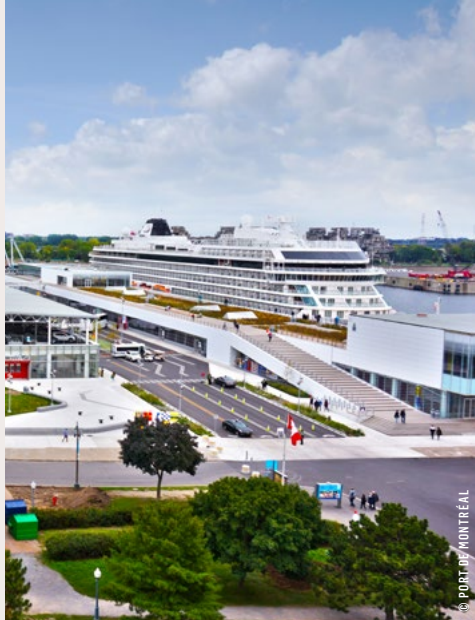


Montréal, the perfect island getaway

With exhilarating entertainment, gourmet food, Old World history and inspiring architecture among some of its top charms, Montréal is the perfect luxury island getaway. Discover a cosmopolitan metropolis where European charm and cutting-edge creativity coexist.

3 DAYS



Fun Fact



During the **Formula 1 Grand Prix du Canada**, you might bump into Hollywood celebrities such as Jennifer Lawrence, Halle Berry, Hugh Jackman, Jim Carrey and Jerry Seinfeld.

Where to stay



Rooftop plunge pools, five-star dining, underground access to designer boutiques and your wildest dreams come true... these are just some of the extravagances **Montréal's luxury hotels** have to offer. Stay at the Ritz-Carlton or at Le Mount Stephen Hotel and feel the glitz and glamour of the Golden Square Mile, one of the city's most storied neighbourhoods whose rich history goes back to the 19th century.

DID YOU KNOW? Montréal is home to the first Ritz-Carlton hotel in the world and many historical public figures have stayed at the Ritz, such as Elizabeth II, Winston Churchill and Charles de Gaulle.

Did You Know?



The safe island of Montréal is the ideal **cruise destination**. The city hosts more than 100,000 passengers each year.

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Day 1

The Golden Square Mile

● Visiting Montréal over the weekend and looking for a healthy brunch option? Search no more! The LOV (Local, Organic and Vegetarian) restaurant's speciality is botanical cuisine, in a crisp and refined décor. If you're looking for more options, discover more than 70 vegan restaurants.



● From social history to fashion designers, **Montréal museums** will surprise you with the creative staging of their artists' collections. Walk along Sherbrooke Street and immerse yourself in public art before visiting the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the McCord Museum.



● Many lunch options are available while exploring the Golden Square Mile neighbourhood. For a quick bite, the Café Holt is a great place to stop before an exclusive shopping experience. If you have more time to enjoy a gourmet lunch with French flair, head to Europea, a Relais & Châteaux restaurant that pampers your palate.



● Inspired by the best of both luxury fashion icons, the **brand-new Holt Renfrew Ogilvy** department store promises a supreme shopping experience in an extraordinary setting.

INSIDER'S TIP: Many of the brands available are exclusive to Holt Renfrew Ogilvy in Canada.

● If you want to rest your feet after all that shopping, treat yourself to an English ritual: **Afternoon tea** in the ultra-chic Palm Court at the Ritz. Make it extra luxurious with a flute of champagne.



● After a busy day in the Golden Square Mile neighbourhood, head south near the Lachine Canal to discover our creative local chefs and their original **New Québec cuisine** at Candide, Foxy or H4C.

● Stroll down the Canal and fall under Montréal's spell by night, with a sparkling view of the city skyline from La Grande Roue de Montréal, the tallest observation wheel in Canada. Not ready to call it a night? Montréal keeps things interesting by hiding some of its coolest bars behind unassuming façades.

