

# Montreal

September  
2nd to 6th 2027

## **Presenters:**

Bruce Farr, Co-chair

Carolina Gomez-Lagerlöf, DH Con Services

Linda Deneroff, DDH WSFS

Catelynn Cunningham, Co-DH Member Services

Kate Wood, DH Events



# Thank you, fandom!

We're grateful for your trust and endorsement for Montréal to host the 2027 Worldcon.



# The Bid

**Bruce Farr**

Co-chair

**Darin Briskman**

Co-chair

**Angela Jones**

Vice-chair

**Sponsoring Organization**

***canSMOF***

A Canadian Not-for-  
Profit Corporation

## **Bid Members**

Joni Brill Dashoff

Todd Dashoff

Linda Deneroff

Rebecca Downey

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Carl Fink

Terry Fong

John Harold

Alexia Hebel

Diane Lacey

Linda Ross-Mansfield

Albert Sousa

Steven Staton

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# Membership Rates

(in Canadian \$, about \$.74 per USD)

(in Swedish Krona, about 6.8 per USD)

\$250 Full including WSFS

\$200 YA including WSFS (18-30)

\$90 Teen (12-17) (WSFS Optional \$70)

\$45 Child (8-12) (WSFS Optional \$70)

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WSFS \$70

Memberships #: 395 attending, 497 WSFS only



Joe Shuster born in Toronto



# Tenets for Montréal

Canadian content! What authors, scientists, fans, and others have brought to speculative fiction.

Enhance and expand the legacy of Worldcon. Reach out to expand our community and to find ways to assist future Worldcons.

Fun! Montréal is one of the world's great and fun cities.



# GOH: Jeph Jacques



Jeph Jacques is the creator of the hit long-running webcomic QUESTIONABLE CONTENT, as well as completed webcomic ALICE GROVE. He lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia with his wife, his dog, and too many guitars.

# GOH: Chris M. Barkley



In June 1976, Chris M. Barkley accidentally found sf fandom on the last page of an issue of Analog SF.

He has since attended and/or volunteered his time at hundreds of sf&f conventions, including thirty-four Worldcons. From 1999 - 2019, he promoted efforts to modernize Hugo Award categories at the WSFS Business Meeting.

Since 1997, he has written columns, essays, reviews and served as a news editor for Mike Glycer's [File770.com](https://www.file770.com). He was a Hugo Award finalist in the Best Fan Writer category in 2022 and won in the same category in Chengdu, China, in 2023.

# GOH: Yves Meynard



Yves Meynard has been publishing stories in both French and English since the late eighties. He has twenty-four books and over sixty short stories under his belt. Tor Books published his fantasy novels *The Book of Knights* and *Chrysanthe*.

His writing has netted him sixteen Boreal and Aurora awards, as well as the Grand Prix de la Science-Fiction et du Fantastique Québécois. He has acted as anthologist for several books, translated stories into French and English, and was fiction editor for *Solaris* from 1994 to 2001. Having retired from software development, he now devotes his time to writing stories.



# GOH: Jo Walton



Jo Walton is the Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy award-winning author of fifteen novels. A sixteenth, *Everybody's Perfect*, will be out in 2026. She has also written lots of poetry, and a collection of short stories, *Starlings*. She has published two collections of her essays about sf, and *Trace Elements* (with Ada Palmer) is due 2026.

She grew up in Wales, but now divides her time between Florence and Montreal, where she does programme for the convention Scintillation. She reads a lot and posts her reading lists on ReacTor. Her plan is to live to be ninety-nine and write a book every year.

# Montréal 2027 Worldcon Leadership





# LEADERSHIP TEAM

Co-Chairs

Bruce Farr

Darin Briskman

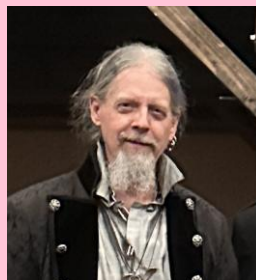


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# Leadership

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DH Tech



Diane Lacey,  
DH Exhibits

Kate Wood,  
DH Events



Linda Deneroff,  
DDH WSFS



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Joni Brill Dashoff,  
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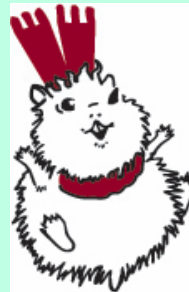
# Leadership



