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The Best of Montréal & Québec City

The duality of Canadian life has been called the “Twin Solitudes.” One Canada, English and Calvinist in origin, is said to be staid, smug, and work-obsessed. The other, French and Catholic but highly secular, is thought of as more creative, lighthearted, and inclined to see pleasure as the end purpose of labor. Or so go the stereotypes.

These two peoples live side by side throughout Québec and in the nine provinces of English Canada, but the blending occurs in particularly intense fashion in Québec province’s largest city, Montréal. French speakers, known as Francophones, constitute about 70% of the city’s population, while most of the remaining population speaks English—Anglophones. (The growing number of residents who have another primary tongue, and speak neither English nor French, are called Allophones.) Although both groups are decidedly North American, they are no more alike than Margaret Thatcher and Charles de Gaulle.

Montréal is a modern city in every regard. Its downtown bristles with skyscrapers, but many of them are playful, almost perky, with unexpected shapes and bright, uncorporate colors. The city above ground is mirrored by another below, an underground labyrinth of shops, restaurants, movie theaters, and offices where an entire winter can be avoided in coatless comfort.

To the west and north of downtown are Anglo commercial and residential neighborhoods, centered around Westmount. To the east and north are Francophone *quartiers*, notably Plateau Mont-Royal and Outremont. In between are the many dialects and skin tones of the immigrant rainbow.

Over the past decade, a bleak mood prevailed in Québec, driven by lingering recession and uncertainty over the future. After all, it still remained possible that Québec would choose to fling itself into independence from the rest of Canada. Lately, though, passions have cooled, and now, something else is going on.

Ripples of optimism have become waves, spreading through the province and its largest city. The Canadian dollar has strengthened against its U.S. counterpart. Unemployment in Québec, long in double digits, shrank to under 6%, the lowest percentage in more than 2 decades, and below that of archrival Toronto. In another (perhaps connected) trend, crime in Montréal (already one of the safest cities in North America) has hit a 20-year low. Favorable currency exchange and the presence of skilled workers have made the city a favored site for Hollywood film and TV production. The rash of FOR RENT and FOR SALE signs that disfigured the city in the 1990s has evaporated, replaced by a welcome shortage of store and office space and a billion-dollar building boom that’s filling up vacant lots all over downtown. The beloved old hockey arena was converted to a dining and entertainment center called Forum Pepsi, and La

Ronde, a popular amusement park that was experiencing a sharp decline that threatened to end in bankruptcy, was saved by its sale to the Six Flags empire.

To be sure, not every project has enjoyed smooth sailing. A plan to build a downtown baseball stadium collapsed soon after it was proposed, as did a plan for a new theme park. But those stumbles won't matter to American visitors, for whom Montréal already might seem an urban near-paradise. The subway system, called the Métro, is modern and swift. Streets are safe. Montréal's best restaurants are the equals of their south-of-the-border compatriots in every way, yet they are as much as 20% to 30% cheaper. And the government gives visitors back most of the taxes it collects from them.

Québec City is less sophisticated, more conservative, and more French. With its impressive location above the St. Lawrence River and its virtually unblemished Old Town of 18th- and 19th-century houses, it even looks French. Probably 95% of its residents speak French, and far fewer are bilingual, as most Montrealers are. (In the province as a whole, about 81% of citizens are Francophones.) With that homogeneity and the city's status as the supposed capital of a future independent nation, citizens seem to suffer less angst over what might happen down the road. They are also aware that a critical part of their economy is based on tourism, and they are far less likely to vent the open hostility that American visitors occasionally experience in English Canada.

1 Frommer's Favorite Montréal & Québec City Experiences

MONTREAL

- **Exploring Vieux-Montréal.** The old quarter has an overwhelmingly European flavor. Wander place Jacques-Cartier, the most engaging of the district's squares; explore museums and the stunning architecture of the churches; and stroll along the revitalized waterfront. See chapter 7, "Exploring Montréal," and the walking tour of Vieux-Montréal in chapter 8.
- **Feasting on Table d'Hôte Specials.** Indulge in three or four courses for a fixed price that is only slightly more than the cost of an à la carte main course alone. Most full-service restaurants offer the table d'hôte, if only at midday. See chapter 6, "Where to Dine in Montréal."
- **Listening to Jazz.** Downtown, Old Town, the Latin Quarter, all over, this is a favorite pastime of locals and visitors alike, especially in late June and early July during the renowned Montréal Jazz Festival. See p. 22.
- **Savoring French and International Cuisine.** Experience all of French

cuisine's permutations—traditional, haute, bistro, original Quebecois—but sample as well the city's Fusion and Asian hybrids and the legion of ethnic restaurants representing dozens of foreign cuisines, notably Italian, Mexican, Thai, Chinese, Greek, Polish, and Indian. See chapter 6, "Where to Dine in Montréal."

