



## ArchitecTours : Montreal in transformation tours

### Description

# Discover the impacts on planning, architecture, heritage and urban living

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From August 6 to October 2, 2022, as part of its popular **ArchitecTours** series of guided tours, **Héritage Montréal** invites Montrealers to explore the past and recent transformations of their city!

Through a series of **six original walking tours**, participants are invited to discover the impact of transformations on development, architecture, heritage and city life. From the demolition of the fortifications at the turn of the 19th century to the major urban renewal projects of the 1960s and recent citizen projects, the city of Montréal has been transformed by numerous development, demolition and construction projects.

### Tour 1: Quartier latin

From Université Laval to UQAM, the Quartier latin has been a place of knowledge for over 150 years. Animated by vast construction sites such as the CHUM and Viger Square, take a stroll through this neighbourhood that is being transformed before our eyes.



## Tour 2: Plaza Saint-Hubert

From its golden age in the mid-20th century to the decline caused by the popularity of shopping centres, today the Plaza is enjoying a rebirth. Come and discover this transformed commercial artery and its surroundings. New perspectives for a neighbourhood redesigned for the 21st century.



### Tour 3: Downtown

A place of passage, commerce and work, recent projects are now leading the downtown to become a place of residence as well. Navigate between the Canadiens Tower and the Pavillon des Sœurs-Grises to see how past and present projects are transforming the face of the western part of downtown.



#### **Tour 4: From MIL Campus to Mile End**

Railway infrastructures have been at the heart of the development of many neighbourhoods. The new MIL campus of the Université de Montréal will open up this area and breathe new life into it. Cross the eras and the neighbourhoods by following the railway tracks, from Parc-Extension to Rosemont, passing through Outremont and Mile End.



## Tour 5: The Sainte-Marie district

Tracing the transformations of this downtown area from the Grover to the Espace Libre, several emblematic places have been given a second life, offering new possibilities to citizens and opportunities to reclaim their neighbourhood.



## Tour 6: Verdun

A former working-class town turned Montreal neighbourhood prized for its quality of life, explore Verdun from the Aqueduct Canal to the beach, via Wellington Street – its commercial artery recently transformed through community, business, civic and political involvement.



## Practical information

These walking tours are presented on Saturdays and Sundays from 6 August to 2 October 2022. Departures in French at 10 am and 2 pm. Departure in English at 10:30 am.

The walks last two hours and are offered rain or shine. Tickets can be purchased online (mandatory), no registration will be accepted on-site. Rate of \$15 for those under 35 in 2022

For more information on the different tours offered, consult the [Héritage Montréal](#) program, or contact **514 286-2662, ext. 21**, or [architectours@heritagemontreal.org](mailto:architectours@heritagemontreal.org). These tours are presented in partnership with **Ivanhoe Cambridge**. Project funded under the Agreement on the cultural development of Montréal between the City of Montréal and the Government of Québec.

## About Héritage Montréal

Héritage Montréal works to protect and promote the architectural, historical, natural and cultural heritage of the Greater Montreal area. Acting at the heart of a vast network of partners, Héritage Montréal, a private non-profit organization, acts through education, representation and consultation to promote and enrich the identity and specificities of the Greater Montreal region, the demographic heart of the demographic and economic heart of Quebec and home to the largest collection of heritage assets in the country.

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