Sean McCoy,  
DH Facilities



Catelynn Cunningham,  
Co-DH Member  
Services



Alexia Hebel,  
DH Finance &  
Executive  
Committee



Carl Fink,  
DH Programme



# Help Wanted

Online Operations DH  
Logistics AH Pre, Post-Con  
Hugo Ceremony AH  
Art Show AH  
MIMO AH  
Programme Ideas Team  
Programme Guide  
Programme Development  
Programme Book

Hugo Packet  
Website Techs  
Onsite Volunteers AH  
Con Suite AH  
Staff Den AH  
Signage AH  
Concerts  
Opening & Closing Ceremonies



*Full committee list in Questionnaire packet including openings*

# Current Projects

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Here are a few of the many things in progress:

- Finishing contract with HQ/Party Hotel Westin for better FnB rates
- Finishing contract with Palais des congrès with better deposit schedule
- Updating and expanding 2027 website (should be out shortly after SMOFCon)
- Starting Timeline and Budget process
- Francophone committee recruitment
- Possibly adding up to three more Guests of Honour
- Recruiting, recruiting...



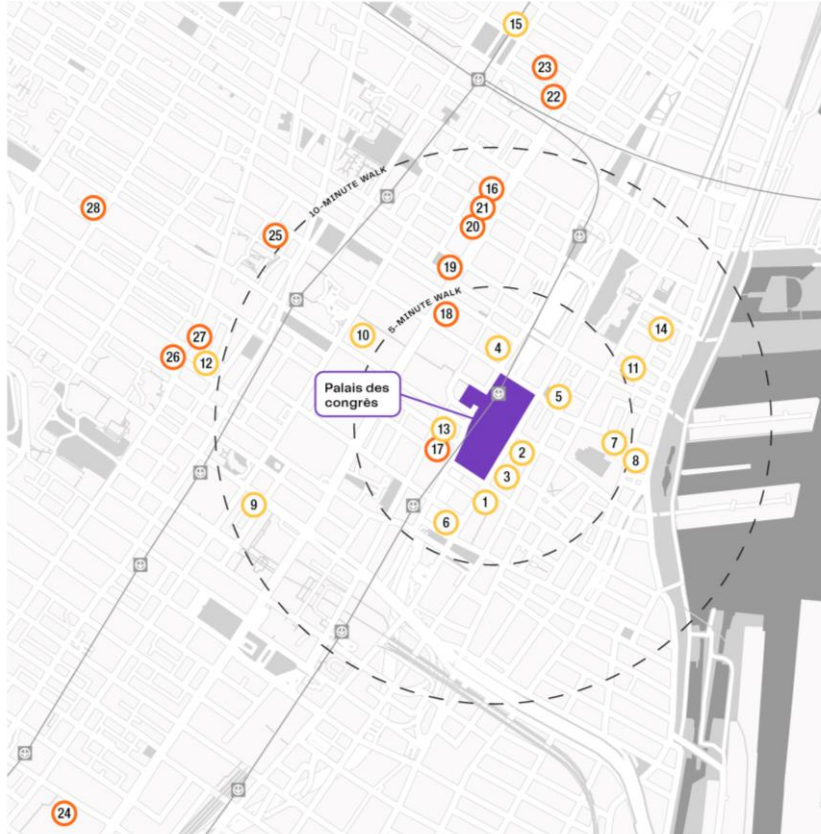
# Accommodations



# Hotel Housing Options

→ **FOUR STAR HOTELS**

→ **THREE STAR HOTELS**



## Hotels

- 1 Hotel InterContinental Montréal\*
- 2 Embassy Suites Montréal
- 3 Westin Montréal\*
- 4 Holiday Inn Montréal Downtown
- 5 Le Place d'Armes Hotel & Suites
- 6 W Montréal\*
- 7 Le Saint-Sulpice
- 8 Hotel Nelligan
- 9 Marriott Renaissance
- 10 Hyatt Regency\*
- 11 Marriott SpringHill Suites
- 12 Delta Montréal
- 13 Hotel Monville
- 14 Hotel William-Gray
- 15 Hotel Gouverneur Montréal

