

# LIVING IN MONTREAL

A HANDY GUIDE TO WORK AT  MONTREAL



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## INTRO

We would like to thank you for your interest in EA. We know working in another country can be a challenge, but it can also be a unique opportunity to get to know a new place, culture, and people and have a great amount of new experiences. This guide has useful information about various topics that should answer many of your questions, but feel free to contact your recruiter to address any questions or concerns you may have.



## COST OF LIVING

We imagine that you are wondering if your income will be enough to get by in Montreal. The good news is that Montreal is relatively inexpensive from a cost of living point of view when compared to other North American cities. Below you can find some examples of regular consumption products along with their average prices in the city.



Lunch: \$5.00 – 12.00



Cup of coffee: \$1.50 - \$5.00



1 pint of beer (bar): \$3.00–7.00



Drink (bar): \$8.00



Milk (1 L): \$2.50



Beefsteak (1lbs): \$5.00-10.00



Bread loaf: \$3.00



Pasta (packet): 2.00



Bag of chips: \$3.00



Roasted chicken: \$8.50-\$10.00



Can of Coke: \$1.00



Chocolate bar: \$1.50



Gyms \$35.00 –\$100.00



Movie ticket: \$8.50



Amusement Park: \$25.00 - \$35.00



## FINDING ACCOMODATIONS

It is highly recommended to start your house hunting and checking out all other amenities over the internet. Below you can find some websites that could prove useful in your search.

### USEFUL LINKS

[City information](#)  
[Immigration Quebec](#)  
[Quebec Health System](#)  
[French language courses](#)  
[Bonjour Quebec](#)  
[Canadian Permanent Residency](#)  
[Montreal Tourism](#)  
[Made in Montreal](#)

### HOUSING

[www.padmapper.com](#)  
[www.lespac.com](#)  
[www.craigslist.org](#)  
[www.montreal.kijiji.ca](#)  
[www.cerchetrouve.ca](#)  
[www.cyberpresse.ca](#)  
[www.realtor.ca/](#)  
[www.appartalouer.com/](#)

#### Telephone

[www.bell.ca](#)  
[www.rogers.com](#)  
[www.telusmobilite.com](#)  
[www.videotron.ca](#)

#### Internet

[www.bell.ca](#)  
[www.distributel.net](#)  
[www.primustel.ca](#)  
[www.telusquebec.com](#)  
[www.videotron.ca](#)

#### Energy

[www.hydroquebec.com](#)  
[www.gazmet.com](#)

### FAMILY RESOURCES

[Quebec Schools](#)  
[English School Board](#)  
[Childcare](#)  
[Montreal Families](#)  
[Montreal Health Care Services](#)

### PETS

[Pet Adoption - SPCA](#)  
[Veterinary Listings](#)  
[Groomer Listings](#)  
[Pet Sitting Listings](#)



# MONTREAL BY DISTRICTS

## Beaconsfield

· Elegant residential community lying on the shores of Lac Saint-Louis between Pointe-Claire and Baie d'Urfé.

## Montréal-Ouest

· Small residential area that borders the western portion of the City of Montréal (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce).

## LaSalle

· One of the most densely populated municipalities in the Communauté Métropolitaine de Montréal.

## Saint-Laurent

· Located north of the intersection of Autoroute 40 and boulevard Décarie, this community is the home of one of the two campuses of the Technoparc de Montréal.

## Westmount

· One of Canada's foremost residential communities, covers the southern slope of Mont-Royal, not far from downtown Montréal.

## Rosemont/Petite-Patrie

· Bounded on the south by rue Sherbrooke and the north by the Villeray/Saint-Michel/Parc Extension district and the City of Saint-Léonard, Rosemont/Petite-Patrie is the home of the Montréal Botanical Garden, and the Olympic Park .

## Outremont

· The residential neighbourhood of the business and professional communities, extends attractively along the eastern slope of Mont-Royal residents.

## Rivière-Des-Prairies/Pointe-aux-Trembles

· The area's population has grown rapidly in recent years and it has attracted many young families.

## Ville Marie

· Located in the centre of the city of Montreal. Many of Montreal's most famous attractions are located here. Our studio is in this borough.

## Plateau Mont-Royal

· Located north-east of downtown Montréal, this district is one of the oldest residential zones in the city.



## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

There are plenty of options to get around Montreal, the most popular of which are the Metro, bus and/or Bixi bikes.

