

MONTREAL

FUN FACTS

Did you know?

- John Lennon and Yoko Ono held their legendary Bed-In in Montréal at the Fairmont the Queen Elizabeth hotel from May 26 to June 2, 1969.
- A popular local snack is “poutine” (French fries with cheese curds topped with gravy) – absolutely delicious!
- Our “underground city” has over 30 km (18 miles) of pedestrian walkways, indoor areas and tunnels linking 8 subway stations, 5 train stations and termini, 63 buildings, 9 major hotels, 2,000 businesses, 1,700 boutiques, 37 cinemas, theatres and exhibition halls, 10 university buildings and 43 indoor parking areas.
- The legal drinking age in Montréal is 18. Bars and restaurants can serve beer and alcohol from 11 a.m. to 3 in the morning.
- What others call “pastrami”, we call “smoked meat”. (By the way, our smoked meat sandwiches are to die for!)
- An entrée here is actually an appetizer.
- Montréal is among the 10 best cities in the world for outdoor dining, according to American travel guide publisher, Frommers.
- In total, 80 languages are spoken in the Montréal region, including French, English, Italian, Spanish, Arabic, Greek, Chinese, German, Portuguese, Creole and Vietnamese.
- Montréal ranks second to Halifax for the number of Titanic victims buried in its cemeteries (12 in all).
- Eye contact in Montréal differs from that in other major cities. Whereas discretion is the order of the day elsewhere, Montréalers do not shy away from making eye contact with strangers.
- With the highest number of tango dancers and dance halls on the continent, Montréal is the tango capital of North America.
- Greeting a French-speaking person from Montréal can be confusing for visitors. The customary way to greet friends in Montréal is to kiss them on both cheeks, starting with the right, whereas Canadians in other provinces tend to keep their distance and simply shake hands.

PEPPER YOUR SPEECH WITH A LITTLE PARLEZ-VOUS IN MONTRÉAL!

Montréal has oodles of cosmopolitan chic and European flavour. But did you know that Montréal is also the world's second-largest French-speaking city after Paris? Conversation here flows easily—in English, French and many other languages. With this easy crash-course of French phrases, you can wow the locals when you're here.

YOUR STARTER KIT TO THE LOCAL LINGO

IF YOU WANT TO SAY...	THE FRENCH VERSION
Hello	Bonjour [Pronounced: Bo-JOUR]
Goodbye	Au revoir [Pronounced: oh-rev-WARR]
Please	S'il-vous-plaît [Pronounced: see-voo-PLAY]
Thank you	Merci [Pronounced : mare-SEE]
See you soon	À la prochaine [Pronounced: a-la-pruh-SHENN]

IF SOMEONE ASKS YOU:	YOU SHOULD ANSWER:
Pour quel événement êtes-vous à Montréal ? (What brings you to Montréal?)	The name of the event you are in Montréal for.
D'où venez-vous ? (Where are you from?)	The name of the city or country you are from.
Voulez-vous... ? (Would you like...?)	
...un café au lait ? (a coffee with milk?)	Oui, s'il vous plaît!
...goûter la poutine ? (to try some poutine?)	Oui, s'il vous plaît!
... une table sur la terrasse ? (a table on the patio?)	Oui, s'il vous plaît!
... un verre de vin ? (a glass of wine?)	Oui, s'il vous plaît! [Pronounced: Wee, see voo play!]

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The logo for the City of Montréal, featuring the word "MONTRÉAL" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. A red diagonal slash is positioned above the letter "É".