## Hotels

- 16 Hotel Chrome
- 17 Hotel Dauphin Montréal
- 18 Hotel Travelodge Montréal
- 19 Hotel Zero 1
- 20 Hotel Faubourg
- 21 Candlewood Suites
- 22 Hotel Le Roberval
- 23 Hotel Les Suites Labelle
- 24 Grey Nuns Residence - Concordia University
- 25 UQAM Residences West
- 26 Carrefour Sherbrooke - McGill University
- 27 La Citadelle Residence - McGill University
- 28 New Residence Hall - McGill University
- 29 Traditional Residences - McGill University



**Rates already contracted with Hotels**

Four Star	US\$289 / night
Three Star	US\$181 / night



# Palais des congrès de Montréal

- More than 40 years of experience hosting prestigious international congresses
- AIPC International Gold Quality Standards Certified
- Finalist – APEX Award in Recognition of the Highest Client Rating
- State-of-the-art modern facility with 47,265 sq. m (508,756 sq. ft.) of flexible space adaptable to all your genius ideas
- Human-scale building, easy to navigate, fully accessible
- Even better than when Anticipation was held here in 2009



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# Palais des congrès – Level 1

- Street Level – Commercial Gallery
- Access to the Subway station -Métro
- 15,000 commuters per day
- A convenience store
- A rental car company
- A post office
- An immersive experience
- A variety of restaurants...