### METRO AND BUSES

The Montreal metro is the city's subway network. The metro and bus run daily between 06:00am and 01:30am.

  More info @ <http://www.stm.info/en>

### BIXI

The Bixi bikes system was launched in May 2009 and currently has 5,000 bicycles and 400 stations situated around the city. Bixi marked its one-millionth ride on October 26, 2009.

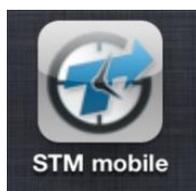
  More info on the company please visit @ <https://bixi.com/ride-with-bixi/functioning>

## PRICING INFO

TICKET TYPE	SUBWAY/BUS	BIXI	NOTES 
<b>Regular tickets</b>			
One-way ticket	\$3.00	\$5.00	If you need to take more than once bus, please be sure to get a receipt so as to not have to pay again for the bus.
10 trips	\$24.00	N/A	
<b>Monthly passes</b>			
Youth (students)	\$43.75	\$31.25	These prices are valid as of May 2013.
Adult	\$75.50	\$31.25	

## APPS FOR CITY SURVIVAL

Here are a few apps that should make your life easier when getting around!



## METRO/BUS CARD – OPUS & Cie

When using public transportation (Metro or Bus), it is mandatory to get an OPUS card. EA offers a corporate discount to its employees.



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## CULTURE & FUN



### NIGHTLIFE

Montreal is one of North America's liveliest cities, a city that never sleeps! Montreal's nightlife has something for everyone from the [Montreal Casino](#), to [Montreal Restaurants](#), or [Clubs, pubs or bars](#).



### MUSEUMS

Montreal has plenty of museums or educational spots to visit which includes, but is not limited to, the [Museum of Fine Arts](#), [Museum of Modern Art](#), [Place des Arts](#), or the [Montreal Science Center](#).



### MONTREAL IN AND AROUND

Montreal is a lively city year round! In winter, check out [Igloufest](#), [Montreal High Lights Festival](#), [Skating](#), [Winter Festival](#), [Sugar Shacks](#). In summer, [International Jazz Festival](#), [Just for Laughs](#), [Electronic Picnic](#), [Zoofest](#), [African Nights](#), [Oshega](#), [FrancoFolies](#), [Montreal Circus](#), [Fashion and Design Festival](#), [International Fireworks](#). For those of you with an adventurous spirit – you might also want to try [St. Laurent Jet Boating](#), [Diving](#), [Kayaking](#), [Hot Air Ballooning](#), [Skyventure](#), [Go Ski](#).

You could also travel to other parts of Quebec that aren't too far away including [Quebec City](#), [Mt. Tremblant](#) or even [Saint Sauveur](#)!

You may also be interested in checking out other provinces in Canada. What better way than hiking or camping at some of [Canada's National Parks](#)?



## SPORTS AND OUTDOORS

Besides the different outdoor activities or sports teams you can join in on when working at EA, Montreal offers many possibilities.

### SPORTS TEAMS

Sports in Montreal play a major role in the city's history. Montreal is best known for being home to the Montreal [Canadiens](#) of the National Hockey League. In addition to this, Montreal currently has several professional teams including the Montreal [Alouettes](#) of the Canadian Football League and the Montreal [Impact](#) of Major League Soccer

### HOCKEY

Montrealers, much like most Canadians, are especially affectionate about Hockey during the colder winter months. The team the "Montreal Canadiens" also referred to as "the Habs" have a big following. It is always a fun event to go to the Bell centre to see them play. One fun fact about the team is that they have won the Stanley cup more than any other franchise.

### GRAND PRIX

Grand Prix Montreal is not just about the race, it's about a whole city coming alive with excitement! People arrive to Montreal from every part of the globe with one common objective – to get the most out of their 72 hours.

### PARKS

Montreal's natural assets – its mountain, river and bounty of beautiful parks – provide outstanding spaces for outdoor activities and soft adventures that are both thrilling and safe. Hiking and snowshoeing on [Mount Royal](#) as well as in-line skating and ice-skating at the Old Port provide visitors and locals alike with an opportunity to enjoy the city's unique urban and rural mix. [Parc La Fontaine](#) may be worth a trip as they offer several recreational sports areas.

### WATER ACTIVITIES

Since Montreal is an island, water activities are a big draw. The Lachine rapids attract fearless kayaking, surfing and jet boating fans. Less adventurous water lovers may prefer the Old Port's new urban beach (although no bathing is allowed) or Ile Sainte-Helene and Ile Notre-Dame, islands that offer specular views of the city and its rivers.





