



Montreal captured  
under the spell of COVID-19

## Description

# A photo exploration of the city by bike at night

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Most of the time I am a self-isolation hermit but after sunset of a beautiful Sunday I cycled up Mount Royal from its east side along the serpentine dirt road. There was a great silence in the city. The road was completely in the dark but I had a headlamp and back red lamp attached to the bicycle frame. The few walkers I met in the dark were like spirits.



Sun Life Building

From the belvedere, the view of the downtown core was crystal clear. The beauty of an electrified city without the pollution of cars was extraordinary. Many of the downtown core buildings were given to rainbow colours that symbol of hope during this crisis.





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## Gargoyle – Old Montreal

On a Tuesday evening, again well after nightfall, I cycled down to Old Montreal. I encountered only a hand full of people and three other cyclists the whole time I was there, nearly an hour. One could hear their conversations almost a block away with clarity. It was eerily beautiful. There was no extraneous noise, not even an airplane overhead or boat on the river. There was a sense of timelessness.

All images were taken with a Canon Power Shot Elph 190 IS attached to a tripod with long shutter speeds.



Marché Bonsecours







## Notre-Dame Cathedral





Bank of Montreal – Place d'Armes







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## Ferris wheel – Old Port

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