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## 6 Great Getaways for Galentine's Day

*(Yes, guys, you can do these, too.)*

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Need a break from work, winter weather—or Valentine's Day reminders? Gather a few gal pals this month and head to Miami. Photograph by April Greer.

# Montréal

## *French-Canadian Fling*

**Why we love it:** It's a dose of Francophone culture—albeit one cut off from the motherland a few hundred years ago—without the jet lag. At the top of the to-do list: shopping. Too cold and snowy, you say? *Pas de problème!* Much of downtown Montréal is connected by underground passageways, so you can go from subway to stores without having to put on a *toque* (winter cap). Above ground, the [Marché Bonsecours](#) has been an indoor public market for more than a century, and today it's a destination for local handicrafts and cuisine. Chocolate lovers should plan to be in town February 9 through 11, when the market hosts a chocolate festival with tastings, demonstrations, fountains, sculptures, and even a fashion show. This month also brings the 19th annual [Montréal en Lumière](#) festival (starting February 22), in the heart of the city, where you can sample other Quebec food favorites such as *poutine*.

**Where to stay:** [Hôtel William Gray](#) combines modern design and historic architecture in the heart of Old Montréal.

**Don't miss:** [Cité Mémoire](#), a dreamy multimedia experience displayed right on the walls of the city. You can see it most nights at the Champ-de-Mars park at dusk.

**Getting there:** Book your nonstop flight through United or Air Canada and you'll be there in less than two hours.



Montréal en Lumière festival.