- **Shopping.** Browse the shops of world-class domestic designers, from the up-and-coming to the well established; search for Inuit (Eskimo) sculptures of the highest order (with prices to match); and take in the scores of eclectic antiques shops along rue Notre-Dame between rue Guy and rue Atwater. See chapter 9, "Montréal Shopping."

QUEBEC CITY

- **Admiring the Skyline from the Lévis Ferry.** The ferry provides quite a view for very little money, and passengers can stay onboard and come right back without disembarking. See p. 246.
- **Discovering the Blossoming Lower Town.** All but abandoned to shipping

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- and grimy industry, the old riverside neighborhood is reborn, with antiques shops, bistros, and boutique hotels filling its rehabilitated 18th- and 19th-century buildings. See chapter 15, “Exploring Québec City,” and the walking tour of the Lower Town in chapter 16, “Québec City Strolls.”
- **Lingering at an Outdoor Cafe.** Tables are set out at place d’Armes, in the Quartier du Petit-Champlain, and along the Grande-Allée—a quality-of-life invention the French and their Quebecois brethren have perfected. See chapter 14, “Where to Dine in Québec City.”
 - **Relaxing in Battlefields Park (Parc des Champs-de-Bataille).** This park is beautifully situated, overlooking the St. Lawrence River, and is particularly lively on weekends, when families and lovers come here to picnic and play. See p. 241.
 - **Strolling and Lounging on the Terrasse Dufferin.** Captivating Québec City is at its best here, with the copper-spined Château Frontenac rearing up behind, the Lower Town below, and ferries, freighters, and pleasure craft moving on the broad, silvered river. See chapter 15 for more on Terrasse Dufferin.

2 Best Hotel Bets

MONTREAL

- **Best Historic Hotel:** No contest. **The Ritz-Carlton Montréal**, 1228 rue Sherbrooke ouest (☎ 800/363-0366 or 514/842-4212), has been around since 1913, giving it a half-century lead on the closest competition. See p. 75.
- **Best for Business Travelers:** A closer call, with several worthy candidates, but **Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth**, 900 bd. René-Lévesque ouest (☎ 800/441-1414 or 514/861-3511), gets the nod for its central location atop the railroad station, concierge floors, fully equipped health club, and excellent bus connections to the airport. See p. 71.
- **Best New Luxury Hotel Downtown:** The nearby Omni, Ritz, and Vogue are challenged by the first Canadian branch of a pervasive chain, the **Sofitel**, 1155 rue Sherbrooke ouest (☎ 877/285-9001 or 514/285-9000), which matches its rivals in every detail. See p. 76.
- **Best for a Romantic Getaway:** With ancient cut-stone walls, swags of velvet and brocade, and tilting floors that Benjamin Franklin once trod upon, as well as a baronial dining room and a breakfast nook under a peaked glass roof, **La Maison Pierre du Calvet**, 405 rue Bonsecours (☎ 866/544-1725 or 514/282-1725), provokes memories of lovers’ hotels by the Seine. See p. 81.
- **Best Old Boutique Hotel:** Not really *that* old, **Hôtel Le Germain**, 2050 rue Mansfield (☎ 877/333-2050 or 514/849-2050), brought a needed jolt of panache to the too-often-stodgy corps of downtown business hotels, and helped inspire a boom in small, stylish hotels in Vieux-Montréal. See p. 75.
- **Best New Boutique Hotels (Posh Category):** In Old Montréal, the **Hôtel Le St-James**, 355 rue St-Jacques (☎ 866/841-3111 or 514/841-3111), raises the bar to an almost impossibly high level, with a superbly Sybaritic spa and gorgeous grand hall, but the **Hôtel Nelligan**, 106 rue St-Paul ouest (☎ 877/788-2040 or 514/788-2040), counters with a great full-service restaurant and rooftop terrace. See p. 78 for

Hôtel Le St-James and p. 80 for Hôtel Nelligan.

