



Discover the charms of Montreal!

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A bit of history, French Colony & Catholic mission

- Jérôme LeRoyer de la Dauversière, father of Montreal
- Paul Chomedey de Maisonneuve and Jeanne Mance, co-founders of Montreal in 1642
- La compagnie des prêtres de Saint-Sulpice (the Sulpicians)
 - Notre-Dame Basilica
 - Seminary of the Sulpicians
 - “Seigneurs”-Feudal Lords of Montreal



A bit of history (con'd)- English Conquest 1760, - Lachine Canal 1825 & the city's development

- Lachine Canal, enlarged twice. Where does the name Lachine come from?
- Montreal at a strategic position between the Atlantic and the great lakes.
- Montreal and the Golden Square Mile.
- Montreal: largest grain port in the world in the 1920s!

Important dates

1535 Mtl (1534 Cda): Jacques Cartier

1611 (1608 Qc): Champlain

1642: Mtl French Colony & catholic mission

1760: British Conquest-Mtl surrender

1825: Lachine Canal inauguration

1833: Montreal obtains a city charter

1837-29: Rebellion of the patriots

1844-49: Montreal is the capital of the Provinces of Canada (Lower (now Qc) & Upper Cda (now Ont))

1876: Mount Royal Park is inaugurated

1920s: Montreal is the largest port in the world for the exportation of grain

1948: Refus Global manifest (Paul-Émile Borduas & al)

1961: Gouv. Qc. Politique d'integration des arts à l'architecture et à l'environnement des bâtiments et des sites gouvernementaux et publics (Politique du 1%)

1962: Place Ville-Marie

1963: Place des Arts

1966: Metro of Montreal (60 yrs October 2026)

1967: Expo 67

1976: Summer Olympics

1992: 350th anniversary of Montreal

2012: Jeanne-Mance is recognized co-founder of Montreal

2017: 375th anniversary of Montreal; the white pine, symbol for the first nations is added to the Montreal flag



Louis-Philippe
Hébert, national
sculptor, 1850-1917



Maisonneuve, John Young, Jeanne-Mance, Mgr Bourget,
Edouard VII (Philipp's Sq.), Cathédrale Marie-Reine du
Monde, Crémazie and many more in Montreal, Quebec,
Ottawa

Saint-Joseph Oratory

- Angel Unaware (Unconscious Angels), Timothy P. Schmalz

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Letter to the Hebrews 13:2)" <https://www.saint-joseph.org/en/angels-unawares/>

- Garden of the way of the cross, Frederic Gage Todd
- Carillon of 62 bells (Eiffel Tower)
- Sunset on the Terrace
- Rhizomes, 2024, Marie-France Brière, on the Holy Family Plaza



Paul Lancz's (Hungary) (1919-2005) artwork

- La Tendresse, North-West corner of Peel & Sherbrooke
- Bust of President Kennedy, North-east corner of President-Kennedy St and McGill College
- Square Raoul Wallenberg, behind Christ Church Cathedral
- Bust of René-Lévesque- bottom of Hydro Quebec building
- Bust of Cardinal P. E. Léger, corner of Saint-Dominique & René-Lévesque
- Bust of Joseph Beaubien, Côte Ste-Catherine, Outremont





Claude Cormier's (1960-2023) impact in the city

- Lipstick Forest and garden at Palais des congrès (2002)
- Ring at PVM- Visual Poem, his love letter to Mtl (2022)
- Dorchester Sq (with half fountain) (2009)
- Place d'armes, Place d'Youville, Quai de l'Horloge in Old Mtl
- The Victorian style park with "The song of the Dodo" (*Myfanwy MacLeod*) next to National Bank at Saint-Jacques street near Robert-Bourassa.
- Former Pink Balls in the Village
- Grand Dam, Parc des Rapides (2016)
- Note: Berczy's Park & Love Park in Toronto (*dogs& cats*)

