

Visit Montreal – 5 Things You Will Love and Hate about Montreal, Canada

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Bonjour, good day, fellow travelers, Mark here with Wolter's World and we're in Montreal, Canada one of the coolest, most multicultural cities in the world.

A fantastic place to go and even fantastic places like Montreal. with amazing food and cool stuff to see, half of the things you're not going to like.

And that's why today we have for you the five things you're going to love and hate about visiting Montreal.

Now the first thing I want to talk about before we get into the 5 love and hates is the fact this is in Quebec and French is the de-facto language here, however, and that's in Quebec in general.

Here in Montreal though the signs will all be in French, they might have English but it will be in smaller text on your menus and stuff but French is a de-facto language but you can speak English here, no problem.

People here speak two, three, four languages, French, English, and something else, no problem.

So you won't have a problem with the French side, so that is not a hate for here, that's just kind of a cool multicultural thing.

Anyway, let's get to the hates, so the first thing you're not going to like about coming to Montreal is, guys, when the sun goes down and the tourists kind of thin out, it does get a little seedy here.

I know, we were walking around last night, yeah, we went to Chinatown, we went, you know, back to our hotel, kind of downtown.

We're down here in old Montreal and you get kind of this seedy feeling to it.

Yes, there are strip clubs and things like that, and that's not really that bad of a seediness, but the people on the street and things like that kind of really make it kind of seedy.

And though, you can really enjoy Montreal with your family at night, I would bring the family into the hotel, okay.

Or have the adults go out and I'll talk about the great nightlife later but just know it gets a little seedy at night in downtown Montreal.

And some of the reasons for that is number two, is you do have quite a few people that are partying here and there are a lot of, you know, drunks at night.

But also there is a homeless issue here in Montreal and you'll see them on some of the main streets, even in some of the tourist parts of town you will see them.

Most of time they will not cause you any problems, it's just once the tourists and the workers start, you know, to thin out, you have a lot more of it, when you notice them more, and it can give you kind of an uneasy feeling.

So, if you feel unsafe, go to the other side of the street or whatever, but just know that's a thing you might not like.

The third thing you might not like about coming to Montreal is this, it's also, this is a totally a personal thing is, there's a lot of pot that is smoked in this city.

Now it's not legal to have recreational pot, but medicinal marijuana is legal and it seems like a lot of people have medicinal reasons and we've been walking around town and even my, you know, my seven year olds, like, what's that smell?

It's all over the city.

You will bump into a lot of people on the street, in your hotel pools, smoking pot.

Up in Mount Royal you'll see that a lot and it's not a bad or a good thing it's just something you should be aware of if you are going around with your kids.

I know the hotel we were at, we were swimming in the pool, it was on the top floor outside and there was a mom there with her two kids and she was smoking up on the side of the pool.

I'm like, come on, so just know that there is a lot of pot smoked here, so just be prepared for that okay.

Now [that's something] ~~some non, you, know outdoor extracurricular activity things~~ that you might not like.

The fourth thing is Montreal is expensive, okay.

Canada, overall, is I feel more expensive than the US.

I mean not more than New York, but [it is] typical [of the] US and Montreal is no different.

But here I would say, you know, the three most expensive ones [cities in Canada are] ~~you know,~~ Vancouver, Toronto and here in Montreal and it is a pricey place to go.

The food is quite pricey, the hotels are quite pricey, however what's cool is the food here is fantastic so you don't mind spending the extra money for the food, but just know that it is not a vacation for your wallet when you do come to Montreal.

And the fifth thing you might not like, which is kind of funny, because I'll talk about the great nightlife and my loves, but at nighttime the streets kind of roll up.

The stores closed a little bit earlier, the malls kind of slowed down and closed up early during the evening.

So when you come out of the restaurants you have this seediness ~~but~~ [because] there's not even stores open, or too many stores open, I should say, that you can go into, okay.

So those are the five things you might not like about coming to Montreal.

A few other little things, you know parking downtown can be a pain and can be expensive so pay attention for that.

[There's] the wintertime, yes, it does get cold ,but they do a really good job of the snow removal so don't worry about that.

And of course it's a big city, so, you know, the people ~~are it's~~ [have] a big city attitude a lot of times, so there are those things.

