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Itinerary prepared for Travel Classics Montréal & Laurentides May 20th – 25th, 2018

Bonjour !

Discover the wonders of Québec with this itinerary prepared by QuébecOriginal and its regional partners. It was designed to give you a taste of the wealth of our territory and culture, while allowing you to sample our legendary "joie de vivre" that is sure to seduce you and leave you with lasting memories.

To plan your trip, we invite you to consult the useful information section found on our website.

Most of the costs related to this itinerary are covered by the *Alliance* and its partners, unless otherwise noted.

You will find a final copy of your itinerary in the welcome kit which will be given to you upon arrival.

Our partners are looking forward to meeting you. Therefore, we invite you to notify us of any significant delay or cancellation to avoid any inconvenience to the person or company that awaits you.

Please find below your main contacts in every region.

We wish you a pleasant stay!



CONTACTS

Prior departure:



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Your Contact

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Sunday, May 20

End of conference.

Free time.

Check into one of the participating hotels.

From major American and international chains to quaint boutique hotels, you are sure to find the perfect home-away-from-home.

Evening suggestions: A list of suggested activites will be included in your program.

Monday, May 21

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

Meet your professional tour guide and kick off your visit with a picnic on the <u>mountain!</u> Mount Royal is the heart of the city and island. It is a large volcanic-related hill, immediately west of Downtown Montreal. Mount Royal gave its name to Montreal.

The majestic park, was originally designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, who also co-designed New York's Central Park, and was inaugurated in 1876, although not completed to his design. The park is also Montréal's largest green space and highest point with an elevation of 764 feet; it's a tranquil natural refuge from urbanity, offering a variety of activities for all seasons. From the balustrade of Belvedere Kondiaronk, enjoy sweeping views of the city skyline, the St. Lawrence River and the countryside beyond.

After your picnic, dive into Montréal's neighbourhoods and meet the locals who make them unique. Montréal's neigbourhoods are like the members of an extended family. They each have their personality, Take the time to get to know them to appreciate them for their uniqueness. All put together, they make Montréal the eclectic and charming city that it is.

Discover the past, present and future in <u>Old Montréal</u>; the cultural heart of <u>Downtown</u>; the stylish and refined <u>Golden</u> <u>Square Mile</u>; the coulourful and quirky <u>Plateau and Mile-End</u>; pass through the iconic red gates of Chinatown; relive your student days in the Latin Quarter and ignite your Pride in dynamic and eclectic <u>Village</u>.



This afternoon: Happy Birthday Montréal!

The city turned 376 years last week. Celebrate by visiting the very birthplace of Montréal!

Join the Museum Director for a tour of <u>Pointe-à-Callière</u>, the birthplace of Montréal and a National Historic Site. Explore an original underground circuit leading through archaeological excavations starting with Indigenous settlements. Start the tour with an immersive multimedia show presenting a high-speed view of the city's history.

For Montréal's 375th anniversary in 2017, the Museum restored the Collector Sewer, the first of its kind to be built in Canada, which provides an underground connection between the Fort Ville-Marie Pavilion and the main building.

End your tour with lunch in the museum's glass-walled restaurant, bathed in natural light and offering an exceptional view of the Old Port.

Enjoy dinner in Old Montréal.

Old Montréal has always been the spot to head to for some old-world charm. These days, it's the flourishing food scene that also beckons visitors to this historical neighbourhood. All types of restaurants, cafés, bistros, bakeries, specialty shops, tasty tours and creative cooking classes are what make for a full foodie experience.

After dinner, disover the history of Montréal with <u>Cité Mémoire</u>.

Loosely inspired by the history of Montreal, Cité Mémoire invites you to meet a host of characters who've witnessed the city's evolution first-hand. Projected throughout Old Montreal, the work appears on the very walls that surround us, the ground on which we walk, the trees that frame our present.

Tuesday, May 22

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

Personalize your day with one of the following day tours. Maximum group size: 6 people per tour Lunch will be included during your tour.

TOUR 1 - Roll down the River.

Get on two wheels and discover Montréal's bike culture by pedaling along some of our 650 km (403 miles) of bike paths. Explore Old Montréal and the Old Port before heading into some of our artsy and colourful neighbourhoods. Slow down as you ride through our parks and see why Montréal is truly best explored by bike. Get a bite at the Atwater Farmer's Market and recharge before your next adventure!

Trade your wheels for a kayak and paddle along the Lachine Canal with <u>H2O Adventures</u>. Discover the interesting nooks and crannies that make-up the historic "Craddle of Industrialization." Witness the majestic birds, turtles and beavers that call the canal home while we look upon the changing landscape of the Montreal Skyline.