- **Best New Boutique Hotels (Minimalist Category):** Also in Old Montréal, **Hôtel St-Paul**, 355 rue McGill (☎ 866/380-2202 or 514/380-2222), softens its austere lines with fur throws, while the eagerly anticipated **Hôtel Gault**, at 449 rue Ste-Hélène (☎ 866/904-1616 or 514/904-1616), leaves its raw concrete walls uncovered and uses furniture that was startlingly modern in the 1950s. See p. 81 for Hôtel St-Paul and p. 78 for Hôtel Gault.
- **Best Lobby for Pretending That You're Rich:** A tie—the woody, hushed **Ritz-Carlton Montréal** (see “Best Historic Hotel,” above) exudes old money, while the new **Hôtel Le St-James** (see “Best New Boutique Hotels [Posh Category],” above) caters to the cellphone and international bespoke tailored set. See p. 75 for the Ritz-Carlton Montréal and p. 80 for Hôtel Le St-James.
- **Best for Families:** The **Delta Montréal**, 475 av. du Président-Kennedy (☎ 877/286-1986 or 514/286-1986), keeps the kids blissfully waterlogged with *two* pools—one inside, one outside. The young ones can also be placed under watchful eyes in the play center, giving their parents a break. See p. 77.
- **Best Moderately Priced Hotel:** While it can't measure up to the dash of the many nearby boutique hotels of Old Montréal, most expected services are at hand and the cheapest rooms dip into the budget category (as low as C\$96/US\$77 for suites) at the **SpringHill Suites**, 445 rue St-Jean-Baptiste (☎ 866/875-4333 or 514/875-4333). See p. 82.
- **Best B&B:** Located in a 1723 house in Vieux-Montréal, **Auberge Les Passants du Sans Soucy**, 171 rue St-Paul ouest (☎ 514/842-2634), is more upscale and stylish than most of its peers, and it's located near the top restaurants and clubs in the old town. See p. 83.
- **Best Service:** It's tough to choose among the troops at the **Hôtel Le St-James** (see “Best New Boutique Hotels [Posh Category],” above), the **Ritz-Carlton Montréal** (see “Best Historic Hotel,” above), and the **Hôtel Inter-Continental Montréal**, 360 rue St-Antoine ouest (☎ 800/361-3600 or 514/987-9900). All three teams display an almost equal amount of grace and care when it comes to tending to their guests. See p. 80, p. 75, and p. 80 for each hotel, respectively.
- **Best Location:** Airport buses leave regularly from the front door of **Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth** (see “Best for Business Travelers,” above). The main railroad station is just a couple of levels down in the hotel elevator, and most of the major corporate buildings are accessible through the corridors of the underground city. See p. 71.
- **Best Hotel Health Club:** **Hôtel Omni Mont-Royal**, 1050 rue Sherbrooke ouest (☎ 514/284-1110), lays on aerobics classes with instructors, free weights *and* weight machines, and Exercycles, as well as saunas, a steam room, whirlpools, and massages to recover from the workout. See p. 76.
- **Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth** (see “Best Location,” above), is a close second. See p. 71.
- **Best Views:** With 32 stories, the **Hôtel Omni Mont-Royal** (see “Best Health Club,” above) has the loftiest rooms, with some of the most panoramic views, in town. See p. 76.

QUEBEC CITY

- **Best Historic Hotel:** **Fairmont Le Château Frontenac**, 1 rue des Carrières (☎ 800/828-7447 or 418/692-3861), is more than a century old. It was one of the first hotels built to serve railroad passengers and to encourage tourism at a time when most people stayed close to home—and it still rewards a visit. See p. 217.
- **Best for Business Travelers:** A tie. Both the **Hilton Québec**, 1100 bd. René-Lévesque est (☎ 800/447-2411 or 418/647-6508), and the **Delta Québec**, 690 bd. René-Lévesque est (☎ 888/884-7777 in Canada, 800/333-3333 from elsewhere, or 418/647-1717), have as central locations as can be found, with good fitness centers and executive floors with concierges and business services. See p. 222 for the Hilton Québec and p. 223 for the Delta Québec.
- **Best for a Romantic Getaway:** It's hard to beat curling up with a glass of wine beside the fire in one of the cozy alcoves of the **Auberge Saint-Antoine**, 8 rue St-Antoine (☎ 888/692-2211 or 418/692-2211). See p. 224.
- **Best Boutique Hotel:** The **Auberge Saint-Antoine** (above) moves into first place with its grand new wing and archaeological displays from lobby to bedside. Still, the sleek **Dominion 1912**, 126 rue Saint-Pierre (☎ 888/833-5253 or 418/692-2224), remains a personal favorite, infusing a pre-World War I building with cunning modernist flavor, continuing a trend in designer hotels and inns in the Basse-Ville. See p. 225.