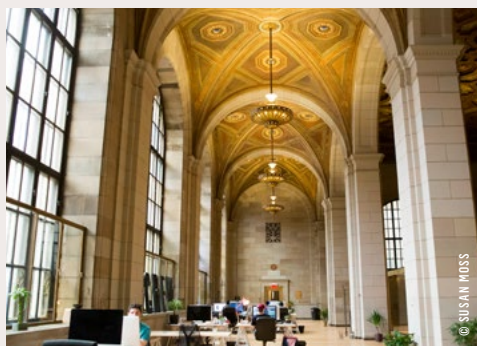
INSIDER'S TIP: Follow the duck to find the Coldroom in Old Montréal.



Day 2

Old Montréal and the Entertainment District

● Thanks to the perfect combination of European charm and North America attitude towards service, Montréal seduces visitors with a harmonious pairing of the historic and the new, from exquisite architecture to fine dining.



● Brunch is a very Montréal affair. While there are tons of delicious brunch options all over the city, Dandy and Mélisse are definitely two of our new favourites.

FUN FACT: Crew Collective & Cafe is located on the ground floor of the former Royal Bank of Canada building. The design is breathtaking.

● To enjoy the sun and views of the water, stroll from Old Montréal to the Atwater market via the Lachine Canal. At the Atwater Market, treat yourself to an authentic Montréal experience and sample some of the abundant local products like Québec cheeses and craft beers.



● Staying downtown? Discover the amazing pizzas and natural wines at Café Parvis. Looking for something fancier? Lunch like royalty at Henri Brasserie Française. Either way, you will find great food in a beautiful décor.



● In the afternoon, explore the Entertainment District – known locally as the Quartier des Spectacles – and, if you're lucky, you might get to catch a colourful festival like Montréal en Lumière.



● For fine dining *par excellence*, Restaurant Toqué is a must! Chef Normand Laprise's signature cuisine – the one that started Montréal's food revolution – will leave you speechless and wanting more. Or try other award-winning restaurants such as Monarque, Pastel or Le Mousso.

● Whether you're looking to soothe sore muscles from all that walking in the city or just want to take a day for yourself, Montréal has got the spa for you.



INSIDER'S TIP: Located on a moored boat right on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, Bota Bota spa-sur-l'eau, offers incredible views from its dry sauna and outdoor heated pools; we especially love it at dusk.



Day 3

Not to be missed

● Incredible entertainment, historic architecture, glorious food, vibrant culture and a night life that never stops: the city has it all, but where to start? These activities are **not-to-be-missed** on any Montréal list.

● Start your day in a **cute instagrammable coffee spot**, such as Café Ambrose or Café Krema. Or try Pastel Rita's Westmount espresso bar located in the wonderful BA&SH boutique.

DID YOU KNOW? Many coffee shops become trendy wine bars after lunch, such as Pastel Rita and NELLi.



● Showcasing chocolate and cacao from here and abroad, **chocolatiers** État de Choc and Académie du Chocolat bring the flavours of the world to Montréal.

INSIDER'S TIP: Feeling creative? État de choc hosts fun and educational tasting and chocolate-making workshops.



● Looking for a lunch that hits all the right notes: gourmet cuisine, a casual ambiance and a prime downtown location? Jatoba, Ibérica and Ferreira Café are unmissable **upscale eateries**.

FUN FACT: The one and only Oprah dined at Ferreira Café!



● Perfect cuts, fabulous fabrics, one-of-a-kind style and meticulous craftsmanship—that's what **Québec's luxury designers** offer in their collections, which range from daring to timeless. Have a suit tailor-made by Nathan Kong or buy elegant jewelry at Maison Birks.

FUN FACT: The Duchess Meghan Markle loves wearing her Birks earrings.



● For a night out like none other, in the beautiful setting of Parc Jean-Drapeau, treat your taste buds to exquisite world flavours crafted by a Michelin Star Chef in the glittering glamour of **l'Atelier de Joël Robuchon**. Feeling lucky after diner? Try your hand at the Casino de Montréal or see a show in their Cabaret hall.



● Montréal is also famous for amazing cocktail and wine bars. Many of its popular bars can be found on the **Canada's 50 Best Bars list**. Our top picks include Atwater Cocktail Club and Cloakroom Bar.

● More ideas at mtl.org