

Choose Montreal if you're looking for an arty, culinary, historical adventure

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A busy night on Rue Saint-Paul in Montreal's Old Town. (Stephan Poulin/Tourism Montreal)

MONTREAL — In recent years, I have made it something of a habit to celebrate my birthday in some far-flung corner of the world. I've gotten a year older in Munich, Germany; Lausanne, Switzerland; New Zealand and Hong Kong among other places.

This May 15 found me in Montreal. As birthdays go, it wasn't one of my best, weather-wise. Steel-gray skies opened up to release fat droplets of rain as I stared dispiritedly from my hotel window, wishing I had chosen to spend this particular birthday in Hawaii.