# Palais des congrès – Level 2

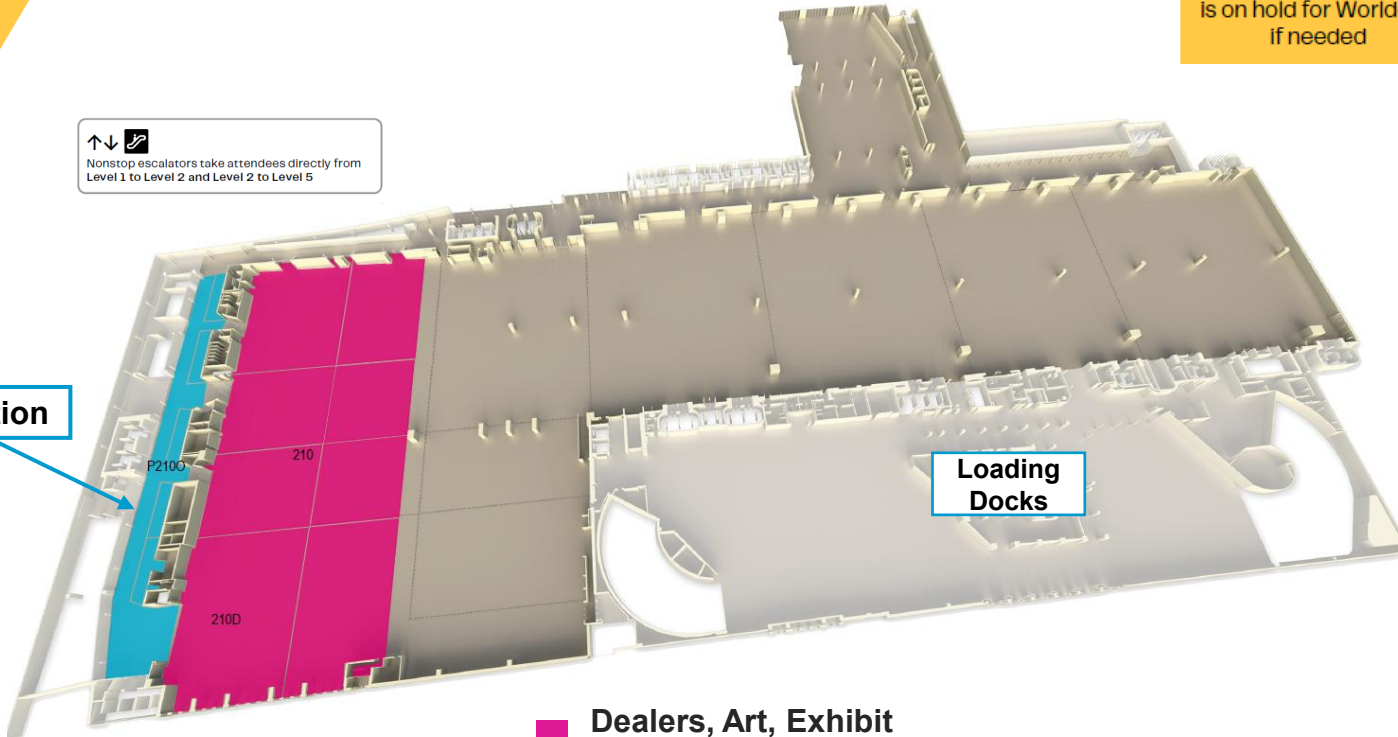


Additional space  
is on hold for Worldcon  
if needed



Nonstop escalators take attendees directly from  
Level 1 to Level 2 and Level 2 to Level 5

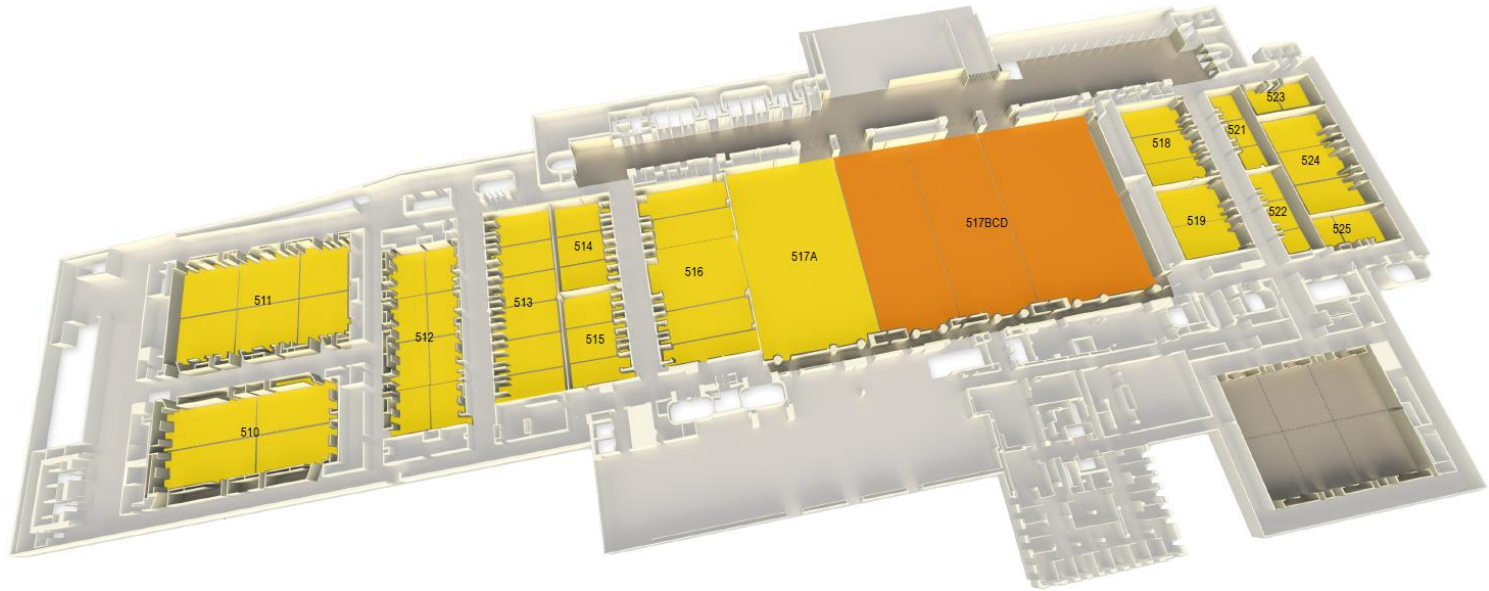
Registration



**Dealers, Art, Exhibit**

4,644 sq. m / 50,228 sq. ft.

