

AJBM'S TOP 10 Things you cannot miss when in Montreal

1. See Old Montreal and the Old Port;
2. Have a world class bagel at Fairmount Bagel (74 Fairmount W);
3. Have a stroll on Mount-Royal Mountain;
4. Eat a smoked meat sandwich at Schwartz's (3895 St-Laurent);
5. Shop on Ste-Catherine Street or St-Denis Street;
6. Have an afternoon drink at Club 737 with a stunning view of the city (1 Place Ville-Marie);
7. Take your kids to the Biodome and Insectarium;
8. Look cool and eat well at Globe (3455 St-Laurent) or have a perfect steak at Moishe's Steak House (3961 St-Laurent);
9. Dance 'til closing time (3 PM) at the Jet, the Tokyo or the Rouge;
10. Continue dancing (afterhours) until the sun rises at the Circus or the Stereo.

Jay Ray's TOP 10 (11) Favorite Things About Montreal and Quebec

1. Tour the the Basilique de Notre Dame, a beautiful European style cathedral. Don't miss the smaller chapel behind the main cathedral.
2. Walking the cobblestone streets of Old Montreal admiring the architecture, culture and cuisine.
3. Sitting back and just listening to people speak French and wishing I knew what they were saying about me.
4. Taking the train to Quebec City and touring the historic walled part of the city.
5. Touring the Fairmont Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City and walking along the Terrasse on the bluffs overlooking the St. Lawrence River (also a great vantage point from the Citadelle, where the tour is also good).
6. Touring the Parc de la Chute-Montmorency with its amazing waterfalls just North of Quebec City.
7. Touring the Chalet and overlook on top of Mont-Royal in Montreal, which you will have an opportunity to do at the Friday social event.
8. Listening to locals complain about their Olympic Stadium and its retractable roof that never really worked but cost a fortune.
9. Enjoying the rich and diverse cuisine, especially the poutine after a very late night dancing with friends at the various nightclubs. FYI, poutine, which is french fries with cheese and gravy, is like a 3 or 4 a.m. Whataburger for a Texan.

10. The amazing people of the Young Bar Association of Montreal and all the wonderful friends I have made in my prior trips there.

11. Finally, and certainly, not least: their custom of having the ladies kiss you on both cheeks when greeting you. It may be vain and ridiculous to like this, but I am only human.