festivals & prominent groups like the Opéra de Montréal.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Friday: 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

### Phone:

(514) 842-2112



## Château Ramezay - Musée et site historique de Montréal

280 Rue Notre Dame E, Montréal, QC H2Y 1E3, Canada

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### Summary:

Historical home that hosted political leaders, now home to regional history exhibits & workshops.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(514) 861-3708



## Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal

110 R. Notre Dame O, Montréal, QC H2Y 1T1, Canada

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### Summary:

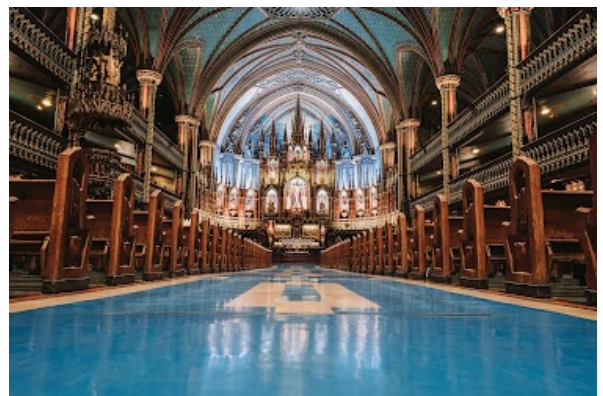
Dating from 1824, this massive church features vibrant stained glass & hosts concert performances.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 12:30 - 4:00 PM

### Phone:

(514) 842-2925



## McCord Stewart Museum

690 Rue Sherbrooke O, Montréal, QC H3A 1E9, Canada

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### Summary:

Historical exhibits of costumes, objects & photos on popular subjects from hockey to Inuit art.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(514) 861-6701



## Montreal Botanical Garden

4101 R. Sherbrooke E, Montréal, QC H1X 2B2, Canada

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### Summary:

75 hectares of native & exotic flora, with 10 themed greenhouses & a Chinese lantern garden.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(514) 868-3000





## Lachine Canal

Lachine Canal, Montreal, QC, Canada



## La Ronde

22 Chem. Macdonald, Montréal, QC H3C 6A3, Canada

### Summary:

Riverside amusement park with Six Flags rides, the International Fireworks Competition & concerts.

### Phone:

(514) 397-2000



## Mount Royal Park

1260 Chem. Remembrance, Montréal, QC H3H 1A2, Canada

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### Summary:

Sizable green space featuring trails, a lake with boat rentals & striking city panoramas.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Thursday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Friday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Saturday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Sunday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

### Phone:

(514) 843-8240



## Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal

3800 Chem. Queen Mary, Montréal, QC H3Y 1N5, Canada

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### Summary:

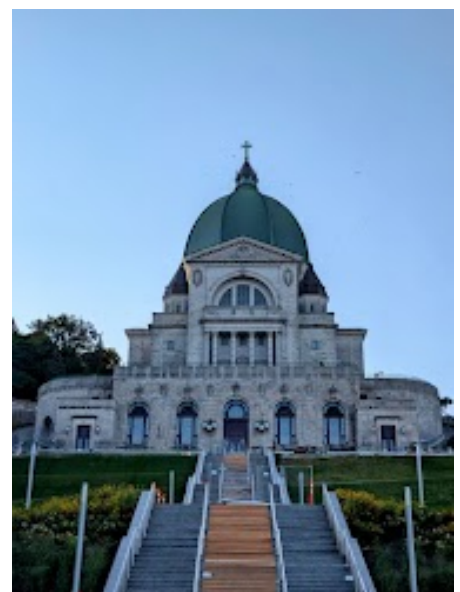
Grand domed Catholic church with an art museum, gardens & organ concerts, plus tours & events.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:30 AM - 9:00 PM  
Tuesday: 6:30 AM - 9:00 PM  
Wednesday: 6:30 AM - 9:00 PM  
Thursday: 6:30 AM - 9:00 PM  
Friday: 6:30 AM - 9:00 PM  
Saturday: 6:30 AM - 9:00 PM  
Sunday: 6:30 AM - 9:00 PM

### Phone:

(514) 733-8211



## Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History

350 Pl. Royale, Montréal, QC H2Y 3Y5, Canada

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### Summary:

Modern museum with archaeological digs & interactive exhibits in historical buildings.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(514) 872-9150



## La Fontaine Park

3819 Av. Calixa-Lavallée, Montréal, QC H2H 1P4, Canada

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### Summary:

Trails, fields & ponds for paddleboating & skating, with both English- & French-style landscaping.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Thursday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Friday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Saturday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Sunday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM



## Montreal Science Centre

2 R. de la Commune O, Montréal, QC H2Y 4B2, Canada

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### Summary:

Interactive & educational science & technology exhibits for kids of all ages, with an IMAX theatre.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(514) 496-4724



## The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

1380 Rue Sherbrooke O, Montréal, QC H3G 1J5, Canada

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### Summary:

Spacious museum showcasing Québec & Canadian visual works, plus international contemporary art.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(514) 285-2000

