

The 2025 Montreal Gathering

Montreal is a vibrant city where European charm and cutting-edge creativity coexist. Montreal has exhilarating entertainment, Old World history and inspiring architecture. The city has been a destination for many immigrants and is widely considered to be one of North America's most cosmopolitan cities.

The St. Lawrence River made Montréal a major transportation hub and the financial/industrial center of Canada for many years.

The key themes of the 2025 Montreal Gathering are:

- City of Diversity – European Culture and Northern American way of life
- Cutting Edge Architecture
- Leadership in Artificial Intelligence
- Center of Trade and Commerce – the Port of Montreal
- Canada Lands Waterfront revitalization projects
- New Master Planned Community with Destination Luxury Retail
- Housing Affordability Initiatives

Montreal Gathering Program prepared
by the LAI Gathering Committee,
Cheryl Soon, Chair

2025 Dates:

Arrival: September 10, 2025

Program: September 11 – 13, 2025

Departure: September 14 or trip extension

Conference Hotel: Hotel Place d'Armes



Credit: Eva Blue, Tourism Montreal

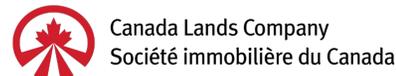


Credit: Hotel Place d'Armes website



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Program at a Glance (Subject to Revision)

As of November 11, 2024

Day 1 Thursday - September 11

LAI Board of Governors and LEF Board Meetings

7:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast for EC, LAI and LEF Board and Committee Members

8:30 am – 12 pm EC, Presidents Roundtable and LAI and LEF Board meetings

Suggested Additional Walking Tours & Activities for People not Attending Business Meetings:

- Quartier des Spectacles
- Montreal Underground City
- Notre Dame Basilica

Gathering Begins at Hotel Place d'Armes

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Welcome Speaker and Program Directions

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Presentation – Housing Affordability

3:45 pm – 5:30 pm Walking Tour w/guides - Old Montreal

Evening - 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Presidents Reception and Dinner

Hotel Nelligan Rooftop Restaurant

Day 2 Friday September - 12

8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast at Place d'Armes Hotel

9:00 am – 10:30 am Artificial Intelligence: influence on Montreal Development and major Trends. Exploratory and applied futures.

10:30 am – 11:15 am Bus to Royalmount

11:15 am – 12:30 pm Presentation on Royalmount

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch & explore on your own in Royalmount

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm Bus to University of Montreal Campus

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Presentation – Cutting Edge Architecture

3:30 pm to 4:15 Walking Tour of Campus MIL

4:15 pm to 5:15 pm Bus to Hotel with Scenic Stop at Mount Royal Park

Evening – Dine-Around Tables for 8 or Dinner on your own

Day 3 Saturday September - 13

8:00 am – 9:30 am Breakfast at Place d'Armes Hotel

9:30 am – 10:00 am Walk to Montreal Science Center

10:00 am – 11:30 am Presentation: Port of Montreal – Canadian National Railway, St. Lawrence Seaway and Port Authority

11:30 am – 11:45 Break

11:45 am – 12:45 pm Presentation: Canada Lands Major Waterfront Revitalization Projects

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch, Montreal Science Center

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm Walking tour of Port of Montreal and Grand Quay and Tower Experience

2:15 pm – 6:00 pm Optional Tours or Free Time

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Closing Reception and Awards Dinner



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