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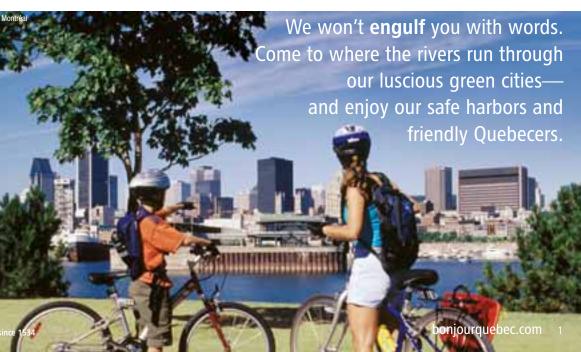


# Grab the Summer Wave.

Rushing from the 16th century, Québec's rivers could hardly wait to make it to the 21st, to see the enticing cities they have wrought along the way. Jaunty Montréal is so hip it's off the charts, but the world's second largest French-speaking city is a cinch to navigate. Nearby, lush Laval is out of this world with its Cosmodôme, a hi-tech space science centre! Charming Québec City, birthplace of New France, overflows with romance and 17th century European ambience. Hilly Gatineau in the National Capital Region is, like Montréal and Québec City, at a confluence of Native American, French and English civilizations and has a museum to honor them all.

Québec's riverine cities have **waves** of European architectural styles and immigrant contributions— from chateaus to sushis.... **currents** of contemporary design, fashion and world-class cuisines... **rapids** of pulsing nightlife, sensational shopping and casino fun... **torrents** of laughter and festivals...and **bridges** crossing every cultural and linguistic gap.













Summer rocks Québec cities with a "WOW"!



Fireworks bursting over the Jacques Cartier Bridge shower Montréal with dazzle. *IT'S SUMMER!!!* The world's greatest Formula 1 car racers test their skills on the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve and then comes the summer flood of festivals! Montréalers jive to International Jazz, Just For Laughs comedy and FrancoFolies, while the tennis addicts won't miss the world renowned Rogers Cup! In Québec City hearts pound to Québec rock opera, pop-punk groups and world and folk music at the International Summer Festival–followed by the 17th century costumed New France celebrations. Gatineau loves its fireworks and colorful hot air balloons (though not at the same time!) With its countless festivals celebrating all summer long, Québec really heats up its city streets!



# Summer's Sizzling

In true Euro style, make time to watch Québec's colorful streetlife from a café terrace on Montréal's Rue Saint-Denis or Québec City's La Grande Allée or Gatineau's La Place Aubry. Then cool down with a river cruise for refreshing views of the Montréal skyline... or Cap Diamant and the ramparts of Old Québec City... or the National Capital monuments and Gatineau. Explore the groovy cool of the Montréal Underground—30 km of boutiques, galleries, restaurants, movie theatres, multimedia shows, and state-of-the-art metro stations. Get all gussied up for a night out at the Gatineau and Montréal casinos. *Then* shake it at an uber-trendy nightclub, late night bistro, cabaret or comedy club with laughter and dance 'til dawn.

# Insider's adventures



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#### MONTRÉAL

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MONTRÉAL BOTANICAL GARDEN From May 15 to October 31, 2006 Special Program: 75 Years of Passion ville.montreal.qc.ca/ses

POINTE-À-CALLIÈRE MONTRÉAL MUSEUM OF ARCHÆOLOGY AND HISTORY

From May 16 to October 15, 2006 Japan: Explore the fascinating origins of Japan pacmusee.qc.ca

MUSÉE D'ART CONTEMPORAIN From May 26 to September 4, 2006 Brian Jungen macm.org

#### **QUÉBEC CITY**

MUSÉE NATIONAL DES BEAUX-ARTS DU QUÉBEC From June 7 to September 10, 2006 Clarence Gagnon, 1881-1942

Dreaming the landscape

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MUSÉE DE LA CIVILISATION

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Nusantara Indonesia mcq.org/en

#### **GATINEAU**

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION From April 7, 2006 to January 2, 2007 PETRA: Lost City of Stone civilization.ca

1 The city of Petra in Jordan

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2 Gustave Caillebotte, Le Pont de l'Europe (detail), 1876. Oil on canvas, 125 x 180 cm. Coll.: Oscar Ghez, Petit Palais de Genève

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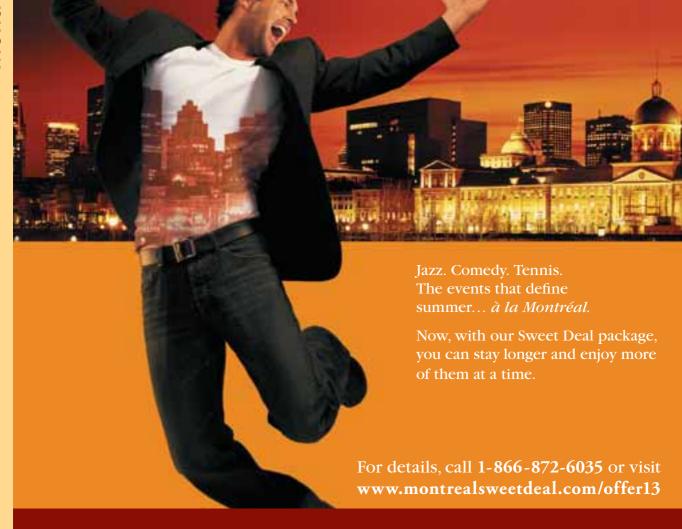


