

## Companions Tour Monday, October 23, 2006

### Montreal, the City with Euro-American Ambiance

Enjoy a day of cultural discovery as you explore Montreal's historic streets with an experienced Montreal tour guide. Your day will be divided into three distinct portions.



#### Old Montreal

The morning will begin in Old Montreal, where you will discover the city's history, architecture and port. A guided walking tour of the cobblestone streets will open your eyes to the unforgettable statues and buildings of this unique area. Your guide will lead you through a labyrinth of celebrated streets and buildings as you enjoy the sights and sounds of the birthplace of this thriving metropolis.

During this tour, you will have the chance to meander through several public squares, such as **Place d'Armes** and

**Place Royale**, as well as to snap a photo of noteworthy buildings and institutions such as the three courthouses, **Château Ramezay** and the **Bonsecours Market**.

A special visit will allow you to uncover the beauty just inside the doors of the world famous **Notre-Dame Basilica**. The basilica is a masterpiece of neo-gothic architecture. The basilica has served as a theatre for major events among them the wedding of popular songstress Céline Dion.



Of course, no tour would be complete without a stroll past **Montreal City Hall** and the incredible bank buildings (**Bank of Montreal, Royal Bank of Canada**) that line St. Jacques Street, formerly known as "Little Wall Street of Canada". The schedule also includes a discussion of the Old Port, and you'll see the oldest building of this historic district, the **Sulpician Seminary**.

#### Mount Royal

After a 90-minute guided tour of Old Montreal, you will be invited to relax aboard our luxury motorcoach and enjoy a bus tour across Montreal to admire a few more hot spots, including the view of the city from the summit of Mount Royal. Comfortably seated in the coach, you will then revel in the beauty of **St. Joseph's Oratory**. This oratory, situated on Mount Royal, is a major religious site which draws countless visitors seeking spiritual enlightenment each year. You will discover how Montrealers live, and view the unique architecture of twisted wrought iron staircases that characterizes this culturally rich city known for fashion, design and gourmet food for every budget.

#### Lunch

You will most certainly be ready to enjoy lunch. On that note, a landmark Montreal restaurant awaits you. Since 1951, **Les Rôtisseries St-Hubert** has been a much-loved Quebec-born restaurant chain. Their famous BBQ chicken has become extremely well known and the menu includes this specialty, as well as countless other delicious options off the grill, delectable salads, sandwiches and more. Truly something for every taste!



#### Montreal Botanical Garden

After a satisfying lunch, you will enjoy an afternoon in the fresh air at the **Montreal Botanical Garden** – the largest in the city.

Accompanied by the expert guides, you will tour an amazing green space in the heart of the city. The garden is among the loveliest in the world, with 22,000 plant species. No matter the season, a walk through the Montreal Botanical Garden is a terrific opportunity to revel in aromas and colours from all over the world.