## MONTREAL HOTSPOTS



### Biodome

The Biodome building houses five ecosystems - mimicking climate and landscape - through which visitors may stroll at leisure.



### Botanical Gardens

Located near Olympic Park, Montreal's huge botanical garden contains over 20,000 different plant species in 31 specialized gardens.



### LACHINE CANAL

No longer used as a means of transportation, this canal now serves as a recreation area with hiking and biking trails.



### OLD MONTREAL

Vieux-Montréal is one of the most beautiful, well-preserved vibrant "old towns" this side of Europe.



### ST-CATHERINE STREET

On this street you will find tons of shopping, restaurants and great night life spots.



### La Ronde – Six Flags

White-knuckle fans will love the spectacular "Manitou" or "Vertigo," two of many thrill rides at Canadian Six Flags.

## MONTREAL CUISINE

The [Montreal Restaurant](#) scene is heavily influenced by French and European styled cuisine, giving the city a very diverse palate of gastronomy.

When in Quebec, you must try the world renowned Poutine. Rest assured, this tasty dish, albeit not the healthiest treat, is just one among many – Montreal has many one-of-a-kind restaurants with unique menus; Quebec is not all about those greasy spoon restaurants! Montreal is recorded as having the highest number of restaurants per capita in Canada, second in North America to New York City.

Montreal's vast [Guide](#) of restaurants was actually the focus of the 2006 Gourmet Magazine March issue.

If you're looking for a unique dining experience, you should check out [Au Pied de Cochon](#), [Queue de Cheval](#), [Le Bremner](#), [Garde Manger](#) or even [L'Aromate](#).

Montreal is also well known for its vast selection of delicious wines. In fact, a big tourist attraction includes the [Wine Route](#), a route in the eastern townships with eighteen well established vineyards of the region.



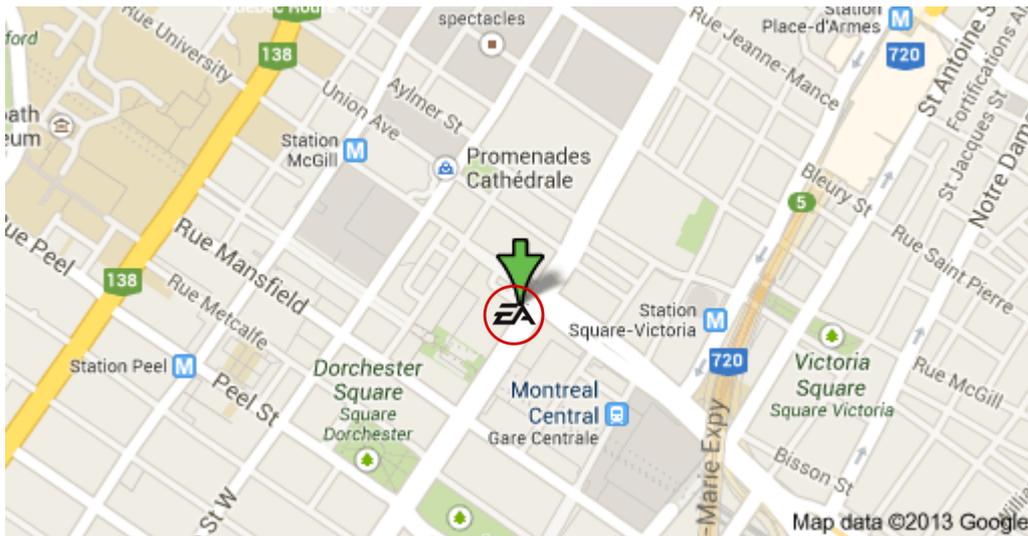
*Bon Appetite!*



## WELCOME TO EA

EA's Montreal location is a highly successful operation in the EA network of studios. Creating titles based on established EA franchises, the teams in Montreal produce a range of titles for multiple platforms and genres. The EA Montreal location includes All Play, BioWare Montreal, EA Tech and Pogo.

Our office in Montreal is located in the Place Ville Marie complex (3 Place Ville Marie 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Montreal, QC, H3B5L6), in the heart of downtown Montreal. There are two metro stations, a train station and many bus lines close to the EA location.



### DRESS CODE POLICY

At EA, employees are encouraged to dress as they please.



### SPARE TIME

In the studio there are areas where you can play videogames, or just relax at lunch time or at the end of the day.