The Best of Montréal & Québec City Online

There's lots of information on Montréal and Québec City on the Internet. Here are a few of our favorite planning and general information sites:

- **Bonjour Québec** (www.tourisme.gouv.qc.ca), the official site of the government of the Province of Québec, endeavors to be a comprehensive information bank about all things Québec, and nearly succeeds. You'll find information on upcoming events and ongoing attractions, and you can search for hotels and reserve online.
- **Bonjour à la Montréal** (www.tourisme-montreal.org), another official tourism site, constitutes a first source that hits the highlights rather than delving in depth. Check the "traveler" box for a directory of attractions, guided tours, entertainment, accommodations, and restaurants. Be sure to scope the "Sweet Deals" on lodging and activities from October to May.
- **Hour** (www.hour.ca) is a Montréal culture magazine that highlights local happenings. Read entertainingly grumpy and often profane takes on current events from several columnists, as well as regularly updated restaurant and film reviews.
- **Québec** (www.quebecregion.com) is sponsored by the Greater Québec Area Tourism and Convention Bureau and is full of information about Québec City's accommodations, attractions, sports, shopping, dining, history, and culture.

- **Best Location:** Where else? For tourists, nothing can beat **Fairmont Le Château Frontenac** (see “Best Historic Hotel,” above) for proximity to all the sights. In fact, the château *is* one of the sights. See p. 217.
- **Best Health Club and Pool:** At the **Delta Québec** (see “Best for Business

Travelers,” above), weights, Exercycles, and a workout room with instructors, as well as a whirlpool and sauna, will help you ease out the kinks. Slip into the heated pool inside and swim out to the open air. See p. 223.

3 Best Dining Bets

For a discussion of dining in Québec, see “Cuisine Haute, Cuisine Bas: Smoked Meat, Fiddleheads & Caribou,” in the appendix.

MONTREAL

- **Best Spot for a Business Lunch:** **Otto**, in the new W Hôtel, 901 Square Victoria, at rue St-Antoine (☎ 514/395-3183), won't disappoint, especially the young, hip international execs who feel both the restaurant and the hotel speak to their needs and desires. See p. 93.
- **Best Spot for a Celebration:** No need to rake in stacks of chips at the gambling tables in the casino to join the festive crowd at **Nuances**, 1 av. du Casino (☎ 514/392-2708), the gracious multistarred *temple de cuisine* on the top floor of the casino. You'll get superb service, astonishing food, and spectacular views of the skyline to boot. See p. 105.
- **Best Wine List:** An award-winning designer bar, **BU**, 5245 bd. St-Laurent, at avenue Fairmont (☎ 514/276-0249), serves food, but wine wags the dog. The long card lists dozens of bottlings simply not seen anywhere else, and the manager has an encyclopedic knowledge of his cellar. See p. 106.
- **Best Decor:** With its exposed brick-and-stone walls, ceiling-high shelves of wine behind the handsomely turned-out center bar, and candle flames flickering in the breezes through the big open windows along the front and side, **Modavie**, 1 rue St-Paul ouest in Vieux-Montréal (☎ 514/287-9582), pleases the eye at every turn. See p. 98.
- **Best Value:** At lunch, the all-you-can-eat Indian buffet at **Le Taj**, 2077 rue Stanley, near rue Sherbrooke (☎ 514/845-9015), is a wonder. At dinner, even the *expensive* four-course table d'hôte at **Le Bourlingueur**, 363 St-François-Xavier, at rue St-Paul (☎ 514/845-3646), comes in under C\$17 (US\$14). See p. 92 for Le Taj and p. 99 for Le Bourlingueur.
- **Best for Kids:** On the assumption that a kid who doesn't like pizza is as rare as fish feathers, get over to **Pizzédélec**, on The Main at 3509 bd. St-Laurent, near rue Sherbrooke (☎ 514/282-6784). They have all manner of toppings, from the utterly conventional to just short of odd, and pastas too—all to be eaten while looking out at the street, or while enjoying the open terrace in the back. See p. 109.
- **Best Italian Cuisine:** Super-chic **Buona Notte**, 3518 bd. St-Laurent, near rue Sherbrooke (☎ 514/848-0644), may look as if it's more concerned with being a place to be seen than with what it sends out of the kitchen, but the pastas, focaccias, and risottos rival the occasional celebrity sightings. See p. 101.
- **Best Thai Cuisine:** **Chao Phraya**, 50 av. Laurier ouest, near boulevard

