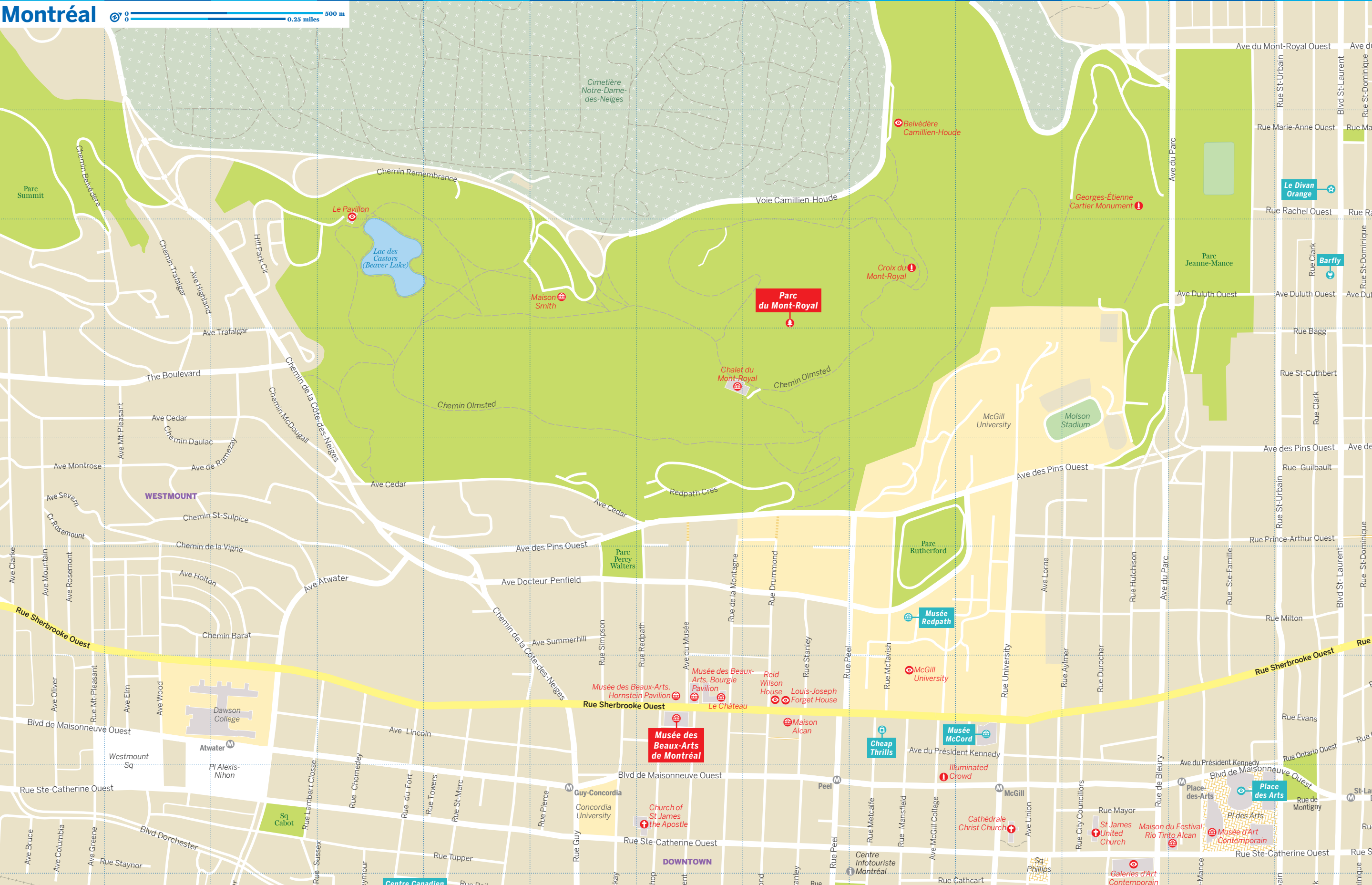




MONTREAL

City Map



SPEAK LIKE A LOCAL



I want to go to...

Je voudrais aller à... zher voo-dray a-lay a...

At what time does it leave/arrive?

À quelle heure est-ce qu'il part/arrive?
a kel er es kil par/a-reev

Does it stop at...?

Est-ce qu'il s'arrête à...? es-kil sa-ret a...

I want to get off here.