# Palais des congrès – Level 5



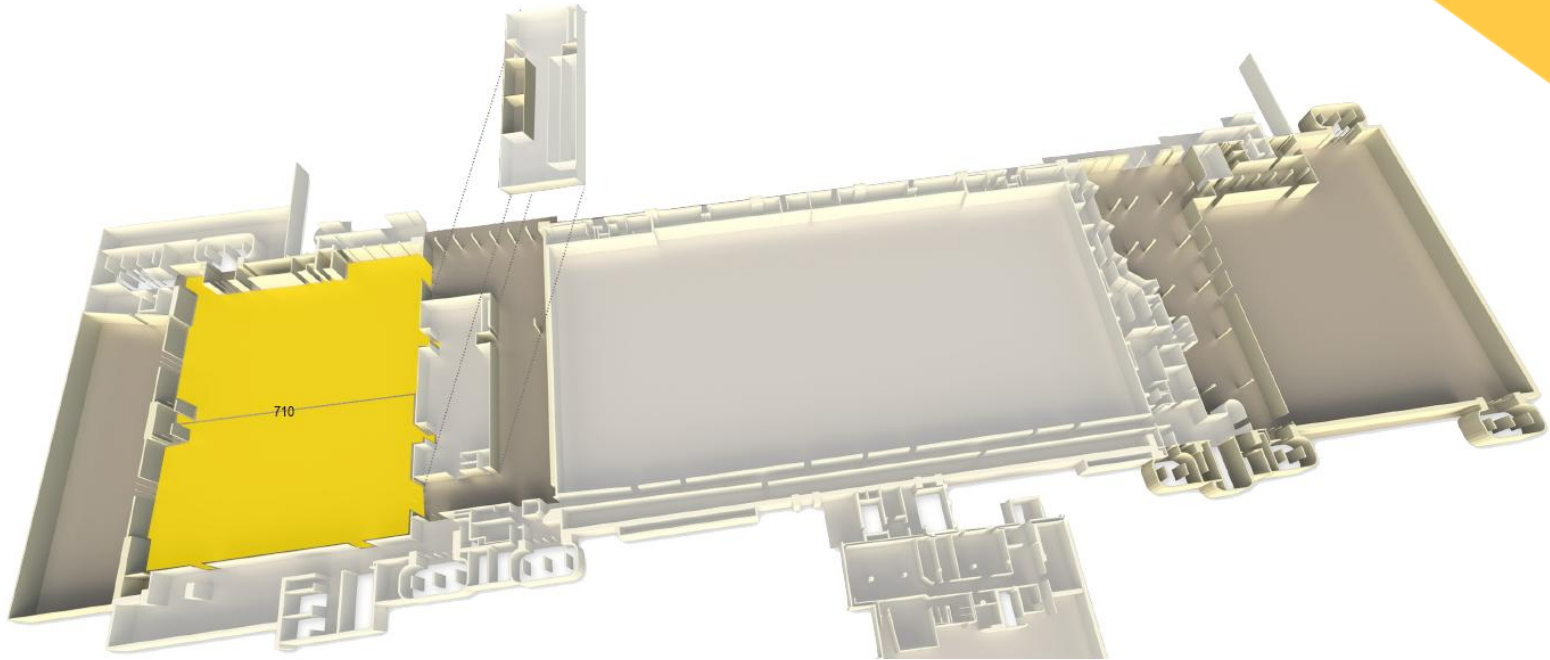
 **Masquerade, Hugo Awards & Closing**

Up to **3,600** people in theatre style

 **Seminar Rooms**

**47** rooms ranging from  
50 to 1,300 people in theatre style

# Palais des congrès – Level 7



- **Seminar Rooms**  
2 rooms of 1,000 people in theatre style



# Montréal



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#1 in the Americas for hosting international  
association events  
UIA Rankings 2011 to 2015, 2017 to 2023

#1 in North America for hosting the largest  
number of conferences organized by international associations  
ICCA Rankings 2011 to 2013, 2015 to 2019, 2021 to 2024

# Canada at a glance

- Second largest country in the world, with a population of 42 million people
- Canada has 2 official languages and is one of the most multicultural countries in the world with equal opportunities for all nationalities, religions, and genders
- Canada is second among G7 countries in terms of political stability (*The Global Economy*) and ranks as one of the strongest democracies in the world
- With 70% of the world's supply, Canadians love maple syrup!