- St-Laurent (☎ 514/272-5339), purveys examples of a most complex Asian cooking style at good value in a sophisticated setting that eschews snarling gold temple dogs. See p. 106.
- **Best Seafood:** Few Montréal restos focus on fish, although most make a requisite bow to the sea. At **Maestro S.V.P.** (p.103), 3615 bd. St-Laurent, near rue Prince Arthur (☎ 514/842-6447), land-based dishes are in the minority and the raw bar rules, producing a memorable *plateau de fruits de mer*. Another candidate is **Café Ferreira** (p. 88), 1446 rue Peel (near bd. Maissonnueve) ☎ 514/848-0988), which does extremely well by its repertoire of marine-focused Portuguese cuisine.
 - **Best Guilty Treats:** *Poutine* is a plate of french fries drenched with gravy with cheese curds, a bedrock Québec comfort food. At **Au Pied de Cochon** (p. 102), 536 rue Duluth, near rue St-Hubert (☎ 514/281-1116), the dish is elevated to mid-haute levels with the addition of foie gras.
 - **Best Pizza:** The name says it all: **Pizzédélic** (see “Best for Kids,” above), where they do anything from same-old, same-old tomato and cheese to cutting-edge designer concoctions with unlikely toppings like snails. See p. 109.
 - **Best Late-Night Dining:** Plateau Mont-Royal’s most Parisian bistro, **L’Express**, 3927 rue St-Denis, at Rue Roy (☎ 514/845-5333), doesn’t need a sign out front, because it stays full nightly until 3am (Sun only until 2am). Simple but toothsome recipes prepared with the freshest ingredients keep the night owls coming. See p. 102.
 - **Best Outdoor Dining:** Serious food isn’t the lure at **Le Jardin Nelson**, 407 place Jacques-Cartier (☎ 514/861-5731). Music—classical or jazz—is what draws the crowds, who partake of sweet or savory crepes or very good pizzas under the crabapple tree in the garden. See p. 173.
 - **Best People-Watching:** Any of a dozen cafes along St-Denis will fit this bill, especially on weekends, when the Plateau Mont-Royal boulevard comes alive. But **Café Cherrier**, 3635 rue St-Denis, at rue Cherrier (☎ 514/843-4308), might be the most fun, if you can find a seat on the wraparound terrace. See p. 108.
 - **Best Steaks:** **Moishes** (p. 101) at 3961 bd. St-Laurent, near rue Prince Arthur (☎ 514/845-3509), has had decades to perfect its charbroiling techniques and uses only real prime beef. It’s a pleasure to pull up a chair in the recently redecorated premises. Check your cholesterol concerns at the door and pay up your credit cards.
 - **Best Brunch:** Crepes with multitudes of fillings make for Frenchified brunches at **Le Jardin Nelson** (see “Best Outdoor Dining,” above), which are served in the garden, inside, or on the terrace facing place Jacques-Cartier. See p. 173.
 - **Best Smoked Meat:** It’ll only throw another log on the local battle for the title of “best smoked meat,” which has blazed for at least a century, but **Chez Schwartz Charcuterie Hébraïque de Montréal** on The Main at 3895 bd. St-Laurent, north of rue Prince-Arthur (☎ 514/842-4813), serves up the definitive version of this untransplantable deli treat. See p. 103.
 - **Best Sandwiches:** Open only from early morning to midafternoon, **Titanic**, 45 rue St-Pierre, near rue Le Moynes (☎ 514/849-0894), puts tasty, unusual ingredients between split halves of freshly baked baguettes with uncommon artistry. See p. 99. For burgers, it’s impossible to argue with the local conviction that the

biggest, juiciest ones are assembled at **La Paryse** (p. 107), 302 rue Ontario, at rue Sanguinet (☎ 514/842-2040).