Je veux descendre ici. zher ver day-son-drer ee-see

A ticket un billet un bee-ay

TOP SIGHTS



M11

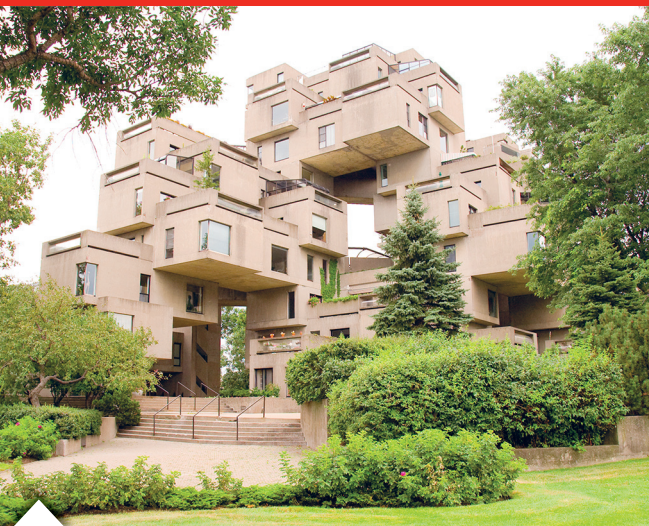
BASILIQUE NOTRE-DAME

The pride of Montréal and one of the most beautiful churches on the continent, this 19th-century Gothic Revival masterpiece boasts spectacular craftwork and a treasure trove of artworks. (www.basiliquendm.org; 110 Rue Notre-Dame Ouest; ☎8am-4:30pm Mon-Fri, to 4pm Sat, 12:30-4pm Sun)

MUSÉE DES BEAUX-ARTS DE MONTRÉAL

This ever-expanding gem in the heart of downtown Montréal is one of the best museums in the country, with a collection spanning several millennia. (www.mbam.qc.ca; 1380 Rue Sherbrooke Ouest; ☎10am-5pm, to 9pm Wed special exhibitions only; M Guy-Concordia)

G7



N15

HABITAT 67

In 1967, architect Moshe Safdie designed a set of futuristic cubelike condominiums for Expo '67 when he was just 23 years old – from a distance, they resemble a microscopic zoom-in on table salt. (www.habitat67.com; Ave Pierre Dupuy)

OLD PORT

There's always something happening at Montréal's Old Port: see Cirque du Soleil, visit a science museum, hop on a boat cruise, pamper yourself in a floating spa or park yourself in a cafe and do some serious people-watching. (M Champ-de-Mars or Place-d'Armes)

O12



PARC JEAN-DRAPEAU

Spend a day exploring this pair of island parks in the St Lawrence River, which feature forested walking and cycling trails, the La Ronde amusement park (with the world's highest double wooden rollercoaster), the Casino de Montréal (pictured below) and the historical Musée Stewart. (www.parcjeandrapeau.com; M Jean-Drapeau)

U14



PARC DU MONT-ROYAL

This large green space, covering much of Mont-Royal, is a haven for cross-country skiing, tobogganing, jogging, biking or simply walking its forested paths. An abundance of fauna and flora make it a nature-lover's paradise. (☎514-843-8240; www.lemontroyal.qc.ca)

H3



O11

OLD MONTREAL

The spiritual heart of the city boasts cobblestone streets, grand plazas and fine architecture, plus excellent shops, numerous art galleries and cafes, and some of Montréal's finest dining and accommodations options. (M Square-Victoria, Place-d'Armes or Champ-de-Mars)



P7

RUE ST-DENIS

One of the few streets to cross the entire island of Montréal, Rue St-Denis is a carnivalesque collection of restaurants, brasseries, cafes and arts venues that captures the heart of francophone Montréal. (M Berri-UQAM)



M11

PLACE D'ARMES

Place d'Armes is an open square that is framed by some of the finest buildings in Old Montréal, including its oldest bank, first skyscraper and Basilique Notre-Dame. (M Place-d'Armes)

CANAL DE LACHINE

Canal de Lachine is a historical waterway that dates from 1825, but these days the 14km-long canal path plays host to hordes of walkers, cyclists and in-line skaters, while flotillas of pleasure and sightseeing boats glide along its calm waters.

E13



MONTREAL SHORT LIST

HISTORY BUFFS

Musée d'Archéologie et d'Histoire Pointe-à-Callière (M12)

This museum takes visitors on a historical journey through the centuries, beginning with the early days of Montréal.

Hôtel de Ville (O11) Rebuilt in 1926, this gorgeous city hall displays local art.

Musée McCord (K7) Houses thousands of artifacts and documents illustrating Canada's social, cultural and archaeological history from the 18th century onwards.



CULTURE CULTURES

Cirque du Soleil (P13) One of the city's most famous exports puts on a production of acrobats and music in this marvelous tent complex.

Place des Arts (M8) Montréal's performing-arts center is the nexus for artistic and cultural events, with several renowned musical companies calling it home.

Cabaret Mado (R8) A local institution, with drag shows featuring an assortment of hilariously sarcastic performers in eye-popping



GETTING AROUND

TRANSPORTATION



Bus Buses cover central parts of the island with well-marked routes. They run from 5am to 1am, with separate night services.

Metro There are four lines that cover the city. Trains run approximately from 5am to midnight and until 1:30am on Friday and Saturday nights.

Bicycle The city's popular Bixi bike-rental system has more than 450 stations, covering central and outlying areas.

OLD MONTREAL

On the edge of the city, Old Montréal is a neighborhood composed of picturesque streets, grand old-world architecture, and a mix of shops, eateries, and art galleries.

Start Basilique Notre-Dame
Distance 2km
Duration 2 hours



2 Stop at the grand staircase of the Basilique Notre-Dame, one of the tallest in the world.

Take a Break: Gourmandise (www.gourmandise.com; 351 Rue Saint-Jacques) mains \$10-17; with hearty bread

MONTREAL

Legend

