

Tour Day, Tuesday May 17th

Hop-On, Hop-Off Bus Tour of Montreal:

Experience the city at your own pace

★★★★★	You have not experienced Montreal, if you don't stop here!
★★★★	A Montreal must see!
★★★	A Montreal must see, if you have time in the schedule

The "Red-Loop" Stops:

- **1 - Square Dorchester (★★★★★, 1.5 hours):**
 - This stop, at the largest Tourist Bureau in Quebec, is in the heart of downtown Montreal
 - **This is also the place to catch the shuttle to the Olympic Village-Espace Pour la Vie**
 - There are many nearby attractions including:
 - The Bell Centre
 - Ste. Catherine Street
 - Access to the underground city

- **2 & 4 Old Montreal: Notre Dame Basilica (★★★★★, Old Port 2 hours):**
 - This stop is where the Old City meets the new. Head south towards the Basilica to enjoy the oldest part of Montreal as well as the Old Port.
 - Attractions include:
 - Place d'Armes: In the heart of the historic district, this location offers an overview of Montreal's history and includes, the oldest building in Montreal, the famous Notre Dame Basilica, the head office of the Bank of Montreal (the first bank to be established in the country), and Canada's first skyscraper.
 - Montreal City Hall and fortifications
 - [Montréal Science Centre](#)
 - Marché Bonsecours
 - Place Jacques Cartier
 - **Hint:** The bus will make a second stop here after the Pointe-à-Callière stop. Our suggestion is to stay on the bus the first time through to get an overview of Old Montreal and then get off the second time round.

- **3 - Old Montreal: Pointe-à-Callière Museum (★★★★★, Old Port 2 hours):**
 - The stop is at the Western end of the Old Port. The bus stop is at the Pointe-à-Callière Museum, known as "Montréal's Birthplace". A worthwhile experience.
 - Attractions include the same as listed above
 - **Hint:** Be sure to pick bring the Old Port Map that was part of your Welcome kit.

- **4 - The Village (★★★, interest dependent):**
 - Montréal is an LGBT friendly city, and this stop lets you off at the main street of “The LGBT Village”. Montreal was host to the first Outgames in 2006. In the summer months, this stop drops you off at a vibrant outdoor walkway. A festival atmosphere, with the streets closed to vehicular traffic, can be experienced for many blocks. This outdoor experience might not be available by tour day.
 - **HINT:** Be ready with your camera to take a picture from the top of the bus of the artistic beauty of Ste. Catherine Street at this stop.

- **5 - Latin Quarter (★★★, interest dependent):**
 - The Quartier Latin was home to Montréal’s Francophone middle class.
 - Attractions include:
 - Theatre St. Denis (where the awards ceremony will take place)
 - St. Denis Street (cafés and restaurants galore)
 - L’Université de Québec à Montréal (UQAM)
 - Grande Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec
 - **HINT:** It is approximately a 15 minute walk from this stop to the Quartier des Spectacles (Festival Quarter) stop near Place des Arts

- **6 - Festival Quarter: (★★★, interest dependent)**
 - Montréal’s cultural heart, with Place des Arts at the centre, in the summer months this area is host to many festivals including the Montreal Jazz Festival, and the Just for Laughs Festival. Street exhibits change annually, but often include “outdoor singing swings”, and temporary art exhibits. The stop is located at the end of the “Promenade des Artistes”, which is worthwhile to take in. Just for fun, each “event vitrine” (the glass structures) has an artistic code for you to solve. The key can be found on Vitrine 0, which lets you decipher the word encoded on each of the others.
 - **HINT:** It is about a 20 minute walk north from this stop to the McGill residences, and a 10 minute walk west to the downtown core.

- **7 - Fine Arts Museum (Western Downtown): (★★★★, 2 hours)**
 - This is a good stop if you wish to explore the western end of downtown. It is approximately a 15 minute walk to the Bell Centre, or a 10 minute walk back to Stop #1 (where the loop to the Olympic Stadium Begins)
 - Attractions include:
 - Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
 - Crescent Street
 - Shopping
 - Concordia University
 - **HINT:** Get ready to take a picture of [“The Sun”](#) from the top of the bus. The Sun is a centrepiece of the outdoor sculpture garden on the steps of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts created by [Dale Chihuly](#).

- **8- Saint Joseph’s Oratory (★★★, interest dependent):**
 - [St. Joseph’s](#) is Canada’s largest Church on immense groomed grounds. The Oratory is an architectural wonder. If you walk up the 300 steps to the upper deck of the Oratory (or pay to take the elevator), you will be treated to a spectacular view of the city facing West. If you do get off the bus, plan to spend an hour exploring the grounds.

- **9 - Mont-Royal: Kondiaronk Lookout (★★★★★, 1 hour)**
 - The most famous view of Montreal, from the Kondiaronk Lookout, can be found a short walk from this stop (signage is excellent - head for Chalet Mont Royal). Participants are strongly encouraged to spend some time at this site whether to walk the trails, enjoy nature or simply to take in the views.
 - Attractions include:
 - [Chalet Mont Royal and Kondiaronk lookout](#)
 - [Beaver Lake](#)
 - [La Croix](#) (the base of the Cross that can be viewed throughout Montreal at night)
 - [The Police Stables](#)
 - [Maison Smith](#)
 - **HINT:** The stairs found on the east side of the Chalet Mont Royal will bring you to a set of trails that take you back to the McGill Upper Residences. If you walk back, be sure to follow the signs towards Parc Avenue and stay on Olmsted Road. A map of the mountain trails was provided to you in your welcome kit.
 - **Did you know?:** The man who designed Mount Royal Park, also designed Central Park in New York. The longest path through the park is named after him, Frederick Law Olmsted

- **10 - Mont-Royal: Camillien Houde Lookout (★★★★★, 5 minutes):**
 - This is another famous lookout over Montreal. The best picture taking of the view is from the top of the bus! The bus will generally wait for the time it will take you to get the shots you desire. There are no other attractions in the area as it's cornered between the busy roadway through the mountain, and Mount Royal park

- **11 - McGill Residences (Home!)**
 - This is a special stop that has been included in this loop. If at any time you wish to stop by the residences, this would be the stop to do it.
 - During the day, McConnell Arena will be transformed into a Sugar Shack for your dinner and evening entertainment! The Sugar Shack will begin at 6:00pm

- **Back to #1.** During the day, the loop will continue back to Stop #1, Dorchester Square.

- **Additional Bus Loop: Olympic Village, Espace Pour la Vie**
 - There will be a bus loop from Dorchester Square (Stop #1) to the Olympic Village.
 - Attractions:
 - [Espace pour la vie \(note: additional charges will apply\):](#)
 - Biodome
 - Insectarium
 - Rio Tinto Planetarium
 - Botanical Gardens
 - [Olympic Village:](#)
 - The Olympic Stadium Tower
 - Walk the grounds of the site of the 1976 Olympics
 - For a longer description of the above attractions, please click here: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0t1xz5cVNCiQ2dMTHplcXNUVEE>
 - HINT: We have negotiated discounted rates with all of the above attractions. Details on how to access the preferential rates will be provided in the registration system. To preview them, please click on this [link](#). PS: The view from the Olympic Stadium Tower is magnificent.