

List of top restaurants near Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ) , focusing on the downtown area, Old Port (Vieux Montréal), and nearby metro stops like Place-d'Armes, Square-Victoria, or Bonaventure. Details include average price per person (converted approximately from categories: \$\$ = 30-50 CAD, \$\$\$ = 50-80 CAD, \$\$\$\$ = \$80+ CAD, based on main courses and typical meals), ratings, location with website, key highlights, and current availability notes from reservations data.

1. Bar George

- **Address:** 1440 Drummond St. (Downtown - near Metro Guy-Concordia/Bonaventure)
- **Website:** bargeorge.ca
- **Price per person:** \$\$\$\$
- **Highlights:** Located in an elegant historic manor; features modern British-Scottish fare with Québécois twists (like poutine croquettes) and a famous afternoon tea.
- **Availability:** High demand; ideal for downtown stays.
- **Hours:** Daily 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM (Bar remains open later until 12:00 AM or 1:00 AM).

2. Bouillon Bilk

- **Address:** 1750 Rue Saint-Denis (Near BAnQ/Berri-UQAM)
- **Website:** bouillonbilk.com
- **Price per person:** \$\$\$
- **Highlights:** Renowned for creative bistro dishes using seasonal Quebec ingredients; offers an intimate, chef-driven atmosphere and an excellent wine list.
- **Availability:** Very popular; reservations are highly advised.
- **Hours:** Lunch (Wed–Fri) 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM; Dinner (Daily) 5:30 PM – 10:30 PM.

3. Brasserie 701

- **Address:** 1 Place Jacques-Cartier (Old Montreal)
- **Website:** brasserie701.com
- **Price per person:** \$\$
- **Highlights:** Classic French brasserie fare (steak frites, seafood) in a lively, historic setting; features a very popular terrace during the summer.
- **Availability:** High volume; walk-ins possible but reservations recommended.
- **Hours:** Mon–Fri 6:30 AM – 10:00 PM; Sat–Sun 7:00 AM – 10:30 PM.

4. Cadet

- **Address:** 1431 Blvd. Saint-Laurent (Near BAnQ)
- **Website:** restaurante-cadet.com
- **Price per person:** 35–60 CAD
- **Highlights:** Sister restaurant to Bouillon Bilk focusing on inventive "small plates" and sharing dishes. It has a modern, high-energy bistro vibe.
- **Availability:** Recommended to book in advance.
- **Hours:** Daily 4:30 PM – 11:00 PM.

5. Kyo Bar Japonais

- **Address:** 711 Côte de la Place d'Armes (Old Montreal - near Metro Place-d'Armes)
- **Website:** kyobar.com
- **Price per person:** \$\$
- **Highlights:** Fresh Japanese sushi, sashimi, and innovative rolls; offers an intimate bar vibe with a high-quality sake selection.
- **Availability:** Good; easily accessible via metro for quick visits.
- **Hours:** Lunch (Mon–Fri) 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM; Dinner (Daily) 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM (11:00 PM on weekends).

6. Le Parva Café & Bistro

- **Address:** 475 Blvd. de Maisonneuve Est (Inside the BAnQ library)
- **Website:** leparva.com
- **Price per person:** 15–30 CAD
- **Highlights:** The most convenient spot for a library visit; offers light, healthy meals like fresh salads, soups, and sandwiches using local products.
- **Availability:** Mostly walk-ins.
- **Hours:** Tue–Fri 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Sat–Sun 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Closed Mon).

7. Marcus (at Four Seasons)

- **Address:** 1440 Rue de la Montagne (Downtown - near Metro Lucien-L'Allier/Bonaventure)
- **Website:** fourseasons.com/montreal/dining/marcus
- **Price per person:**
- **Highlights:** Nordic-Ethiopian fusion by chef Marcus Samuelsson; features a fish-forward menu, interactive cocktails, and a trendy, high-end atmosphere.
- **Availability:** Book via OpenTable; busy on weekends.
- **Hours:** Breakfast 7:00 AM – 10:30 AM; Lunch 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM; Dinner 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM.

8. Modavie

- **Address:** 1 Saint-Paul St. West (Old Montreal)
- **Website:** modavie.com
- **Price per person:** \$\$\$
- **Highlights:** Exceptional French cuisine paired with live jazz every night; famous for duck confit, mussels, and a cozy, candlelit ambiance.
- **Availability:** Very high; typically easy to reserve even for evening slots.
- **Hours:** Daily 11:30 AM – 10:30 PM (Until 11:00 PM on weekends).

9. Nora Gray

- **Address:** 1391 St-Jacques St. (Near Bell Centre/Downtown edge)
- **Website:** noragray.ca
- **Price per person:** \$\$\$

- **Highlights:** Frequently ranked among Canada’s best Italian restaurants; specializes in modern Italian with house-made pasta and wood-fired dishes.
- **Availability:** Essential to reserve; high demand for dinner service.
- **Hours:** Mon–Sat 5:30 PM – 10:30 PM.

