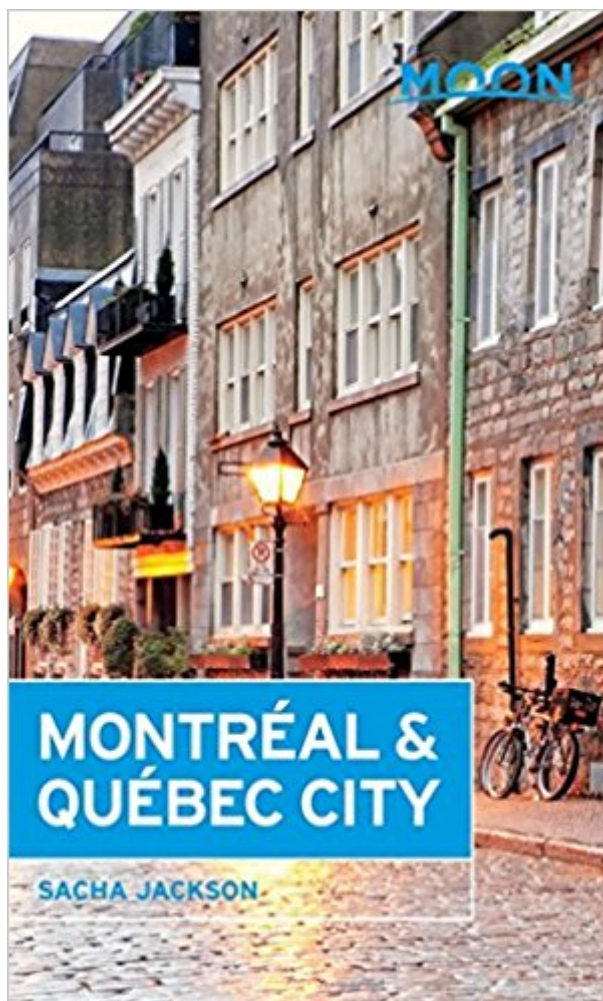


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Synopsis

Writer Sacha Jackson guides travelers to the highlights of Montréal and Québec City, from the trendy bars, restaurants, and festivals of Montréal to the original city walls and historic center of Québec City. Jackson also offers unique trip ideas like Romantic Weekend Getaways and Montréal on the Cheap. Complete with details on kayaking the Lachine canal, eating your own weight in poutine, and participating in the concerts, parades, and sleigh races of the Carnaval de Québec, *Moon Montréal & Québec City* gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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Customer Reviews

Sacha Jackson first visited Québec as an eighth-grader. Years later, she moved to Montréal with a high school diploma and a bad French accent. As a student there, she learned that the best way to get to know the city was on a bike, spending many nights touring the quiet, tree-lined streets and racing friends down Mont-Royal. After graduating from college, Sacha lived in London and Toronto before settling back in Montréal. Two of her favorite things about the city are its impractical outdoor circular staircases and the smell of hot bagels; as for Québec City, she makes regular visits there to wander its cobbled streets and picnic on the Plains of Abraham. Sacha is a Montréal-based freelance writer and editor. Her writing has appeared in *Dazed & Confused Magazine*, the *Montréal Mirror*, *Exclaim!* and elsewhere.

Montréal on the Cheap • Montréalers are all about having the highest standard of living on the smallest possible budget. That's part of what makes Montréal such an attractive city in the first place. Sure, you can still enjoy exclusive shops and four-star restaurants, but you don't need a bank loan to do it. Here are a few tips to get the most from your travel budget.

Restaurants When downtown, Asian eateries are often a budget-friendly choice. Try Qing Hua Dumpling and Kazu. Dining alfresco is a Montreal tradition. Dinette Triple Crown makes it easy by supplying you with a picnic basket filled with a tablecloth, cutlery, extra hot sauce, and your order of southern favorites like fried chicken and grits. All you have to do is cart it over to the adjacent park. Farther south on the Main, the mini-burgers and fries at Patati Patata are the ultimate takeout, especially for an alfresco dinner at Parc Jeanne-Mance. A number of upscale restaurants offer affordable lunchtime meals. Some of the best include Toqué!, Kitchenette, and Graziella. Diners in the know bring their own bottle to La Colombe and Le Quartier Général. The king of upscale late-night dinners is the classic French bistro Lemercier, where they serve a table d'hôte special for \$22 after 10pm. Vegans and vegetarians should head to the Mile End for some of the best and most affordable vegetarian food in the city. Top spots include Le Cagibi, La Lumière du Mile End, Le Panthère Verte, and Dépanneur le Pick-Up.

Nightlife Most bars have nightly music and impromptu dancing for the price of a drink. Check the listings at Bar Plan B, Korova, Casa del Popolo, L'Escogriffe, and Brutopia.

Museums and Galleries Most of the city's independent galleries are free and host weekly or monthly vernissages (exhibition openings) with complimentary drinks. Top spots include Belgo Building, DHC/ART, and Parisian Laundry. At the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montréal many exhibits can be viewed free of charge, and the museum offers half-price admission on Wednesday nights. Admission is free on Wednesday nights after 5pm at Musée d'Art Contemporain.

Hotels Vieux-Montréal is the ideal place to stay, but the prices can be polarizing. If you're on a budget, try the welcoming hostel Auberge Alternative de Vieux-Montréal, which offers private rooms, or the affordable and charming bed-and-breakfast Le Petit Prince. Move away from the tourist areas and stay in the residential neighborhood Plateau Mont-Royal at a bed-and-breakfast like Gingerbread Manor or Pensione Popolo.

This is tied as the best travel book that I have ever purchased. I have been to Quebec before; in fact, I spent several months in the city in the eighties (yes, I am old). The person who wrote this guide knows the city and obviously loves it, as I do. There are insider hints. It isn't one of those dry guides that merely lists the price of every hotel and how many rooms it has. Since the focus is only on the cities of Montreal and Quebec, there is a great deal of depth. I went through the book and

highlighted several things that caught my eye. It was very helpful and I am going to bring it with me when I go.

I'm only going to have a few days each in Montreal and Quebec City, so I ordered this book in order to narrow down what to see. Unfortunately, it is paragraph after paragraph of history of each sight, street, building, etc. I still don't know what any of this stuff is, let alone if it is something I want to bother seeing or not. If you are into history, this is the book for you. If not, keep looking.

Great guide content-wise I read it on the plane on my way and used a lot of the information later. However, the binding is cheap and the maps came off on the plane, which rendered the guide useless. Thankfully I had also bought a Froomer 2011 guide book and that held perfectly well.

Made our visit to these two wonderful cities even more enjoyable.

Both do a good job of explaining the town. The fold, street map has heavy-duty laminate and does not stay folded. The book has a limited listing of hotels.

Bad binding on the book. First day using it and maps are already loose. Also, the organization of info is not that great.

Good info but book is bound badly and map pages came out when I first opened it. Very disappointing.

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