

FUN FACTS

Did you know?



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.**



JOHN LENNON and **YOKO ONO** held their legendary **Bed-In for Peace**

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!



What others call “pastrami”, we call **smoked meat** (By the way, our smoked meat sandwiches **are to die for!**)

80 / languages

In total, 80 languages are spoken in the Montréal region, including French, English, Italian, Spanish, Arabic, Greek, Chinese, German, Portuguese, Creole and Vietnamese.



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.



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*.



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.



According to die-hard foodies, nothing beats a **Montréal bagel**. The secret to its baked perfection? Wood stove, eggs in the dough and a steady hand in the kitchen.

/ tango

With the highest number of tango dancers and dance halls on the continent, **Montréal is the tango capital of North America.**

/ Underground city

Our “underground city” has over **33 km (20.5 miles) of pedestrian walkways, indoor areas and tunnels linking 10 subway stations, 2 train stations and 2 bus termini, 18 skyscrapers, 10 major hotels, 2,000 businesses, 265 restaurants, numerous cinemas and exhibition halls, and more than 10 000 parking areas.**





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.

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YOUR STARTER KIT TO THE LOCAL LINGO

IF YOU WANT TO SAY...

Hello

Goodbye

Please

Thank you

See you soon

THE FRENCH VERSION

Bonjour

[Pronounced: Bo-JOUR]

Au revoir

[Pronounced: oh-rev-WARR]

S'il-vous-plaît

[Pronounced: see-voo-PLAY]

Merci

[Pronounced: mare-SEE]

À la prochaine

[Pronounced: a-la-pruh-SHENN]

IF SOMEONE ASKS YOU:

Pour quel événement êtes-vous à Montréal?

(What brings you to Montréal?)

D'où venez-vous?

(Where are you from?)

Voulez-vous...?

(Would you like...?)

/ ... un café au lait?

(a coffee with milk?)

/ ... goûter la poutine?

(to try some poutine?)

/ ... une table sur la terrasse?

(a table on the patio?)

/ ... un verre de vin?

(a glass of wine?)

YOU SHOULD ANSWER:

The name of the event you are in Montréal for

The name of the city or country you are from.

Oui, s'il vous plaît!

Oui, s'il vous plaît!

Oui, s'il vous plaît!

Oui, s'il vous plaît!

[Pronounced: Wee, see voo play!]