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## MINGLING IN MONTRÉAL

Bienvenue à Montréal! Welcome to the second most populous city in Canada, fourth largest French speaking city in the world, home to the highly-debated national dish of Poutine, and closest major city to the home of Canadian national treasure, Celine Dion.

Montréal is also the home of one of the best selling board games to come from the Great White North, Trivial Pursuit. The game was created on December 15, 1979 in Montreal by Canadian Chris Haney, a photo editor for Montreal's The Gazette, and

Scott Abbott, a sports editor for the Canadian Press. After finding pieces of their Scrabble game missing, they decided to create their own game, just for fun. Trivial

Pursuit became a huge Canadian success story and in 1984 alone, eager North Americans bought 20 million games. Eventually, 88 million games were sold in 26

countries in 17 languages. Think you know what's Tru-deau or faux? Join

WorldDenver in celebrating trivia and its many forms on October 20th for the Global Cup Challenge, our annual high-energy pub-style trivia night on world affairs, hosted by the Young Professionals each fall.

## CULTURE

Long before Europeans arrived in what is now considered Montréal, the Haudenosaunee, the "people of the longhouse," often as Iroquois or Six Nations, called this region home. With the rise of the fur trade during this period as the French negotiated trade and military alliances with many of the enemies of the Iroquois, the Haudenosaunee and New France were often at war. Despite an alliance of "mutual non-interference" in the early 17th century, Six Nations were deeply involved in subsequent wars, including the American Revolution and the War of 1812. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, implementation of restriction and assimilation policies negatively impacted the cultural and political foundations of the Haudenosaunee. Today, one can find the legacy of the Iroquois in some of the variations of street and place names around Montréal, including the Hochelaga-Maisonneuve neighborhood and Pointe-à-Callière, a national archaeological and historic site.

## CUISINE

There's no poutine on airs when it comes to Canadian dishes: poutine is the most well known of all. A simple combination of crispy French fries, savory gravy, and squeaky cheese curds created in rural Quebec, the now closed Le Lutin Qui Rit in Warwick lays claim to inventing the dish in 1957 after a trucker asked Fernand Lachance to mix the cheese curds with the fries. Fries were served in a paper bag at the time, leading Lachance to utter: "Ça va faire une maudite poutine" ("That's going to make a damn mess"). However, Le Roy Jucep in Drummondville registered a trademark for poutine in 1964 and, as the story goes, waitresses had complained about constantly writing out "fries-cheese curds-gravy" on their notepads. One of the cooks during this time was nicknamed 'Ti-pout' and naming the dish poutine was homage to him. Le Roy Jucep still serves their original poutine to this day.

## COCKTAIL

Created in the summer of 2017 by fifteen local bartenders, the "Montréal Cocktail" is a vibrant orange cocktail that tastes fresh and bright. The release of it coincided with Montréal's 375th anniversary and the creators, led by Kevin Demers, had the goal "to not only inspire the people of our great city, but those of other communities across the globe, to give life and to embrace the Montréal Cocktail as a modern-day classic." Santé!