

A: YES B: NO

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| 1 | Visitors can enjoy free entertainment on the streets of the old city centre. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2 | It is possible to visit the Old Port by car. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3 | Mount Royal Park is situated on the edge of the city. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4 | Some of the trees in the park were planted in 1998. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5 | Sporting events are held in the Olympic Stadium all year round. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 6 | Visitors to the Biodome will discover the natural history of four different areas. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 7 | Some people have homes in the Underground City. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 8 | Lunchtime is a good time to look around the Underground City. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 9 | You will find <i>The Illuminated Crowd</i> on the ground floor of the BNP tower. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 10 | Festivals take place throughout the year in Montreal. | ☐ | ☐ |

What to see in Montreal

There are plenty of things to do in French-speaking Montreal, Canada's second largest city!

Old city centre and port

The narrow streets of the historic city centre are lined with museums and restaurants. There are also lively squares with street artists, musicians and other performers. Major attractions include the City Hall, the Old Customs House and the Old Port, which has become a year-round playground for tourists and local people, with ice-skating and ice-sculpture competitions. Most people come by underground, owing to the limited amount of parking available.

Mount Royal Park

In the centre of this enormous park is the mountain that gives the city its name. It's easy to forget you are in the heart of a huge city when walking across one of its well-signposted tracks. There's a small lake, an exhibition centre and a forest. Many of the trees had to be replaced owing to storm damage in 1998. The park is open from sunrise to sunset.

Olympic Stadium and Biodome

When this stadium was built for the 1976 Olympic Games, its architecture was considered extraordinary. These days the stadium is mainly used for concerts and conferences, with occasional football matches during winter months. The former cycling track is now the Biodome, a science centre and ecological mini-zoo. Four different environments, including the rainforest and the Arctic, are recreated here and visitors can experience the climate, wildlife and plant-life of those regions.

Underground City

Due to the city's extreme temperatures, Montrealers have developed the world's largest underground pedestrian network. Citizens are protected from both the heat of summer and the freezing winter temperatures by five underground train stations linked by over 30 kilometres of walkways with 1,600 shops, 200 restaurants, 34 cinemas and 1,600 apartments. The best time to visit in order to avoid the crowds is between 9 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 4 p.m.

BNP tower and *The Illuminated Crowd*

This striking glass office tower is best known for the amusing statue, *The Illuminated Crowd*, outside its entrance. A life-size group of adults and children are shown, all pointing in amazement at something passers-by cannot see. This curious artwork is photographed by thousands of tourists every week.

Festivals

Whatever your interest – jazz, comedy, cinema, theatre, sport – Montreal has a festival for it. And with over 162 festivals on the calendar, there's a good chance there will be one going on no matter when you choose to visit.