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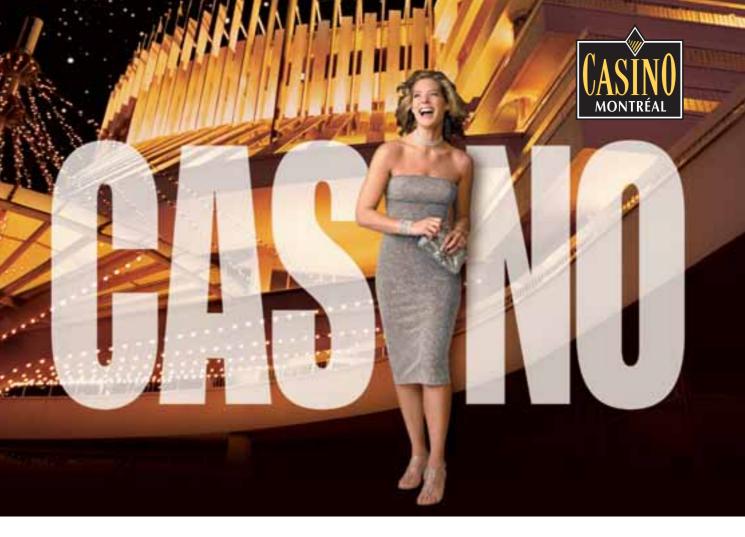
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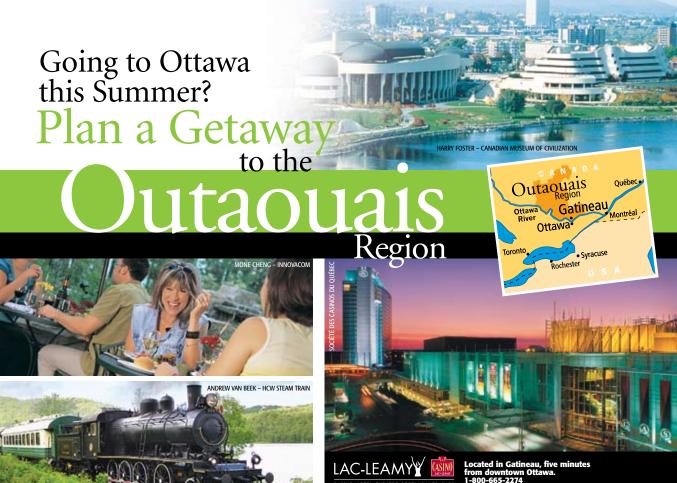
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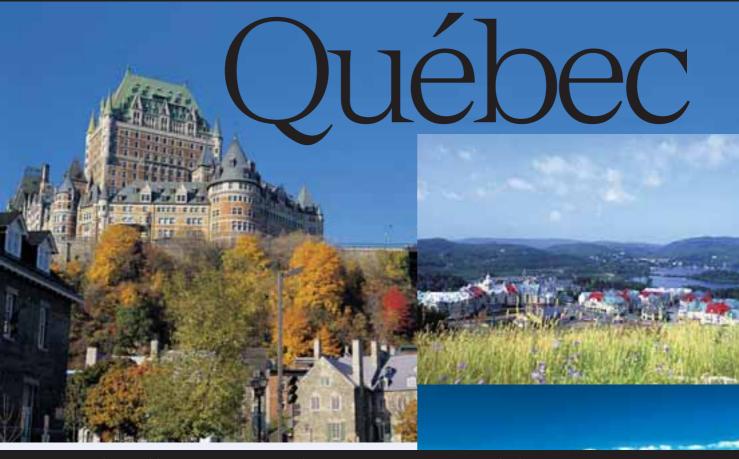
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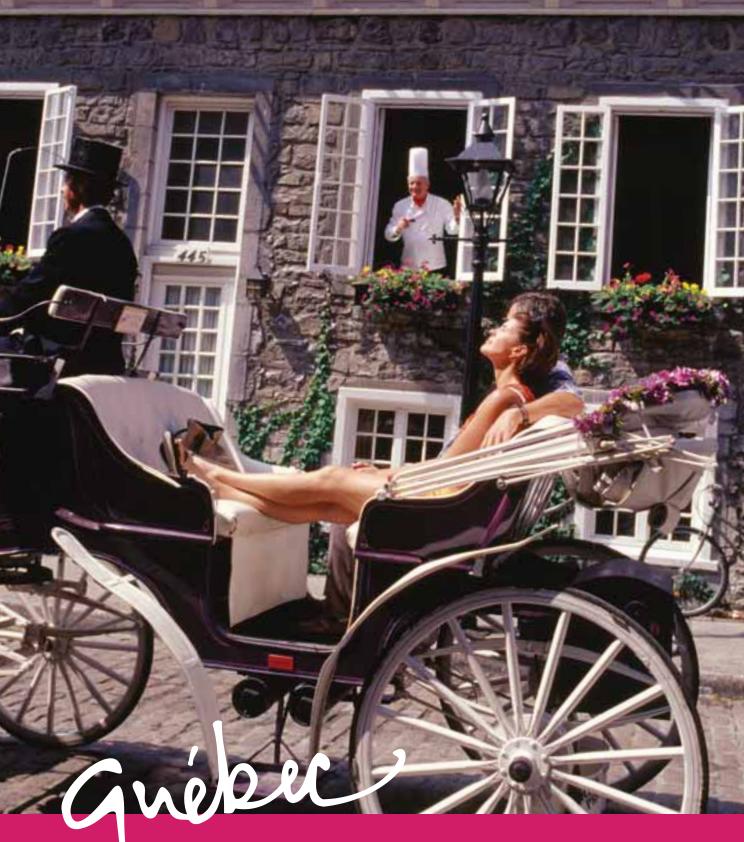
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