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My trip to Montreal

I went to Montreal with the view to improve my spoken English, but I got much more than speaking-practice, although Montreal is the second-largest French-speaking country in the world. Montreal is the second-largest city in Canada with a lot of sights, museums and - for people who love shopping - of course shopping-centres. I really enjoyed the “Underground-City” where you can shop as much as you want and you don’t ever have to go out. This is very convenient - especially in winter. You can also enjoy the nature. I went skiing and had a lot of fun. I also enjoyed walking through the parks. I loved the panoramic view of Montreal from the top of Mont Royal Park and I really can recommend this to you! One thing I can tell you, if you go there in winter, take a lot of warm clothes with you. It can get very cold! The day I arrived there was no snow. I wondered because it was the middle of November, so I asked the taxi-driver if he knew when it would snow. He laughed and told me I would have enough snow during my next 5 weeks in Montreal and he was right... It started snowing that night and it kept snowing for the next few weeks. Sometimes it was an adventure to get to the bus station because of all the snow. I saw people shovelling snow to retrieve their cars and of course I underwent a real “school-cancelled-day because of snow”.

I visited the St. George’s Elementary School of Montreal and I think this was the best thing that could happen to me: it was a small private school where I felt welcomed with open arms. The teachers were very friendly and helpful. I got all the help I needed to teach in class. It was a great pleasure to be there and to be part of this school.

I also felt very welcome at my new home. Moira, the person in whose house I stayed, is a very interesting, friendly and helpful woman. She’s an old friend of Dr. Martin’s. Ask Dr. Martin to make contact with her and the school! I’m sure you will be welcome both at the school and at Moira’s house (if she hasn’t just given her spare room to somebody else). Moira made my time in Montreal an unforgettable experience, and my impressions of Montreal were also unforgettable. I can recommend making this trip to Montreal to you and to stay as long as possible. I’m sure you will enjoy it - I’m also sure I’ll go back!

If you have any questions you are welcome to ask me. Just write me an e-mail.

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