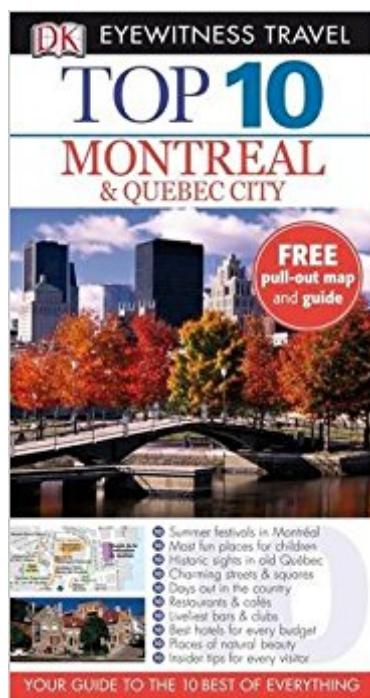


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# Montreal & Quebec City (DK Eyewitness Top 10 Travel Guide)



## **Synopsis**

Whatever you plan to do - whether you are travelling first class or on a limited budget - make sure you experience the very best Montreal and Quebec City have on offer with this quick reference pocket-sized guide. From the top 10 summer festivals in Montreal to top 10 Historic sites in Vieux-Quebec - this guide features the insider knowledge that every visitor needs. Discover the charming streets and squares, French cafes, liveliest bars and clubs, unmissable museums, most fun places for children, delicious local specialties, finest entertainment venues and best restaurants to suit every budget and much more. With a free pull-out map and guide, this is your guide to the 10 best of everything.

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The Eyewitness Travel Guides reliably deliver the most pertinent information and selected tourist sites that are especially helpful to the traveler making a first visit *ÃƒÂ¢Ã  ¬Ã  œ* and a short stay *ÃƒÂ¢Ã  ¬Ã  œ* at a new destination. This guide to Montreal and Quebec City provides just that. The book is compact, easy to carry about and consult, and offers enough tips and directions to get you started. Well-written with an adequate number of photos, the guide is a great source in itself, and it becomes even more useful in accompaniment with online travel sites. For longer visits to different locations, I sometimes take one of the Eyewitness series books as well as a guide that is

more in-depth with more history provided along with cultural and social contexts.

It's often difficult to find publication dates with travel guides, but obviously the more recent edition you can find, the better. For my recent ten-day visit to Montreal this combination worked well, and I was happy to be carrying this guide.

I used the Top 10 guide for Toronto last year and found it super helpful. I'm off to Quebec City this summer. I'm finding the guide to be every bit as helpful in planning my visit. There's tons of great information here. The authors make an effort to balance content between Quebec City and Montreal, but given that Montreal is so much bigger than Quebec, it does tend to be Montreal-centric. This would be ideal for someone visiting both cities, but it'll be fine for me. I like that the guide will fit in a coat pocket or bag, unlike some full-size travel books.

For the first part of the book, the attractions of both Montreal and Quebec City were merged together. Frankly, it made it confusing. The things you would want are in this book but the organization made it less useful. On the positive side, the book is small and has two good fold out maps.

We have used many of the full edition Eyewitness Travel guides as our main references for over 10 years. Our first use of the abbreviated Top 10 Montreal and Quebec was a waste of money! Their attempt at categorization of sites, activities, and food lumped both cities under the same category! Therefore, while in one city, the information was littered with things from the other city. Extremely illogical organization left the book basically unusable as a travel guide while in either city. The editor may have seen this as saving replication at the tab level, but whenever a page was turned, the information was for the other city - useless, since most of us have not mastered the ability to be in two places at the same time. Therefore it did not present any help while actually touring either city.

This guide book is filled with colorful pictures and lists top-10 tourist spots in Montreal and Quebec, it almost lists top-10 tourist spots, dining, shopping, night life etc in different sections of the cities. Overall it's an excellent guide book to accompany one's trip to Montral/Quebec. The only problem is after visiting some of the top-10 spots I find myself disagreeing with the choice of the author. While some interesting spots were left out of given less attention. Some information is also outdated or incorrect, such as museum opening hours. For example, while the cross on Mount Royal has historical significance, the steel structure itself is unimpressive and I doubt whether it's worth

walking half-way through Mount-Royal Park just to see the cross. Another example is the Museum of French America in Quebec city, which houses many interesting exhibits but it wasn't even mentioned in the guide. Apart from tourist spots, I also find myself disagreeing with some top-10 restaurants picks. For example, the Alphenaus restaurant (in downtown Montreal) recommended by the guide is located in a kind-of-run-down neighbourhood and AAA only gives it 2 diamonds. There are some good picks though, like Le Latini in Montreal. One last glitch about this travel guide is the inclusion of some seemingly irrelevant information. While it's good to know about Celine Dion or the separatist movement, I'm not sure how useful that information is to my trip. Summary: The good: Clear, concise, numbered list of tourist attractions, restaurants, etc. Also some travel tips. Most attractions lists are shown on mini-map and nearest metro station, which makes the job of finding that attraction/restaurant a lot easier. The bad: some out-dated information, some top-10 picks questionable. The bottomline: This is an excellent guide to accompany anyone travelling to Montreal/Quebec city.

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