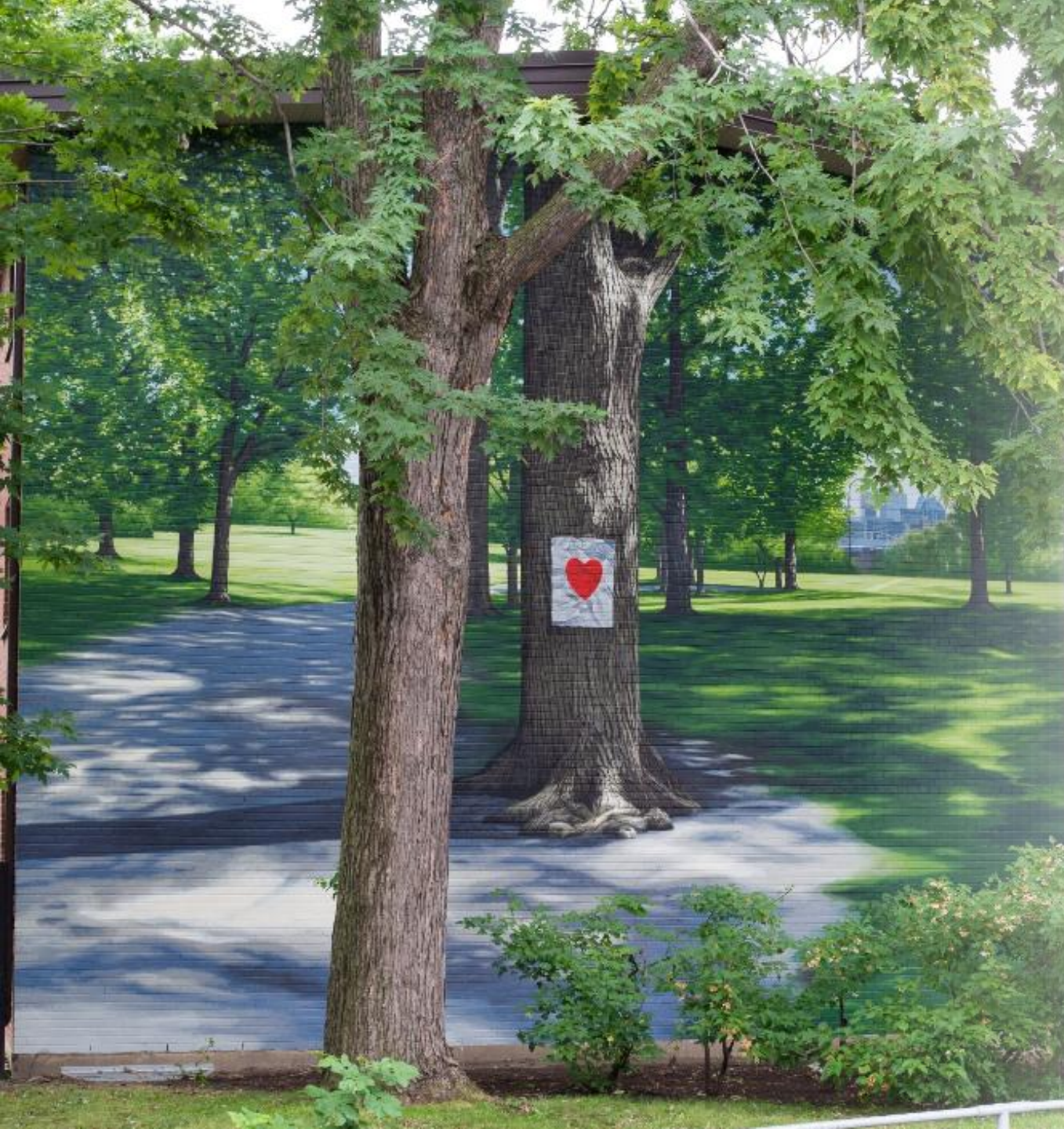
Coffee, Architecture & art

- Maison Alcan (1188 Sherbrooke St W) and Café Améa-Heritage Site
- Mural from Ola Volo
- Bathrooms painted by MC Marquis
- Espace Mosaïk
- Contemporary art, incl. Marcel Braitstein (Le Nichoir (many auction pieces)
- Architecture from 1870 to 1930 (former residences, hotel and Salvation Army Citadel)
- Inaugurated 1983, now Zú & Guy Laliberté purchase (2015),

Maison Alcan

- Atrium Culver (David M. Culver)
columns Jeremy Shantz and Mural of Ola Volo





Murals

- Habitations Jeanne-Mance, Phillip Adams and Terre d'accueil (2015), (produced MU) corner Ontario & Saint-Dominique
- Mural Festival in June
- Under Pressure in August
- Canette de ruelles early September
- Programme art mural Ville de Mtl

Concert venues not to miss

- Bourgie Hall (1898- renovated 2004)
 - the David of Montreal (*The eye, David Altmejd, 2011*)
 - Largest Tiffany memorial window collection in the world (20 windows).
- Various churches
 - St-Andrew & St-Paul concerts (2 organs)
 - Saint-Viateur d'Outremont (profs UdeM)
 - Saint-Enfant Jésus du Mile-End (*musique du monde*)
- Universities
 - Redpath Hall
 - Pollack Hall
- & many more





