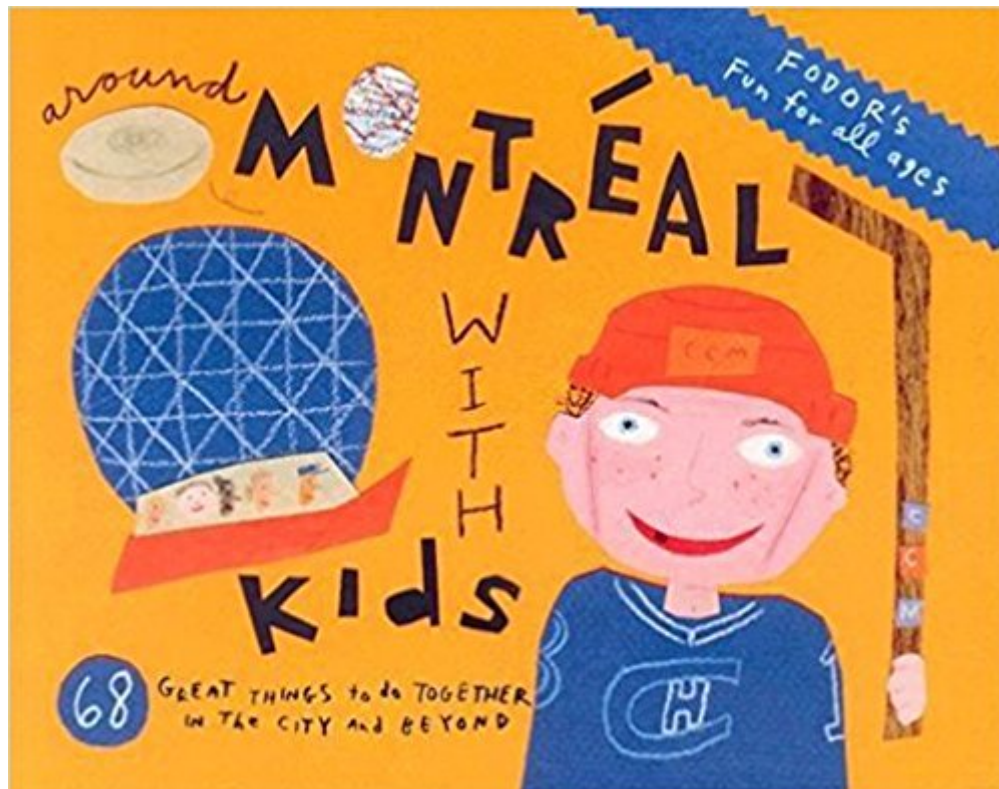




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Great!

I'll get to the review, really, but first some advice. If you are vacationing in Montreal with Kids, DON'T use public transportation. The bus & subway are great, no problem there, but you'll have to cross a lot of roads on foot, and the drivers are none too careful. Crossing a Montreal street on foot is an act of courage. My daughter & I were almost killed twice when crossing roads. Rent a car!"Fodor's Around Montreal with Kids" lists 68 different attractions around Montreal intended to appeal to children in particular. Each attraction is described on two pages, along with address, price, hours, nearby food, interesting tid-bits, and sometimes caveats. The layout is quite nice. The biggest problem with this guide is that the author does not appear to have ever set foot in Montreal. This leads to some pretty obvious problems in the guide. For example, if you buy tickets to the Insectarium, you'll also be buying tickets to the Botanic Gardens -- no choice, it is inside the garden grounds -- and if you also buy tickets to the Biodome at the same time, you'll save some money and can go to the Biodome (or Gardens/Insectarium) another day. The Stewart meuseum (which is well worth seeing) is too far from the Metro to walk -- about a mile -- but this guide fails to mention that.

The archeology & history meuseum recommended in Old Montreal has nothing that will appeal to kids except for the free movie at the beginning. The Old Montreal horse drawn carriage ride tours and four-person car-shaped bikes are incredibly fun but not mentioned in the list of activities available near the piers of Old Montreal. And the most fun activity we found was next to the stop Jean Depraeu on the way to the Stewart Meseum -- a giant a fountain for kids to play in for free -- and anyone who walked past going from the underground stop (recommended) to the Aquadome would have to be blind not to notice this attraction, but it is also not mentioned. Finally, we never could find the trapping meseum (fell of the map, I suppose). Overall, a nice guide, but call everywhere first. I highly recommend the Botanic Gardens -- admission includes multiple museums of interest to kids & adults, as well as fantastic Japaneese and Chineese gardens. And RENT A CAR!

We brought along a copy of this book for our recent visit with our three-and-a-half-year-old. It was a life-saver! The book had several wonderful suggestions that made our trip one to remember. Of particular interest was our visit to La Ronde, Parc Omega and the Biodome. It pays to call ahead to places just to make sure the information (hours and days of operation) is current. Great reference - we are definitely going to use other books in the series for future trips.

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