# Montréal is.....

## The French Door to North America

- 74 km/46 miles away from the US border
- Population of Greater Montréal: 4.3 million
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in Canada
- 9<sup>th</sup> largest city in North America
- More than 140 languages spoken





# Travel



Accessible.  
Efficient.  
Connected.  
Safe.



**YUL** Montréal-Trudeau  
International  
Airport

**20** minutes  
from the airport  
to the Palais des  
congrès and the  
city centre

**22.4** million  
passengers in 2024

**157**  
destinations  
served by  
direct flights  
including:

→ 87 international  
→ 32 U.S.  
→ 38 domestic

**36**  
passenger carriers  
(regular or seasonal flights)

Réseau  
express  
métropolitain



## LIGHT RAIL NETWORK

direct and fast transportation from the  
city's downtown and the Palais to the  
Montréal-Trudeau International Airport

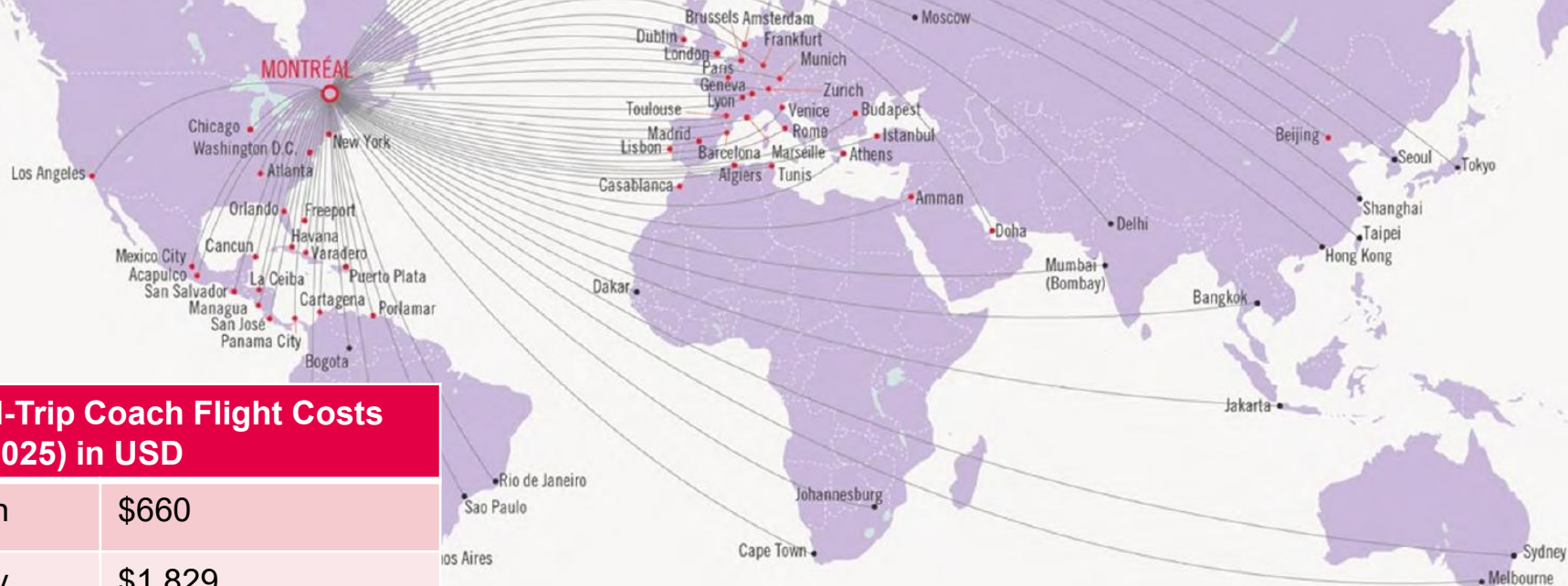
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# International flights