Parc des rapides

- Lachine rapids-Sault-Saint-Louis
- Former Hydro Electric Dam (Lachine Rapids Hydraulic & Land Co. (1897))
- Île aux Hérons, Migratory bird sanctuary, 1937
- Maison Nivard-de-Saint-Dizier, 1710, *largest prehistoric archaeological site on the island of Mtl, traces 5,500yrs of occupation- digs from 2005-2017)*



Morgan-East & West

- Avenue Morgan and the Morgan Park, *Hochelaga Maisonneuve*
 - Henry Morgan, co-founder with his brother James, of Morgan & Co. (1845), bought by the Hudson's Bay at the end of 1960s.
 - Henry's nephew James, as their heirs, gave the land of the residence of Henry to the city of Maisonneuve, now Morgan Park.
- Morgan Street, *Baie d'Urfé*
 - Henry's nephew James is one of the founder of Baie d'Urfé (charter granted in 1911). He gave land as well as a small farmhouse to the city for conversion to a Town Hall and the development of a park.





Genealogy fans?

Édifice Gilles-Hocquart (*Mercury & Minerva* by Louis Philippe Hébert & his son Henri) 1910

Former HEC

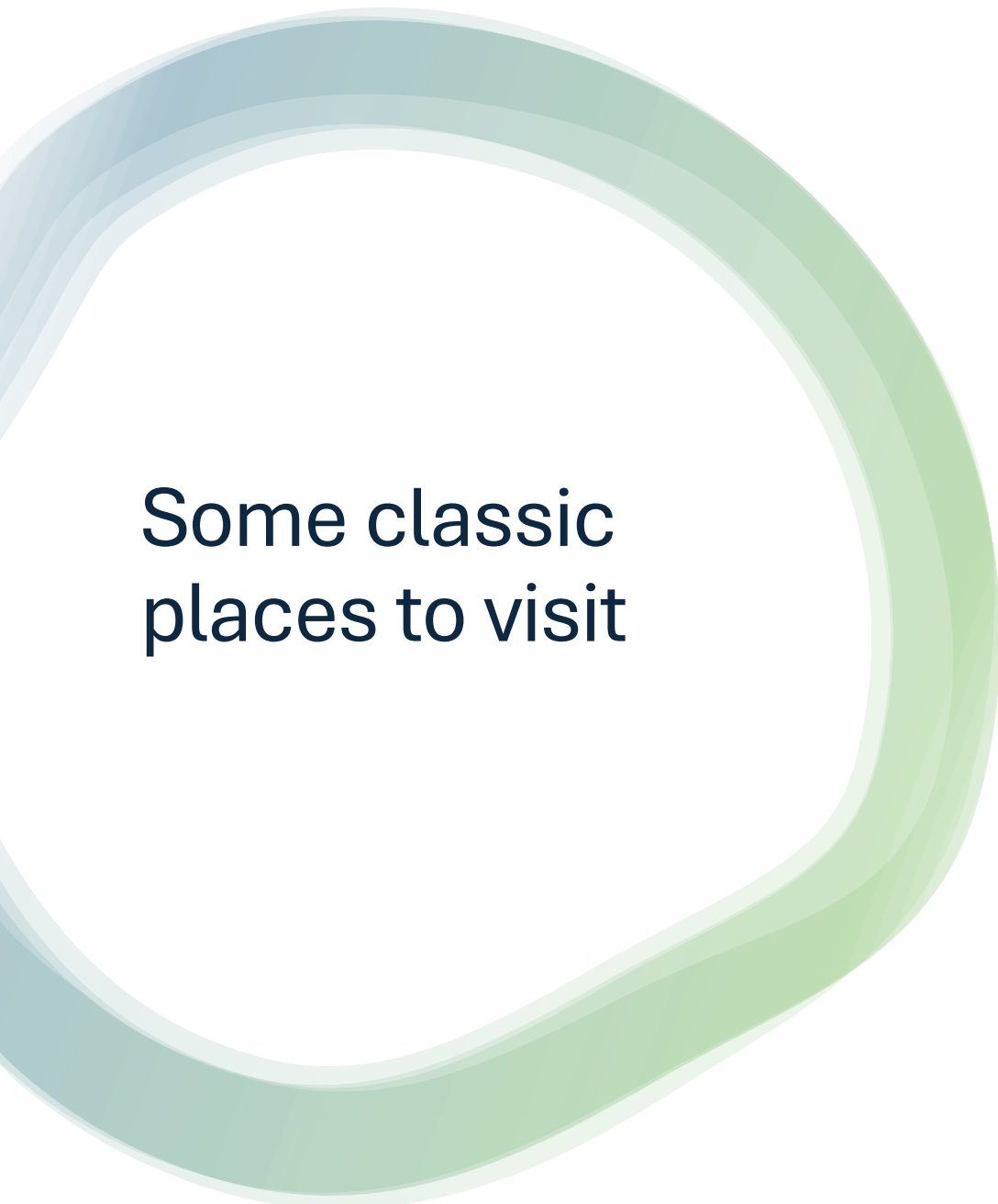
Archives Nationales

Les Géantes (Henry Augustus Lukeman 1907)

