

- Official club name: **The Friendship Force of Montreal: LA FORCE DE L'AMITIÉ DE MONTRÉAL**
- Closest international airport: The passenger airport is named MONTREAL-TRUDEAU (code: YUL)
- Cost of transportation between the airport or train station and our city: hosts come in their private vehicles to welcome their ambassadors, and a fee of \$20 per vehicle will be asked to cover transportation and parking cost.
- The maximum number of Ambassadors our club can host: 20
- About the club: LA FORCE DE L'AMITIÉ DE MONTRÉAL is a new club founded in November 2000 and already, it has more than 70 members. Most of our members are retired persons, about half being married and half single, and enjoy traveling and making new friends from around the world.
- About the region: Montreal is a truly cosmopolitan city where French and English are currently used. It is the second largest French-speaking city in the world. Two thirds of its people are of French descent and speak French though most can understand English. One fifth of the population is of British ancestry. You will meet people from several nationalities, among others, Italian, Haitian, Jewish, Greek, Chinese, Lebanese, Portuguese, Vietnamese. With a metropolitan population of three and a half million, Montreal is the second largest area in Canada. One of two large islands of the St. Lawrence River, it is also one of the world's largest inland seaports. From its highest point, Mont Royal, you can have a postcard view of the city. Among the oldest cities on the continent, Montreal hosts millions of visitors each year. Its strong French flavor and hospitality, a rich multicultural life, fine restaurants of all nationalities, low cost high quality meals, great shopping facilities and a lively nightlife are all attributes that make it the most amazing destinations in North America. It is also an underground city with a 43 km pedestrian network of boutiques, restaurants, theatres, train and bus stations, universities, etc. - all linked by the city's Metro (subway). You will be charmed by its architecture of French and British influence and by its unique outdoor stairways in front of apartment houses. You'll love the sidewalk cafes, or touring Old Montreal in the comfort of a horse-driven carriage, strolling along its cobblestone streets or taking a cruise on the St. Lawrence River. It is a friendly, fun-loving city, open-minded to other cultures and where it is safe to walk the streets at night. Some of Montreal's remarkable attractions: Old Montreal (7 million visitors each year), the Old Port, Notre-Dame Basilica, the Olympic Stadium, St. Joseph Shrine,

the Botanical Garden, the Casino, the Biosphere. And for art lovers: the Museum of Fine Arts, Place des Arts, many art galleries, the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, the Grands Ballets Canadiens, the Opéra de Montréal. Montreal, a city of festivals! Here is a list among many held every year:

- May
 - Montreal Bike Fest Tour de l'Île bicycle race
 - May Beer Festival More than 250 beers from 5 continents, musical shows and events
- June
 - Montreal International Jazz Festival A unique city festival with great artists, over 300 free shows, in downtown Montreal
 - Le Grand Prix du Canada - Formula One car racing
- June-July
 - International Fireworks Competition The most prestigious pyrotechnics competition in the world June 23-24
 - Fête nationale du Québec Parade and musical firework shows
 - Festival international de Lanaudière (close to Montreal)
 - Classical music festival - in an amphitheater and in the region's beautiful churches
 - July 1st Canada Day Parade and events
 - Les Francofolies: A festival of songs and music from many French Speaking countries
 - Just for Laughs Festival Comedy festival August Music Festival Nuits d'Afrique
- August
 - Montgolfier Festival (Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu) August Montreal International Film Festival.
 - Dragon Boat Race Festival