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With its cobblestone streets, historic cathedrals, sidewalk cafes and second-hand shops, Montreal is full of European flair. And from New York City, it's only an hour flight or a seven-hour drive to Canada's second-largest city — making it a perfect summer getaway.

If you've never visited, or you need an excuse to go back, the Montreal Jazz Fest is

one of the season's biggest draws.

From June 25 to July 4, the jazz fest features more than 650 shows, including performances by **Sade** with John Legend (June 30) and the **Roots** (July 2)



At press time, many shows still had tickets available, with 370 free outdoor concerts scheduled as well.

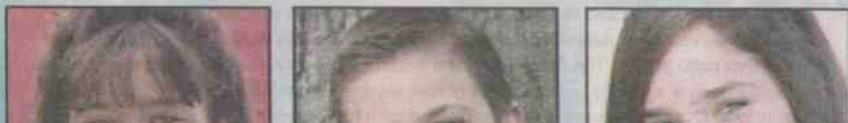
And besides all that jazz, Montreal's summer calendar is packed with free and frugal activities for the entire family.

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Events

Main Madness
June 16-19, boulevardssaint-laurent.com
This four-day monster street fair shuts down **Saint-Laurent Boulevard** from Sherbrooke

Street to Mont-Royal Avenue, and it features an open-air market with more than 300 merchants, as well as a dance party under the stars.



The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier: From the Sidewalk to the Catwalk
June 17 - Oct. 2, mmfa.qc.ca

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts celebrates Jean Paul Gaultier's 35th anniversary in high style with this first-ever multimedia exhibition of the avant-garde designer's work. **Admission: \$7.50 - \$15**

Indiana Jones and the Adventure of Archaeology: The Exhibition
Through Sept. 18, montrealsciencecentre.com

Fans will be fascinated by this interactive tour, which explores the legendary settings of the **Indiana Jones** films and sheds light on historical myths such as the Ark of the Covenant and the Holy Grail. The exhibit features film accessories as well as ancient artifacts on loan from the National Geographic Society and the Penn Museum. **Admission: \$63 for a family pass**



Les Tam-Tams du Mont Royal

Through Sept. 25, tourisme-montreal.org/
Bang a gong or try out your best African dance class moves at this free festival in **Mount Royal Park** near the Sir George-Étienne Cartier monument. For 20 years, Montrealers and visitors have gathered on Sundays to watch and participate in this gathering of drummers, dancers and artisans.

Where to eat

Birks Café par Europea
birks.com/en/static/cafe/welcome.htm

Located on the mezzanine floor of the legendary Birks jewelry store, this cafe lets patrons sip bubbly and nosh on gourmet brunch, lunch or afternoon tea in an elegant setting. It also sells pastries and sweets to go.



La Banquise
restolabanquise.com

This spot serves sandwiches and other bar food, but the real reason to visit this 24-hour snack bar is its menu of 25 different types of **poutine**. But don't plan anything too strenuous after your meal; you'll probably be ready for a food-induced nap.

Where to stay

Located near La Place des Festivals, the **Opus Montreal** (opushotel.com/montreal/english/package_5.html) offers a festival-goer package that includes a cocktail, breakfast and complimentary chauffeur service. Rates start at \$299 per night.

Getting there

Air Canada offers daily nonstop flights to Montreal from LaGuardia and Newark International Airport. Economy-class fares start at \$195 each way.