TOUR 2 – Eat like a Montrealer :

Where to eat in Montreal? We've got you covered. We'll take you to 6 of our favourite eateries and watering holes. From artisanal charcuteries to thirst quenching craft beers, discover the surrounding areas of the Jean-Talon market. You will sample some tasty regional delicacies and meet the producers who take pride in the quality and distinction of their harvest. You'll see how diversity is synonymous with Montreal: the Vietnamese neighbor the Italians and further east the Latinos share the streets with the Maghrebis. You'll get into the "Mile-Ex" district, a peculiar part of town that has boomed in recent years. Here, industrial buildings sit next to bungalows and architectural firms where young entrepreneurs are reshaping our culinary scene. We will savor the newest craft brews and learn about the progressive coffee renaissance one sip at a time. Come hungry!

TOUR 3 – Connect with the geek in you:

Dig into Montreal's creative and innovative DNA. Reknown around the world as a hub in video gaming, virtual reality and interactive multimedia experiences, Montréal is on top of the game! Some of the industry's biggest brands are being developed here. We'll take you on a behind-the scene tour of some of the world leaders studios (think of Ubisoft, Moment Factory and Felix & Paul among others) and our famous Quartier des spectacles, where you will get to meet the creators of the next big thing. May the force be with you,

TOUR 4 – Fashion alert!

Join Montreal fashionista Carrie Mcpherson on a <u>fashion and design treasure</u> hunt across Montreal's chic and trendy neighborhoods. Visit haute-couture boutiques, local designers' workshops and meet with some of the city's crafters and makers that contributed to Montreal's reputation for style and elegance.

TOUR 5 – Jewish Montréal

Montreal's Jewish community is one of the oldest and most populous in the country and has influenced the city's makeup in many ways. This tour will follow in the footsteps of one of Montréal's most notable sons: Leonard Cohen. Follow in his footsteps around Montreal to discover his favourite haunts. Drop into the <u>Museum of Jewish Montreal</u> and sample some iconic dishes of Jewish Montreal.

This afternoon: Enjoy some free time. Please let us know if you wish to visit some of our museums and / or attractions.

Tonight:

Dinner this evening will be held in the Mile-Ex Neighbourhood.

What started off as an industrial section of town has become one of the most vibrant communities in Montréal. Located between train tracks, viaducts and dead-ends it is not the easiest spot to find, but once you do you will be treated to some of the most unique galleries, restaurants and bars in town!

Wednesday, May 23

Enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast at your hotel.

Departure to regions after breakfast.





Wednesday, May 23 2018

9:00 am Departure from Montreal

Am Visit of Moulin Légaré and few stops on le Chemin du terroir

Lunch Le Petit Poucet 1030 Route 117 Val David (Quebec) J0T 2N0 (819) 322-2246 http://aupetitpoucet.ca/en/

Typical Quebec restaurant

PM Visit of Bernard Chaudron, a pewter maker 2347 rue de l'Eglise Val David (Quebec) J0T 2N0 (819) 322-3944 <u>http://www.chaudron.ca/en/index.html</u>

> Visit of Cavaland Park The first equestrian amusement park 340 Chemin de Chertsey Sainte-Marguerite-Estérel (Quebec) JOT 1L0 (450) 228-3006 https://cavaland.jimdo.com/

Check-in at Esterel Resort 39 Boulevard Fridolin-Simard Estérel (Quebec) JOT 1E0 (450) 228-2571 https://www.esterel.com/en/

Dinner at hotel

<u>Thursday, May 24 2018</u>

Breakfast at hotel and check-out

- 09:00 am Departure for Mont-Tremblant
- 10:00 am Geo-Explora 2396 Labelle Mont-Tremblant (Qc) (819) 308-0609 <u>https://www.geo-explora.com/english</u>

You'll discover Mont-Tremblant's natural and historical treasures through our private, selfguided and eco-motorized exploration game.

12:30 pm Scandinave Spa Mont-Tremblant 4280 montée Ryan Mont-Tremblant, QC, J8E 1 S 4 Contact: Angelique Papadopoulos Phone: 819 425-9595 Web site: http://www.scandinave.com/en/tremblant/

Note: Towels, locks and bathrobes will be provided to you. <u>Do not forget to bring your</u> sandals and bathing suit.

It is a tradition in the Laurentians: after the effort, comfort! Discover the Nordic Baths and their benefit at the *Scandinavian Mont - Tremblant Spa*. After a delightful sauna, do you dare to take a dip into the cold water of the Devil River? This Nordic spa located in the wilderness will offer you a pleasant moment of relaxation.

- 1:00 pm Light lunch at the Scandinave Bistro
- 4:00 pm Check-in at hotel (Fairmont Tremblant or Grand Lodge)
- 5:30 pm Helicopter ride over Mont-Tremblant
- 7:00 pm Dinner
- 9:00 pm Tonga Lumina

A sound and light show on the mountain <u>https://www.tongalumina.ca/en/</u>

Return to hotel

Friday, May 25 2018

Breakfast at hotel and check-out

9:00 am Departure for Montreal

Thank you for your visit. We hope you enjoyed your stay in Québec!



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