- **Best Bagels:** Montréal's bagels are clearly superior to versions produced south of the border, and **St-Viateur Bagel & Café**, at 1127 av. Mont-Royal est, near rue La Roche (☎ 514/528-6361), is the place to assess that claim. See p. 110.
- **Best New Restaurant:** Hotel restaurants are getting a good name with the ongoing appearances of such exciting rooms as **Otto** (p. 93), in the W Hôtel, 901 Square Victoria (☎ 514/395-3183). Both guests and waitstaff are uncommonly attractive, and the progressive Italian menu is deeply satisfying.
- **Best Restaurant, Period:** Ever-questing Normand Laprise and partner Christine Lamarche keep **Toqué!**, 900 place Jean-Paul Riopelle, near rue St-Antoine (☎ 514/499-2084), in a league of its own. It's postmodern, it's post-nouvelle, it's dazzling! Nipping at their heels, though, is **Les Chevres**, 1201 rue Van Horne, at avenue Bloomfield (☎ 514/270-1119), where vegetables and a very few meats and fishes are elevated to haute status. See p. 93 for Toqué! and p. 105 for Les Chevres.

QUEBEC CITY

- **Best Spot for a Romantic Dinner:** Stars above, tables illuminated by the flicker of candlelight, unobtrusive service, and even the name, **Le Saint-Amour**, 48 rue Ste-Ursule (☎ 418/694-0667), bespeak romance. See p. 229.
- **Best View:** Revolving rooftop restaurants rarely dish out food as elevated as their lofty venues. **L'Astral** (p. 271) in the Loews Le Concorde hotel, 1225 cours du Généralde Montcalm (☎ 418/647-2222), is an exception.

The food here is above average and the cost is entirely reasonable.

- **Best Bistro:** In a city that specializes in the informal bistro tradition, **L'Echaudé**, 73 rue Sault-au-Matlot, near rue St-Paul (☎ 418/692-1299), is a star. Classic dishes are all in place, from *confit de canard* to steak frites. The dining terrace is on a pedestrian-only street. See p. 233.
- **Best New Restaurant:** Amid the cluster of innovative new restaurants that have blessed the city in the past couple of years, **Utopie** (p. 235), 226 rue St-Joseph, near rue Caron (☎ 418/523-7878), is a standout, the one most likely to equal the current champs (see below).
- **Best Restaurant: Laurie Raphaël**, 117 rue Dalhousie (☎ 418/692-4555), has been the sole occupier of the apex of the local pyramid, and just completed a total physical overhaul. See p. 232. However, **Initiale** (p. 232), 54 rue St-Pierre, at Côte de la Montagne (☎ 418/694-1818), can no longer be denied equal status. Visitors can have the best meals of their lives at these stellar restaurants.
- **Best Rockin' Hot Spot with Good Food:** You don't have to be young, gorgeous, and hip to get into the **Voodoo Grill**, 575 Grande-Allée est (☎ 418/647-2000), but there seems to be a lot of self-selection going on. As part of a complex that includes two bars and the Maurice disco, the noise level is brutal and the pace frantic, making the surprisingly good food all the more remarkable. See p. 232.
- **Best Seafood:** The owner of **Le Marie-Clarisse**, 12 rue du Petit-Champlain (☎ 418/692-0857), selects all the just-off-the-boat seafood served at his comfortable bistro at the bottom of Breakneck Stairs. There's a fireplace inside and a terrace outside. See p. 234.

- **Best Sugar Pie:** Québec's favorite dessert reaches its apogee at **Aux Anciens Canadiens** (p. 228), 34 rue St-Louis (☎ 418/692-1627). Think smooth maple sugar with a crust, at the ideal end of a traditional meal.
- **Best People-Watching:** The few outdoor tables at **Le Marie-Clarisse** (see "Best Seafood," above)—perched above the main pedestrian intersection of Quartier du Petit-Champlain—monopolize an unsurpassed observation point. See p. 234.
- **Best Place to Take a Teenager:** Pizza-sized crepes packed with meats, eggs, peppers, cheese, or, for dessert, jams or fruit are made before your eyes at **Le Casse-Crêpe Breton** (p. 229), 1136 rue St-Jean (☎ 418/692-0438), and it's open just about anytime your teenager gets hungry.