10. O’Thym

- **Address:** 1112 Blvd. de Maisonneuve Est (Near BAnQ)
- **Website:** othym.com
- **Price per person:** 35–55 CAD
- **Highlights:** A top-tier **BYOW** (Bring Your Own Wine) spot. Focuses on seasonal Quebecois ingredients with refined French techniques.
- **Availability:** Reservations are essential as it fills up quickly.
- **Hours:** Tue–Sat 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM.

11. Restaurant de l’ITHQ

- **Address:** 3535 Rue Saint-Denis (Near Metro Sherbrooke)
- **Website:** ithq.qc.ca/restaurant
- **Price per person:** 40–65 CAD
- **Highlights:** A unique teaching restaurant where students provide high-quality gastronomic service; excellent quality-to-price ratio.
- **Availability:** Open for all meals; reservations recommended.
- **Hours:** Breakfast (Mon–Fri) 7:00–10:00; Lunch (Mon–Fri) 11:30–1:30; Dinner (Tue–Sat) 6:00–9:00.

12. The Keg Steakhouse + Bar - Vieux Montreal

- **Address:** 104-108 Le Moyne St. (Old Port)
- **Website:** thekeg.com
- **Price per person:** \$\$\$ (Expensive)
- **Highlights:** Premium aged steaks and the famous Billy Miner pie; offers reliable quality and harbor views in a stylish, renovated historic building.
- **Availability:** Solid; great for larger groups near Old Port attractions.
- **Hours:** Daily 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM (Later on weekends).

For the period of **June 4 to June 8, 2026**, Montreal is in peak festival season. The city transitions from the high-octane F1 weekend (held in late May) into a vibrant summer of arts, street murals, and outdoor performances.

Here is a curated list of cultural events and venues located near the BAnQ (Quartier Latin), Downtown, and the Old Port.

Major Festivals & Street Events

- **MURAL Festival (June 4 – 14, 2026)**
 - **Location:** Primarily along Boulevard Saint-Laurent (Walking distance from BAnQ).
 - **Highlights:** One of the world’s premier urban art festivals. You can watch international artists create massive murals in real-time. Expect street parties, live music, and open-air art installations.
 - **Festival TransAmériques - FTA (Ending June 10, 2026)**
 - **Location:** Various venues in the Quartier des Spectacles and Downtown.
 - **Highlights:** A world-class festival dedicated to contemporary dance and theater. It features avant-garde performances from international and local troupes.
 - **Les Jardins Gamelin (May – September 2026)**
 - **Location:** Place Émilie-Gamelin (Right next to the BAnQ/Berri-UQAM Metro).
 - **Highlights:** A seasonal outdoor living space with art installations, a terrace bar, and free daily programming including DJ sets, world music, and urban agriculture workshops.
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Museums & Art Galleries

Downtown (Centre-Ville)

- **Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA / MBAM)**
 - **Address:** 1380 Sherbrooke St W.
 - **Exhibitions:** *The Torlonia Collection: Masterpieces of Roman Sculpture* (March–July 2026) and the major retrospective *Richard Avedon: Immortal* (February–August 2026).
- **Musée d’art contemporain (MAC)**
 - **Location:** Place des Arts.
 - **Highlights:** Canada’s premier institution for contemporary art. Check for their immersive digital installations and rotating collections of Quebecois and international artists.

Old Port & Old Montreal

- **PHI Centre**
 - **Address:** 315 Saint-Paul St W.
 - **Highlights:** A hub for immersive technology and art. In June 2026, they will feature *Jakob Kudsk Steensen: Otherworlds* and an exhibition by *Paola Pivi*.
- **Pointe-à-Callière (Museum of Archaeology and History)**
 - **Address:** 350 Place Royale.
 - **Highlights:** Built over the actual birthplace of Montreal, it uses high-tech displays to walk you through 375+ years of history.
- **Montreal Science Centre**
 - **Location:** King Edward Quay (Old Port).
 - **Highlights:** Interactive science exhibits and a massive IMAX theater; great for families or tech enthusiasts.

Near BAnQ (Quartier Latin)

- **Grande Bibliothèque (BAnQ)**
 - **Address:** 475 Blvd de Maisonneuve Est.

- **Highlights:** Aside from being an architectural marvel, the library hosts free exhibitions on the top floors and in the main hall focusing on Quebec's literary and social heritage.
 - **Cinémathèque Québécoise**
 - **Address:** 335 Blvd de Maisonneuve Est (Steps from BAnQ).
 - **Exhibition:** *In Shapes!* (Exploring the intersection of architecture, design, and cinema). It is a specialized museum for film, television, and new media.
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Quick Local Tips for June 2026

- **Biking:** This is the perfect time of year to use the **BIXI** bike-sharing system. The path along the De Maisonneuve boulevard connects the BAnQ directly to the Downtown core and the Lachine Canal/Old Port area.
- **Walking Tours:** Many free or paid walking tours of Old Montreal depart daily from the Place d'Armes or the Champ-de-Mars area during this first week of June.