## Round-Trip Coach Flight Costs (Aug 2025) in USD

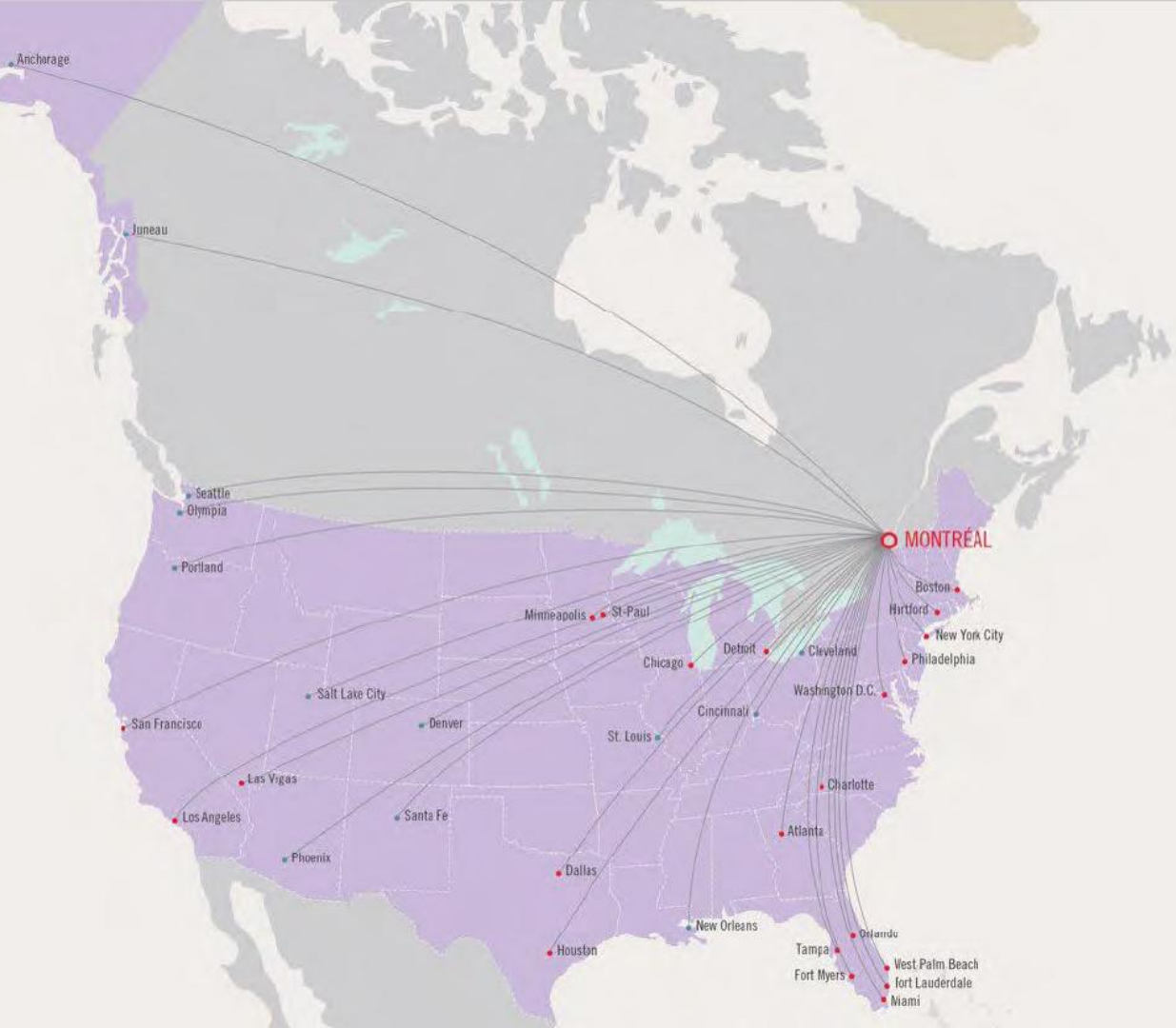
London	\$660
Sydney	\$1,829
Tokyo	\$1,458



# U.S. flights

## Round-Trip Coach Flight Costs (Aug 2025) in USD

New York	\$407
Seattle	\$436
Boston	\$577
Washington/ Baltimore	\$456
Chicago	\$419
Los Angeles	\$445



# Driving distance from major NE and MW cities

City, State	Distance	Estimated driving time
Boston, MA	496 km / 308 mi	5 hours
New York City, NY	610 km / 379 mi	6 hours
Buffalo, NY	612 km / 380 mi	6 hours 40 minutes
Philadelphia, PA	740 km / 460 mi	7 hours 15 minutes
Detroit, MI	906 km / 563 mi	9 hours 30 minutes
Pittsburgh, PA	972 km / 604 mi	9 hours 30 minutes
Washington D.C.	940 km / 584 mi	9 hours 45 minutes
Cleveland, OH	937 km / 582 mi	11 hours 40 minutes
Chicago, IL	1,368 km / 850 mi	13 hours

