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Montreal Information

Transportation, Accommodations, and Food

NOTE: Lisa Woodward is coordinating the workshop for me. If you have questions about the location, accommodation, transportation, dietary restrictions, or any other logistical queries, *please contact Lisa directly* by email <u>ww.lisa@gmail.com</u> or text +1-613-410-3632.

Workshop location

Centre Culturel Georges-Vanier, 2450 Rue Workman, Montreal

Our workshop is on the 2nd floor (by elevator or stairs) in the Salle Desjardins.

The room will be locked when we are not there, so you may leave your paints and other materials overnight.

Dates

July 7th: 5 p.m. Reception at Centre Culturel Georges-Vanier with light refreshments, to meet Jane and the other participants. This is also a good time to drop off your materials for the workshop if you like.

July 8 - 12: Workshop runs 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a break for lunch.

Transportation around Montreal

Centre Culturel Georges-Vanier (CCGV) is southwest of downtown Montreal, in the upbeat neighbourhood of Little Burgundy. It's a short and easy 15-20-minute commute by Metro or bus from the downtown.

Public transportation in Montreal is safe, clean, and efficient. The nearest Metro station to CCGV is Station Lionel-Groulx. Multiple bus routes also serve the area. A Google Maps search will show you

all public transportation options from your accommodation to the workshop. Taxis and Ubers are also available.

Montreal is one of the best cities in the world for cycling, with an extensive network of bike lanes. BIXI bikes and e-bikes are for rent at nearly 900 points around the city. Download the BIXI app and give it a try! Note that if you want to use a helmet, you need to bring your own.

At the end of the day, you might also enjoy walking back to your hotel along the Lachine Canal; it's a leisurely 40 min walk to downtown.

A special note on driving your own car: Unfortunately, Montreal has a serious problem with car theft, even on well-lit public streets and parking lots. If you are driving to Montreal, consider staying somewhere with a secure parking garage.

Accommodation

You are responsible to find a place to stay during the workshop.

We recommend staying in the Downtown area of Montreal, near McGill University, or the adjacent Golden Square Mile. These areas provide lots of choice for hotels/auberges/condos, places to eat, access to museums and other places of interest, and easy transportation options. Use Booking.com and/or Airbnb to find something that suits your needs and budget.

People also enjoy staying in Le Vieux Montréal (Old Montreal) adjacent to downtown, and the Plateau area to the northeast. Just be aware that travel times to the workshop will be a bit longer from these areas and may require more walking. Also note that there are very few accommodations right in Little Burgundy (the workshop's neighbourhood).

***We strongly suggest you book accommodation as far in advance as possible, as July is a busy time in Montreal and at a premium if you leave it too late! ***

Food

Lunch will be provided onsite, typically a selection of sandwiches, fruits, and vegetables and/or salads. If you prefer to get outside for lunch there are several lunch spots nearby, and Marché Atwater is a ten-minute walk. Please let Lisa know in advance if you have specific dietary needs and she will do her best to accommodate them.