Montreal Metro & the REM

- A one-of-a-kind metro system, 68 stations with different architects and artists
- 33 km of underground corridors, now linked to the REM (*Must see Station Édouard-Montpetit -20 floors below ground*)
- Traveling by metro in Montreal is like traveling through the history of architecture, all kinds of influences, materials, shapes, another way of seeing Montreal
- The “Metro” is part of the City’s identity





Some classic places to visit

- Kondiaronk Look-out and Mount-Royal park
- MEM, Centre des memoires Montréalaises (former Centre d'histoire opened in 2024) 1210 boul St-Laurent
- City Hall of Montreal, re-opened in June 2024 after five years of restauration, 211 Million \$
- Botanical garden, with the Jardin des lumières event in the fall & other Espaces pour la vie (Biodôme, Insectarium, Planétarium, Biosphere), plus Museum Dufresne-Nincheri
- Parc Jean-Drapeau, for a great 360° view, go up the 152 steps of the Tour de Lévis, just re-opened
- Parcs Canada National Historic sites (ex. Fur Trade in Lachine Maison George-Étienne Cartier (Old Mtl), Lachine Canal, download the Parcs Canada App for free walking tours
- MBAM, McCord Stewart (download McCord app for free walking tours), Redpath Museum
- Saint-Joseph Oratory
- Château Ramezay
- Écomusée du Fier Monde
- Maison Saint-Gabriel
- Marché Jean-Talon

Tips for free events, rebates

- Since July 1, 2023, 65+ can obtain free monthly bus/ train & REM on Montreal's territory (Zone A) (15\$ fee for the photo Opus card) <https://www.stm.info/en/info/fares/transit-fares/free-65>
- Access Mtl card for 65+ residents of the Island of Mtl \$11 (for all people at the same address) <https://montreal.ca/en/how-to/get-acces-montreal-card>
- Passport Montreal: 35% rebate on 3 or 5 events, <https://www.mtl.org/en/passeport-mtl>
- Passeport Espaces pour la vie: <https://billets.espacepourlavie.ca/eplv/billetterie/webstore/shop/viewItems.aspx?cg=PEPLV&c=PEPLVC>
- Yearly membership, MBAM, Musée McCord, Pointe-à-Callière museum
- Borrow museums (free entrance tickets) at the Grande Bibliothèque <https://www.banq.qc.ca/notre-institution/bibliotheque-nationale/empruntez-musee/>
- Register to Info letters of various Boroughs of Mtl to see free activities e.g. free walking tours of Quartier des spectacles, Village.
- A number of groups such as Héritage Montréal, various Société d'histoire and some museums, offer tours for reduced fee e.g. Société d'histoire du Plateau Mont-Royal

Tours with Maryse

- *Best of Montreal Walking Tour Experience*. Offered by 16/42 Tour company.
 - This is a 3-hour tour to discover the essence of Montreal. The tour includes, walking and taking the metro, going from Old Montreal to Marché Jean-Talon. Aimed at first-time visitor or curious locals.
 - For more information please see: <https://www.1642tours.com/best-of-montreal-walking-tour>
- Through the Société d'histoire du Plateau Mont-Royal, Maryse offers the tour: Murales, histoire et architecture dans Milton-Parc. For more information: [Programmation des visites guidées 2026 – Histoire du Plateau-Mont-Royal](#) (April 19 and May 16 2026)
- Maryse offers many other tours such as: Art in the metro & intro to the REM, Jean-Drapeau Parc, Downtown & Golden Square Mile or Contemporary architecture, and she can tailor a tour to your needs. Contact her directly (see *title page for coordinates*)

Conclusion

The Secret Bench (Léa Vivot. 1989)

“Montréal Un secret à partager.

Jean Doré

Maire de Montréal”

Jean Doré, Maire de Montréal, 1986-1994)

*Another work of Mrs Vivot in Mtl, Le banc des amoureux
(Lover’s bench) at the Botanical Garden*



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