



It is finally time for RoboCup 2018!

Dear RoboCup Community!

The RoboCup 2018 Montreal Canada Delegation Local Organizing Committee is ready to greet you in the beautiful city of Montréal. The weather is warm and the sun is bright. It has never been a better time for RoboCuppers from all over the World to meet in this vibrant city that has recently been named a leader in Artificial Intelligence. We have focused this issue of the newsletter on information that will help you make the most out of your visit.

Underground Metro System

There are so many ways to travel in Montréal. Using our Métro system is a quick and easy way to cross the city. You can purchase a 1 trip, 2 trip, 1 day, 3 day, unlimited evening, or unlimited weekend fares. 1 day is considered 24 hours from the time you validate your pass; not the time you purchase it. For more details, see: <http://www.stm.info/en/info/fares/transit-fares>



Montréal Downtown (City Centre)



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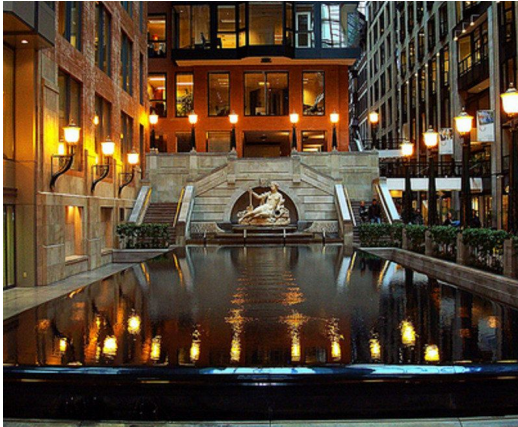
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Major Banquet



The major banquet will be held in Montréal's World Trade Centre. This showcase building is located one block away from the venue.

It will certainly be a night to remember!

Bixi Bikes



Want to explore Montréal? You can rent a Bixi bike at hundreds of locations around the city. You can make unlimited 30 minute rides in 24 hours for only \$5. There are four Bixi stations right outside the Venue.

For details, please see:

<https://bixi.com/en/1-day-access>

Location of Bixi Stations:

<https://secure.bixi.com/map/>

Taxes

There are two taxes paid locally. The Federal one is called GST (or TPS in French) is 5% of the purchase price. The provincial tax is called PST (or TVQ in French) is 9.975% of the purchase price.



Understanding Montréal

To help you navigate our city, here are some basic French terms:

Bonjour (*bon-zhoor*): Hello

Bonsoir (*bon-swahr*): Good evening

Merci (*mair-see*): Thanks!

De rien (*duh ree-en*): You're welcome

S'il vous plaît (*seel voo play*): Please

Oui (*wee*): yes

Non (*na-hn*): No

Toilette (*twa-let*): Toilet, Bathroom, Wash Closet

Sortie (*Sor-ti*): Exit

Depanneur (*Dai-pan-er*): Convenience or local corner store that sells snacks, drinks, and common items.



Directions	Est: East	Ouest : West	Nord : North	Sud: South
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Tips/Gratuities

Sit-Down restaurants: It is customary and expected to leave a tip of approximately 15% of the pre-tax bill as a sign of appreciation for good service in a sit-down restaurant. An easy way to calculate this is to leave a tip equal to the total of the two taxes.

Taxis/Uber: A tip of \$2-\$5 is common for short trips.

Units of measure

Most units of measure use the metric system.

Airport

[Pierre Elliott Trudeau Airport](#) is located approximately 25 minutes from downtown Montréal. There are [numerous options](#) to reach your hotel or the convention centre.



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Currency

The standard currency is [Canadian Dollars](#). Some places accept American Dollars as well. Credit Cards like Visa and MasterCard credit cards are widely accepted. Currency exchange office are available at the airport and several downtown locations.

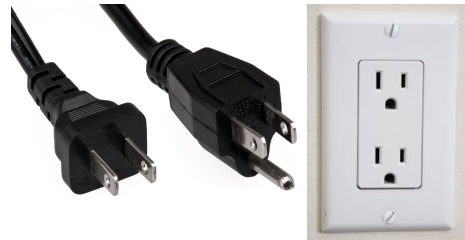
Innovation Summit

The Innovation Summit will take place during the RoboCup event one floor above the Competition area at the Palais des Congrès. This summit will provide learning and training opportunities for students, teachers, mentors, professionals, industries, and all robotic enthusiasts.

Up-to-date information and tickets can be found on the [RoboCup 2018 website](#).

Electricity

Canada's electrical supply and electrical outlets (sockets, wall plugs) are the same as those found in the United States. The electrical supply is 120 Volts and 60 Hertz (cycles per second). You may need a power bar, an adaptor and a power converter.



Wi-Fi and Internet



As usual, there will be limited wifi access within the competition area. We ask that everyone please refrain from excessive Internet use while connected to the competition area network. Please avoid large downloads. Your team will be given only a single warning before your team's network access is disabled. We recommend that you update your code prior to coming to the Venue. If you need to transfer files between teammates, please use a flash key instead of email/FTP, etc.

With over 825 [free Wifi access stations](#) throughout downtown, Montréal has one of the widest free public urban WiFi networks in the world. Many public places such as restaurants and hotels offer free WiFi as well. Directly below the competition area in the Palais des congrès Convention Center shopping gallery, you have access to wifi at no cost.



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Girls Garden Party

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WEDNESDAY

10 AM TO 6 PM

at the
'Esplanade Garden Area'
Palais du Congres -
Gauchetière entrance

Various female keynote speakers from flight simulation and training industry
Augmented reality demos - HoloLens
Delicious goodies and giveaways throughout the day
Robot-friendly outdoor activities and painting contest



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