



Galvin Canton Middle School

Montréal Field Trip

Day One

Monday, April 17

7:45 AM Depart school on a deluxe, climate-controlled and restroom-equipped MBT Worldwide motorcoach.

Please plan to arrive at school to load your bags on the bus at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled departure time, to ensure an on-time departure and an on-time arrival.

2:45 PM Arrive in the heart of downtown Montréal and meet your FRENCH ON LOCATION guide at the deluxe HOTEL CHATEAU CHAMPLAIN (known locally as "the Cheese Grater"... you'll know why when you see it).

You'll have about a half hour to check in and freshen up, then transfer to OLD MONTRÉAL.

4:15 PM Arrive at the 200-year-old Nelson Column from which your guide will lead you on a short WALKING ORIENTATION TOUR of Place Jacques Cartier.

Bounded on the north by Montréal's distinctive City Hall and on the south by the Port of Montréal, and intersected by rue Saint-Paul, the oldest street in Canada, PLACE JACQUES CARTIER is a gathering place for Montréalers and visitors who congregate there in the spring, summer and fall.

The walking tour will end with DINNER in an historic building in Old Montréal.

6:00 PM Arrive at the centuries-old RESTAURANT DU VIEUX PORT where you'll have dinner amidst its ancient stone walls and hand-hewn wooden beams.

Your dinner will begin with the soup of the day or chef's salad followed by a choice of grilled beef strip loin with mashed potatoes, grilled chicken breast with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables, or filet of tilapia with wild rice and fresh vegetables, dessert and soft drink, coffee, or tea.

7:15 PM After dinner, meet your bus at about 7:15pm and TRANSFER to 1000 de la Gauchetiere, an architecturally acclaimed office building in the heart of downtown Montréal.

7:45 PM There, in the atrium lobby of this postmodern landmark, you can spend the evening ICE SKATING at L'AMPHITHÉÂTRE DE GLACE, a 10,000 square foot ice-skating pavilion "without equal in North America".

9:30 PM After returning your skates, walk above- or underground back to your hotel.

10:00 PM Overnight security services begin upon arrival at the hotel, at 10:00pm.

Day Two | Tuesday, April 18

7:00 AM Meet your guide in the lobby, then walk via Montreal's own WORLD TRADE CENTRE to a unique BREAKFAST IN OLD MONTREAL.

7:30 AM Arrive at EGGSPECTATION, a trendy new bistro-style café (at 12 rue Notre Dame Est) that has become quite popular for its eclectic architecture and decor.

For breakfast, you will have a choice of eggs, bacon, sausage or ham, potatoes and fruit OR three crepes with bacon, sausage or ham, OR Greek Yogurt with honey and mixed fruits, all avec petit jus d'orange.

8:15 AM After breakfast, walk to 350-year-old NOTRE DAME BASILICA, the most beautiful church in all the Americas.

8:30 AM Begin a guided visit of the JEWEL OF MONTREAL, designed in the Gothic Revival style in 1824 by James O'Donnell, an Irish-American Protestant architect from New York, and world-famous for its intricate wood carvings, 22 carat gold decorations, stained glass windows from Limoges and historic art works in general.

9:15 AM Board your bus at about 9:15am and depart for the Montréal suburb of Mont Royal, where you will be introduced to the quintessentially Canadian sport of curling, "the art of the stone and the broom". Time permitting, you can make a brief stop en route at the beautiful CHALET DE LA MONTAGNE for a panoramic view of Montréal from the terrasse high above the City.

10:00 AM Upon arrival at the CLUB DE CURLING DE VILLE MONT-ROYAL (at 5 Avenue Montgomery in Mont Royal), at about 9:45am, you will quickly change into dry running shoes, which you will need to go out onto the ice, before your 10:00am introduction to the quintessentially Canadian sport of curling, "the art of the stone and the broom".

Curling was probably invented in Scotland, and was brought to Canada more than 200 years ago in 1807; indeed, the first curling club outside Scotland still exists in Montréal.

12:15 PM After mastering the sport of curling, meet the bus and transfer to THE EATON CENTRE where you will be free for lunch on your own at one of the many European-style fast-food restaurants in the food court.

After lunch you can spend the early afternoon practicing your French in "LA VILLE SOUTERRAINE," a 39-kilometer network of underground passageways, used by more than 500,000 people every day, with more than 1,600 shops, 200 restaurants, 10 Métro stations, and about 30 cinemas.

2:15 PM Board the bus and TRANSFER to an accredited French language school (at 410 St-Nicolas in Old Montreal) for a COMPARATIVE FRENCH CULTURES CLASS.

2:45 PM There, upon arrival, you will participate in a 90-MINUTE CLASS, taught by a university-degreed, professional language teacher that will familiarize you with the cultures of various French-speaking communities of the world including Quebec and France, of course, as well as Belgium, Switzerland, Louisiana, Haiti, Algeria, Tunisia, and others.

You will learn about their histories, music, literature and their cuisines, and through listening, speaking, reading and writing activities, you will leave the classroom with a greater understanding of the linguistic similarities and differences that exist between the French languages of these communities.

4:30 PM Meet the bus and depart for an evening at a French-Canadian CABANE À SUCRE.

5:45 PM Upon arrival at LA SUCRERIE DE LA MONTAGNE, you'll be met by a hay wagon pulled by two 2000-pound Percheron horses and taken on a tour of the sugar shacks. Then, after an all-you-can-eat dinner of typical Québécois fare, you'll spend the evening learning traditional dances and folk songs.

8:45 PM Board the bus at about 9:00pm and return to the hotel.

10:00 PM Overnight security services begin at 10:00pm.

Day Three | Wednesday, April 19

8:00 AM Breakfast in the hotel.

9:00 AM Bring your bags to the lobby and place them on the bus between 9:15 and 9:30am.

9:30 AM Board your bus and depart for Montreal's PARC OLYMPIQUE, the site of the 1976 Summer Olympic Games.

10:00 AM Upon arrival at the Olympic Park, you will pause outside the Biodôme entrance for a GROUP PHOTOGRAPH at the foot of the Olympic Stadium tower, which you will ascend after your Biodôme visit.

10:15 AM Enter the BIODÔME where you will walk down a 500-meter Nature Path and, in a matter of minutes, you'll go from a hot and moist tropical rain forest to the Antarctic. [NOTE TO GUIDE: PICK UP BOTH the BIODOME AND FUNICULAIRE TICKETS at the ticket booth at the base of the Funiculaire.]

During your visit you will pass through the FOUR MAJOR NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS FOUND IN SOUTH, CENTRAL, AND NORTH AMERICA AND AT THE NORTH AND SOUTH POLES and where 4,000 animals from 200 species reside.

11:15 AM After your Biodôme visit you will make a two-minute, 556-foot ascent on the FUNICULAIRE to the OBSERVATORY at the top of THE WORLD'S TALLEST INCLINED TOWER, for a panoramic, 50-mile view of Montréal, the St. Lawrence Seaway and the surrounding countryside.

12:00 PM Return to sea-level, BOARD THE BUS, and transfer to the Eaton Centre, “le coeur de Montréal”, where you will descend into the vast Underground City.

There, upon arrival, you will be free for lunch on your own at one of the many European-style fast-food restaurants in the food court, then spend the early afternoon practicing your French in “la Ville Souterraine,” a 39-kilometer network of undergroundshops and passageways.

1:30 PM Board the bus and begin your journey home.

8:30 PM Arrive at school at about 8:30pm (your exact arrival time may vary).