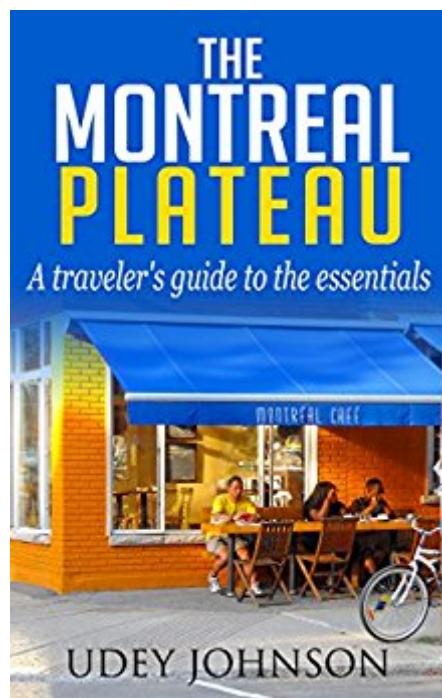


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The Montreal Plateau: A Traveler's Guide To The Essentials



Synopsis

The Montreal Plateau is one of the hippest neighborhoods of any metropolitan area in North America - but most first time visitors to this great city never even know it's there. It's a delightful tree-lined residential area criss-crossed by a few large avenues, spotted with wonderful parks, and home to everything from live theater, to authentic French restaurants, bookstores, bakeries, and chic specialty shops of every description. The Plateau is truly a walker's paradise as it is small enough to be easily traversed in the course of a day, yet big enough to offer the diversity and kind of eclectic attractions to keep you fully engaged and delighted as you wander around. This is the kind of neighborhood where cute little restaurants of every description - all with tantalizing menus - are frequently found tucked away in quiet, charming nooks and corners of otherwise completely non-commercial living areas. The bottom line is that the Montreal Plateau is an undiscovered treat for those who love to lose themselves in organic culture and ambiance without being constantly confronted with hoards of tourists doing the same thing. The Plateau is a gem in a world characterized by visitor saturation. Welcome to one of North America's best travel experiences - hidden in the largest French speaking city in the world outside of France - and a place that you will have all to yourself - along with those who make it home.

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Customer Reviews

Whenever I'm traveling to a new place I always try to pick up an insider's guide as I know I'll get the best view of a city from someone who knows it well. That's one of the reasons I really liked The Montreal Plateau - it gave me the opportunity to see the city through the eyes of a local. Like the author, I always go looking for a great cup of coffee when in a new city, and the books description of Le Fovrac put it at the top of my go-to list. It was also so cool to read about Le Plateau's bike-friendly and walk-friendly attitudes. Just wish more places within large cities were more like this. The author begins by mapping out the boundaries of Le Plateau as it sits within Montreal, then gives readers an overview of the language, culture and spirit of the area. Clearly more French than English, this neighborhood retains a charm that makes it (as the author says) more an experience than a venue. To be honest, prior to reading this book I hadn't really thought about going to Montreal, but Le Plateau is now enticing me to go north!

I realized this book covered just a single neighborhood, but even so, it is a very slim book with large type. Though it may have some useful info if you are spending your entire visit in this one neighborhood, I suspect you would find similar info online. Unfortunately, I am not finding any compelling pre-trip guides to Montreal beyond the standard formula publications.

Bought this as a gift for my niece who just moved to Montreal. I'm from the area and lived on the Plateau for several years, this book was okay but could have easily been more thorough.

Minor league guide, poorly written and even more badly edited. I bought this on kindle, and should have demanded my money back. This book has very little substantive information, and is full of grammatical errors, and mis-spellings. What a joke.

Reading Udey Johnson's book about MontrÃ©al, I found myself agreeing with him from the very beginning. I have been in MontrÃ©al several times while working as a TV producer. But after reading this book, I felt like I missed so much, that I want to go back and see it all, as a tourist. I find that, as a retired person, I would enjoy going back as a visitor, walk around the beautiful parks in the fall and savor the outstanding meals on Duluth street. Udey Johnson's lovely narrative made me long for the warmth of the QuÃ©becois

people. It is an easy read with fabulous descriptions that made me book a trip for next fall. This time I know I'll enjoy it even more than before thanks to this amazing chronicle and helpful tips. It really took me back to Montréal and now I can't wait for the fall. "Merci M. Johnson pour les merveilleux descriptions de cette belle ville, maintenant, avec vos conseils, je vais en profiter encore plus!"

I really enjoyed reading this book about my own neighbourhood. I discovered places that I don't, but I am not surprised. Le Plateau Mont-Royal is full of nice places where to have a good coffee, or eat, or just enjoy life in the parks. I highly recommend this book to visitors who like walking in a city, and who are curious to discover French culture mixed with the American way of life.

I was looking for a guide for my American friends who wish to visit Montreal. I wanted to give them a "get out of the box" tour. Udey Johnson provided me with the ultimate insiders' look at The Plateau. My friends will be able to live the insiders' life of the "Plateauians". The author loves the subject and gives us tips that few books will. The price is right.

On 51 pages in big print, with 14 photos and 1 Screenshot of a street map (Google maps?), you get some description of- 2 parks- 4 streets- transportation: bike rental, metro system, taxi- 13 restaurants, eateries, cafés, ice cream parlor- 5 food stores- Free Wi-Fi, a SIM card shop, a pharmacy chainAnd, potentially life-saving, a warning regarding the local driving habits.

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