Directions to Concordia University and hotels nearby

Flights arrive at the Montréal-Trudeau Airport (YUL), 22 kilometres west of downtown. There are several ways you can get to the conference centre from the airport.

BY BUS FROM THE AIRPORT

The Montreal Centre-ville 747 Express bus runs 24 hours a day between the airport and downtown Montreal. There are two routes which you can take:

*Destination Centre-ville / Downtown (recommended)*

This route will take approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour and 10 minutes, depending on traffic. Take this bus till the stop Guy / René-Lévesque. From this stop it’s about a 5 minute walk to the conference centre on Concordia campus (crossing Boulevard René-Lévesque and walking towards Rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest).

*Destination Terminus Lionel-Groulx*

This route will take you to Lionel-Groulx metro station in roughly 25 to 35 minutes, depending on traffic, where you will transfer to the Green line in the metro station (direction Honoré-Beaugrand) to Guy-Concordia, located in the heart of Concordia’s SGW campus. The conference centre is directly across from the metro station in the John Molson School of Business building.

The fare for the 747 bus is $10.00 CAD and gives you 24 hours unlimited travel through the STM (la Société de transport de Montréal) bus and metro network for the day. You can pay this by cash aboard the bus using Canadian coins (bills are not accepted). You may also purchase a reusable OPUS card for $6.00 CAD which can then be used to purchase a variety of passes, such as the 3-day pass for $20.50 CAD, which may suit your needs better and will also be accepted on the 747. Fares can be purchased from the automated dispensers on the international arrivals level. You can also ask for help at the STM information desk in the international arrivals area.


**By taxi:**

Taxi fare from the airport to downtown is approximately $41.00 CAD, payable by cash or credit card.
By rental car:

There are a variety of car rental services available at the airport with cost ranging between around $38.00 to $60.00 CAD per day.

Metered street parking is available throughout the downtown core and the J.W. McConnel (LB) Building has a public underground parking lot which can be entered from Mackay Street (a one-way heading south). You may want to check with your hotel to ensure they offer parking for their guests.

For more information about booking a rental car at the airport, visit: http://www.admtl.com/en/access/car-rental

It's important to note that Quebec and Montreal have some unique driving laws. Please see our “Tips for Driving in Quebec and Montreal” document for more information.

Directions from the train station:

If you’re travelling by train, you’ll arrive in Montreal at Gare Centrale. It’s about 20 minute walk from the train station to campus or a 6 minute taxi costing around $8.00 CAD.

Directions from the bus station:

If you take a bus to Montreal, you’ll arrive at the Gare d’autocars de Montreal (1717 Rue Berri St.). To get to campus from the bus station, walk about 4 minutes to the Berri-UQAM metro station and take the Green line (towards Station Angrignon) to the Guy-Concordia station. An STM transit pass can be purchased at any metro station.

You could also take a cab which would take 10 to 15 minutes and cost approximately $13.00 CAD.

Driving distances and times from:

**Boston:**
Approximate distance: 500 km / 311 mi
Approximate driving time: 5 hours

**New York City:**
Approximate distance: 600 km / 373 mi
Approximate driving time: 6 hours

**Buffalo:**
Approximate distance: 635 km / 395 mi
Approximate driving time: 6 hours

**Detroit:**
Approximate distance: 925 km / 575 mi
Approximate driving time: 9 hours
5 Tips for driving in Canada, Québec, and Montréal:

1. Turning right on a red light is allowed in Québec, EXCEPT in Montréal where it is illegal.

2. As is the case everywhere in Canada, distances are marked in kilometers, not miles. So too therefore are speed limits. Remember that 8 kilometres is equal to about 5 miles and that a speed limit of 100 km/hr is a limit of 62.5 mph.

3. In addition, gas in Canada is sold in litres, not gallons. 1 US gallon is equal to about 3.8 liters.

4. In general, there are no tolls on Québec highways, save for one on the A-30 expressway south of Montréal. The fee depends on your category of vehicle but a passenger vehicle with a height lower than 230 cm will pay $2.25 CAD per crossing.

5. Keep in mind that road signs throughout Québec will be in French, although most also use internationally familiar pictograms so you should have no difficulty understanding them. One useful pointer is that freeways are called “Autoroute” are numbered with the letter A.