But overall it is a very cool city to come visit.

So let's get into the things you're going to love.

The first thing you're going to love about Montreal, what I think is the coolest, is this is the most multicultural city you can find, not just in Canada, but I feel almost anywhere in North America or the Americas.

Because you have, yes, there is the French and there is the English because it is Canada but you have Brazilian, you have Italian, you have Chinese.

You can go to all these different parts of town, yeah, there is a Little Italy, there is a Chinatown and you get this whole multicultural feel in the city which gives it this vibe and it's not boring.

And that multiculturalism here really brings it out ~~and that's why it's you know~~

In Quebec City [on the other hand] you need to know some French.

Here you don't need to because there's so many international people and so many cultures here that it is really cool.

The second thing you're going to like about coming here is this is a very cosmopolitan city.

Okay, you've got skyscrapers, you've got fantastic museums, like the Museum of Fine Arts or Musée des beaux-arts, you know there's really cool museums here.

All kinds of stuff from the Olympics that were here in 76.

Out at the Olympic Stadium and out around there, [there is] the Insectarium, the Biodome, where they ~~redo~~ [replicate] some biospheres around the world.

I mean it's really cool, and all [there is] this cosmopolitan stuff which [you do not expect] ~~are not used to.~~

When you're coming up here, you're expecting Old-World stuff, no, it's a very cosmopolitan city, cosmopolitan people, food, all kinds of stuff.

The third thing you're going to love is the history of Montreal.

It's specifically walking around Old Montreal because you can go to the Basilica of Notre Dame, [it's a] beautiful church to go into, inside ~~with~~ [there is] stained glass and, and the pulpit there, it is just really cool.

Walking around here, we're at the Plaza Jacques Cartier you can ~~go~~ come here and see fantastic architecture, 19th century buildings, early 20th century skyscrapers all kinds of fantastic stuff.

And you go around and you see all these things, from the markets to the architecture and it is really cool just to wander you know, old town Montreal, the old port, go to the Science Museum all kinds of fantastic things.

The fourth thing you're going to love about coming to Montreal is the food.

Guys, they did bring the French culture here, and the language, but also the French desire for fantastic food and here what's cool is you have a variety of food.

Ok, you want Brazilian, you can have that, you want Chinese you can have that, you want Italian you can have that, you want Canadian we've got that for you too.

And what's cool is, it's all good, yes it's pricey, but the food here is fantastic and it really is a good foodie city.

I mean a lot of hipsters like to come here too because it's got this really cool vibe that's here, but, well, within that the food is probably the quintessential part of it so get out and eat, eat, eat.

Ghosts, our hotel here, doesn't have breakfast and I'm not upset at all because I get to go eat more of the fantastic food here.

And the fifth thing you're going to love about coming here is this, is the nightlife of Canada.

Montreal has the best clubs, the best bars, the best nightlife.

If you're looking for something extra they've got all kinds of craziness here.

And it's not just crazy stuff, they have fantastic theaters, operas, all kinds of amazing things here, amazing festivals you know, the Just for Laughs Comedy Festival, the International Jazz Festival.

Heck, they have a fireworks festival here in the summer you can check out.

And it's great, because there's so much to do.

You want to go see movies, yes, they're in French, also in English.

You can get it all here in Montreal and it's got fabulous nightlife.

And ~~know~~ [remember] what I said, it gets a little seedy at night, that's really what you need to worry about if you're here with kids.

If you're an adult here by yourself or with your spouse, your partner, or whatever they've got some cool stuff for you here.

And, really, I mean people come from all over Canada, actually all over the world, to see this city because [of] the nightlife and some of the fantastic things here, you know, like the city and the old town and all this great stuff.

And, heck, I didn't even get into talking about the nature, you know going to Mount Royal, or going over to the islands, or getting out of town, there's so much awesomeness here in Montreal that it really is worth your time to stop by.

If you want to know more, top 10, our top 10 things to do and see here in Montreal, five things you'll love and hate about Canada we have them all on our website at woltersworld.com.

But please, if you have any questions or comments or things you love and hate about Montreal please put it in the comments section below.

We hope, we always like to have, a little bit of other people's perspective.

So we hope you liked the video, see you later and au revoir, from Montreal, a really cool city here in Canada, bye.