

IF OUR SCULPTURES COULD TALK



2 or 3 hours

Montreal is chock-full of public art, so I have chosen some of our most beloved sculptures to tell you their story. It's an original way of learning about the history of Montreal, Quebec and Canada while familiarizing yourself with our artists. You'll also catch a glimpse of the duality between French- and English-speakers which has been such an important part of the fabric of our city since the 18th century.

If time is an issue, you can choose the two-hour format instead of the full three hours. They are offered in three areas of Montreal:

Old Montreal (West section)

2 or 3 hours

From John Young, the “father of the port of Montreal” to Joseph-Xavier Perrault, instigator of the founding of the Chamber of Commerce, to Jean-Paul Riopelle, one of our most famous artists, these statues, monuments and busts are dedicated to the memory of the great men and women who left their mark on our city.

Meeting point: Monument to Queen Victoria, Square Victoria, St. Antoine St.

Old Montreal (East section)

2 hours

On this tour, we'll hear from Marguerite Bourgeoys who founded the first school in the city as well as the first religious congregation in Canada, and Mayor Jean-Drapeau whose mega-projects put Montreal on the map in the late 20th century, just to name a few.

Meeting point: Château Ramezay, 280 Notre Dame St. East

Downtown

2 or 3 hours

The downtown tour focuses on more recent history, from the 1840s, when Montreal was the most important city in British North America, to today. You'll learn about the oldest university in Canada, Montreal's and Canada's role in the two World Wars, a hockey legend and so much more.

Meeting point: Roddick Gates, McGill University, 845 Sherbrooke St. West