

# Montreal

<https://www.timeout.com/montreal/restaurants/best-restaurants-in-montreal>

<https://canadas100best.com/best-restaurants/>

- **TIME OUT MARKET** Our local editors have handpicked and gathered the best of the best restaurants and chefs under one roof at Time Out Market Montréal. It's a 40,000-square-foot, next-level culinary and cultural destination that's located in the Centre Eaton de Montréal— and home to one of downtown's most killer cocktail menus.  
<https://www.timeout.com/montreal/time-out-market>
- **Monarque** This vast and eminently stylish Old Montreal brasserie manages to feel intimate and comfortable. The food updates classic French flavour profiles with lightening, contemporary touches for consistently irresistible results.  
<https://restaurantmonarque.ca/en/>
- **Vin Mon Lapin** A splendid waltz of carefully crafted dishes by the chef duo Marc-Olivier Frappier and Jessica Noël, impeccable service where the ambiance doesn't overshadow professionalism, and a wine list bursting with exceptional. Voted #1 restaurant in Canada 2024.  
<http://vinmonlapin.com/>
- **Joe Beef** Uber-gourmet, masterful dishes with zero restraint that beautifully honor the great French classics. This heralded spot is known for its meat, seafood, and being “extra”. One of my favourite spots ever, absolutely amazing.  
<https://joebeef.com/>
- **Salle Climatisée** A minuscule Little Italy bistro with a compact continental menu connects diners with a community of suppliers and artist friends.  
<https://salleclimatisee.com/>
- **Gia Vin & Grill** In Montreal's near-west and quickly gentrifying neighbourhood of Saint-Henri. It's pretty, convivial and dangerously comfortable, with simple, wine-friendly Italian cuisine.  
<https://giagiagia.com/>
- **Touque** This sleek and colourfully decorated fine-dining icon has been a showcase — and de facto ambassador — for the finest Quebec ingredients. Ultra-local cuisine refined with perfectly executed French techniques.  
<https://www.restaurant-toque.com/en>
- **Mastard** A gourmet kitchen where seasonal vegetables, locally-raised meats and fish from up the Saint Lawrence are honored and prepared like nowhere else.  
<https://restaurantmastard.com/>
- **L'Express** A Montreal institution, the timeless L'Express serves up a menu of well-rendered bistro classics. L'Express is a classic for a reason, go for the amazing food and exceptional wine list.  
<https://restaurantlexpress.com/>

- **La Vin Papillon** The Joe Beef clan's lively wine bar remains a neighbourhood favourite.  
<https://vinpapillon.com/>
- **Maison Publique** An old-school pub with Québécois flourishes.  
<https://www.maisonpublique.com/>
- **Place Carmin** French bistro classics at this Old Montreal spot.  
<https://www.placecarmin.com/>
- **Garde Manger** Come for the service, stay for the insanity. Chuck Hughes' eatery is known for being one of the more raucous experiences to be had in Old Montreal, a sharp, happy turn from the general vibe in the area. You need to make reservations 30 days in advance.  
<https://www.gardemanger.ca/?lang=fr>
- **McKiernan** Food hall-style eatery that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with the all the skill and deliciousness that will make you swoon.  
<https://www.mckiernanmtl.com/>
- **Provisions Bar a Vin** This place is singlehandedly making the steakhouse cool again, combining it with casual-yet-refined service and décor hammered tin and counter eating found in Montreal's hippest establishments.  
<https://www.boucherieprovisions.ca/bar-a-vin>
- **Nora Gray** The modern Italian experience that excels in all, from antipasti until dolci.  
<http://noragray.com/>
- **Ibericos** Looking to savour the elegance and simplicity of Spanish cuisine, this is the best place to do so right now. A taverne a tapas Espagnoles.  
<https://www.ibericos.ca/>
- **Alma** Nestled in Montréal's vibrant Outremont neighbourhood, Alma invites guests to savour modern Mexican cuisine through tasting menus that highlight heirloom corn and Québec's local ingredients.  
<https://www.almamontreal.com/>
- **Poutine Wars**  
  - Chez Claudette** Poutine...old-school casse-croûte Chez Claudette — it's cheaper, less crowded, and arguably even tastier. One of the best on the city, no website. It is in the Plateau neighbourhood.
  - La Banquise** Open 24 hours a day, La Banquise is a popular spot for the after-hours crowd and is a great place to spot celebrities getting in on some famous Montréal poutine.  
<https://www.labanquise.com/en/>
- **Buvette Nicole** A French bistro experience focused on simplicity and quality ingredients.  
<https://buvettenicole.com/>
- **Mama C** Located inside the Hotel Nelligan, Mama C is a tribute to Greece, showcasing modern Greek cuisine. Our dishes are a testament to quality, from seafood & meat to local and fresh ingredients, they evoke a modern and contemporary twist on tradition.  
<https://mamacrestaurant.com/en/>

- **Schwartz's Deli** A Montreal landmark that has welcomed countless celebrities and visitors from all over the world for almost a century, Schwartz's Deli has been serving the world's best smoked meat\* since 1928.  
<https://schwartzsdeli.com/>
- **Battle of the Bagels...** Fairmount Bagel, St-Viateur Bagel, Bagel Le Trou  
Bagel are right up there at the top of our list of iconic Montreal food alongside the best delis for Montreal smoked meat—followed closely by the best poutine.  
<https://fairmountbagel.com/>  
<https://stviateurbagel.com/>  
<https://www.letrou.ca/>
- **Holder** This restaurant-bar brings to mind the great European brasseries where you can enjoy good food and drinks in a warm, lively and friendly atmosphere.  
<https://restaurantholder.com/en/>
- **L'Original** Restaurant L'Original offers elegant comfort food and inventive dishes inspired by Quebec's vast terroir. Those in the know call it the Moose: It's unapologetic, it's boisterous and it's a party. Although the cottage country décor seems unassuming, this is one of the best places in town to slurp down oysters and gnaw at a big piece of meat  
<https://www.restaurantloriginal.com/>
- **Olive et Gourmando** The daytime stand-by and probably the area's most beloved café. Stop by for a coffee and fresh pastry in the morning or a freshly pressed panini in the afternoon.  
<https://oliveetgourmando.com/en>
- **Melisse** This cuisine de marché spot with a Mediterranean twist brings a fresh wind to William Street.  
<https://www.restaurantmelisse.com/>
- **Gibby's** A steakhouse in a former stable, this is the classic Montreal steakhouse that maintains a strong cult following, it's a goddamned institution and they cook one of the meanest steaks around.
- **Dandy** Chic restaurant serving all-day brunch, pizza & baked goods, plus coffee, cocktails & natural wines.  
<http://dandymtl.com/>

**Where I would go right now...**

**Joe Beef, Garde Manager, L'Express, Monarque, Ibericos, Vin Mon Lapin, Provisions Bar a Vin, L'Original**