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7 Ways to Celebrate Montreal's 375th Birthday

150 years of Canada + 375 years of Montreal = PARTY

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While the rest of [Canada](#) celebrates 150 years of its confederacy, [Montreal](#) is tripling down on the festivities with its 375th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the 1967 International and Universal Exposition held in Montreal. Mark your calendar for these happenings.

Illumination of the Jacques Cartier Bridge *(Ongoing)*

In May, the iconic bridge was set aglow with nearly 3,000 kaleidoscopic lights. The light installation will be on display for the next decade (or longer).

Cité Mémoire *(Ongoing)*

Historic images are projected nightly on walls throughout Old Montreal, accompanied by music. A narrative app and a guided walking tour dig even deeper into the city's past.

La Grande Tournée *(Weekends through mid-September)*

Each of the city's 19 neighborhoods gets its turn in the spotlight with a lineup of weekend block parties featuring performances, treasure hunts, and local cuisine.

La Balade pour la Paix *(Through October 29)*

Celebrate Expo 67's ideals of humanism and tolerance while perusing 67 works of art at this open-air exhibition from the [Montreal Museum of Fine Arts](#) | ☺.

Les Arts de la Rue *(July 1-30)*

This record-breaking street theater event will feature more than 800 shows performed by 60 troupes from six countries.

Électro Parade *(September 2)*

Expect outrageous costumes and DJs spinning atop roving floats at this citywide electronic dance party.

Leonard Cohen: A Crack in Everything *(November 9-April 1)*

Local and international artists pay homage to Montreal's late, great songwriting son in this multidisciplinary exhibition at the [Musée d'Art Contemporain de Montreal](#) | ☺.

Where to Stay When You're in Town

Montreal's newest hotels are unapologetically chic. The [Hotel William Gray](#) is as pretty as an Instagram, with its glass-encased living wall and marble staircase. [Hôtel Monville](#), meanwhile, offers skyline vistas from its rooftop terrace. Or go nouveau-bohemian in one of 70 artistically remodeled cottages and boats at the [Village by the Locks](#) in the Old Port.