# Universal Accessibility

Photo credit

Left: Place des Festivals © Michel Julien

Right: La Grande Roue © TQ G Leroyer

- **Explore Montréal without limits**—accessible stays, sights, and rides for every traveler.
- The Palais received the “**Total Access**” accessibility rating from **Kéroul**, a Québec organization dedicated to promoting tourism and culture for people with physical disabilities.
- The building was brought up to current legal requirements and building codes, including the specifics of the **American Disability Act**.



# Multicultural, Inclusive and Open-Minded

- International: North American city where you feel right at home
- Montrealers: Friendly, warm, inclusive, make you feel at ease
- Bilingual and multicultural
- +120 cultural communities and +140 languages





# Gastronomy

- Discover Montréal's **Michelin-starred restaurants** in one of the world's top culinary destinations
- Diverse and **affordable** gastronomic offering influenced by Montréal's multiculturalism
- Montréal has **flavours** to tickle your taste buds
- **5,300 restaurants** offering some 80 different types of regional and international cuisines



# Attractions



Space for Life - Planetarium



Old Montréal



Mount Royal Park



Notre-Dame Basilica



Museum of Fine Arts



Waterfront: Old Port



Montréal Science Centre



La Grande Roue

# Festivals, Events, & Montréal's Nightlife

→ AURA Show

→ World Press Photo

→ Palomosa Festival

→ Piknic Electronik

→ Art Pop Festival

→ And Worldcon!

→ Month of the event



Septembre

21° C / 69.8° F

Average Temperature





# The Venue: Palais des congrès

The image shows the interior of the Palais des congrès de Montréal. The space is characterized by its vibrant, multi-colored glass walls and columns, which create a rainbow-like effect. A wide staircase with a glass railing is visible on the right side. The floor is covered with a colorful, patterned carpet. An orange triangle is overlaid on the left side of the image, partially obscuring the view of the atrium.

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# A convenient downtown location at the crossroads of vibrant districts

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MAJOR DISTRICTS

5,300

RESTAURANTS

- Compact City and Safe, Day and Night
- Bike and Subway
- Friendly Environment
- Attractions and Festivals
- Free Public Wi-Fi Network Downtown



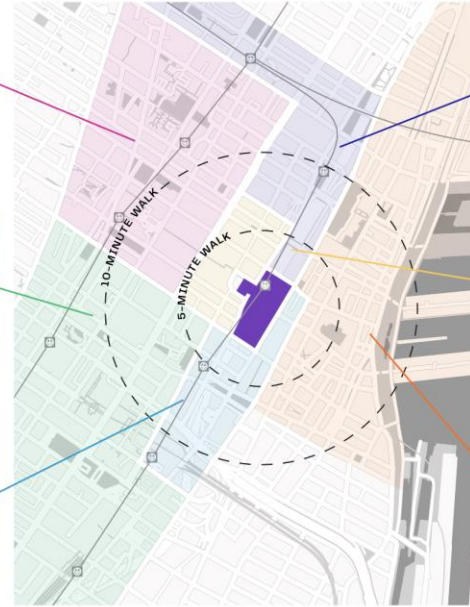
Entertainment District



Business District



International Quarter



Health District



Chinatown

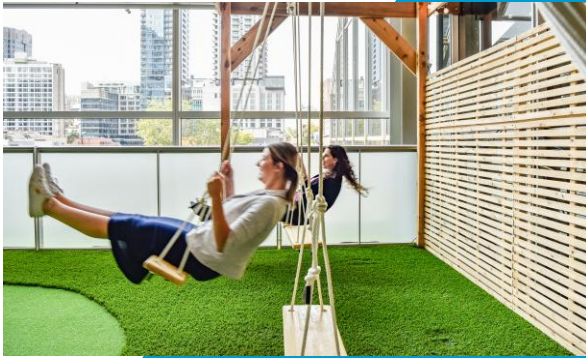


Old Montréal

# Lively Public Spaces



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# Questions

