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# TRAVEL & PASSPORTS

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## **Passports**

Please make sure you have a valid passport for travel to Canada! Some countries require travelers to have passports with at least six months of remaining validity as an entry requirement. Those who do not have a passport or who need to renew a passport should take appropriate steps as soon as possible to avoid rush fees.

For U.S. passport information:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

For information on passport validity:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/passport-help/faqs.html>

Scroll down to the section “How long is a passport valid.”

Visit Canada website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada.html>

## **Customs**

Vendors and other attendees who plan to bring goods across the border should consult the [Canadian Border Services site](#) for information on importing goods for events held in Canada by a foreign organization. If you plan to ship goods to the hotel, FedEx is recommended. Please be advised that hotel personnel are not able to assist with issues related to customs.

## **By Air**

The [Montréal–Trudeau International Airport](#) (YUL) is serviced by all major airlines. If you are flying into Canada from the US and transfer before Montréal, you will go through customs when you first arrive in Canada. Likewise, when departing Montréal, you won't need to go through customs at the Trudeau International Airport if you will be transferring via another Canadian city. Taxis between the airport and hotels in downtown Montréal are a flat rate of \$41 CAD.

If you wish to take public transportation, the [747 bus](#) is an affordable option that will take you from the airport to downtown Montréal (and vice versa). Tickets (single or multi-day passes) may be purchased at kiosks near baggage claim, or you can pay \$10 CAD in cash (exact change required) on the bus. The 18.6 km ride downtown takes approximately 45 minutes. From the airport, you can either get off the bus at Lionel-Groulx metro station (i.e. subway) and take the green line to either McGill or Place-des-Arts (the hotel is located between the 2 stations). Those who don't wish to transfer can exit the bus at Union/Place du Frère-André and walk about five blocks to the Delta (heading North on Union from the bus stop, then turning right on Avenue President-Kennedy).

For other maps of the metro stations and downtown buses, please consult the [Société de transport de Montréal site](#).

## **By Train**

Using [VIA Rail Canada](#) and Amtrak, it's possible to get to Montréal by train from almost every major city in the US and Canada. Practically speaking, VIA Rail direct lines from Toronto, Ottawa and Québec City are the most convenient routes within Canada. The only direct connection from the US is Amtrak's scenic [Adirondack line](#) originating at Penn Station in NYC. [Montréal Central Station](#) (Gare Centrale), located at 895 Rue de la Gauchetière O, is a 12 minute walk to the Delta.

## **By Bus**

Montréal is accessible by [Greyhound bus](#) for those travelling from the North East of the US. If you are travelling from NYC or upstate NY, [Trailways](#) offers bus routes to Montréal in conjunction with Greyhound.

## **By Car & Hotel Parking**

For those driving from the US, there are many different routes and border crossings. From NYC, the best route is 87 to the border, which then becomes Quebec 15; exit 15 for 20/720 east, which takes you into Montréal. From Binghamton, Syracuse and Rochester, take 81 to the Thousand Islands Bridge; after crossing, head east on 401 which becomes 20 after crossing from Ontario into Quebec, then 720. From Buffalo or Niagara Falls you may wish to loop around the west end of Lake Ontario to 401. From Boston and all points

in that direction, take 89 through Vermont, which becomes 133 once you cross the border, then 35, and 10/15 to 20/720. Beware that the [Turcot Interchange in Montréal](#), where highways 20/720 and 15 intersect, has been under construction but is nearing completion. Some traffic backups may still be encountered.

ARSC's discounted parking rate at the Delta is \$20 CAD per night.

### **Getting Around via Public Transit**

Montréal's [public transit system](#), which includes the Metro (subway) as well as an extensive network of bus routes, is an easy and inexpensive way to explore the city. Download the [Transit app](#) to view real-time schedules and get directions.

### **Cell Phones**

Be sure to check your cell phone/wireless plan in advance of your trip to see if coverage is free in Canada. If not, hefty roaming charges and other data plan fees will likely apply.

### **Montréal Weather**

By late May, the average daytime temperatures in the city are in the 60-65°F range, while evenings may still be somewhat chilly at 45-55°F.