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Nine events to make the most of the season at the Old Port of Montréal Quai Festif, Autumn Fair, and much more!

Montréal, August 18, 2026 – Summer is in full swing at the Old Port of Montréal. One of the city's most vibrant and diverse recreational tourism destinations is bustling with **nine upcoming events - six of them new additions** - over the coming weeks. Cultural festivals, food events, sporting activities, and unique experiences invite Montrealers and visitors to enjoy the Old Port well beyond the traditional vacation period.

Among the new additions to the lineup, le **Quai festif** will take over the Old Port for its third edition on September 12 and 13. Organized by a non-profit organization and featuring an inclusive and community-building program, the event will bring a new festive atmosphere to the docks.

Cultural diversity will also be on display at **Afro Tropic**, which will make a stop in Montreal on August 30 and feature several international headliners. As part of the **Martinique Gourmande** Festival, the Old Port will also host **Marché Créole Gourmand** at the Science Centre Belvedere. This free event, open to the public and celebrating Martinican flavours and culture, will take place on September 12 and 13.

An Especially Vibrant Weekend

The excitement continues over the weekend of **September 18, 19, and 20**, when several events will simultaneously take over different areas of the site.

For the very first time, the Old Port will welcome **Tunisian Jasmine Festival**, which is celebrating its 10th edition this year. Dedicated to Tunisian culture, the festival is expanding to three days of celebrations.

The **Skennen'ko:wa Gathering** will mark the 325th anniversary of the Great Peace of Montréal. Its name, which evokes peace and serenity in Wendat, will honor this important historical anniversary through cultural demonstrations, land-based teachings, dance and much more.

Magic enthusiasts will also have something to look forward to with the Canadian premiere of the international show **DroneArt Show: Harry Potter™**. This immersive experience under the stars will transform the sky into a living canvas, with 1,200 synchronized drones bringing an enchanting aerial choreography to life.

The Return of Must-See Events

Taco Fest MTL will once again welcome food lovers from September 5 to 7, while **Jackalope** will bring the world of action sports back to the Old Port from September 11 to 13.

Following a highly successful first edition, the **Autumn Fair** will return from September 24 to October 18. Its carnival atmosphere, illuminated installations, and daytime and evening activities will give visitors even more opportunities to enjoy the Old Port, including over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Bota Bota, spa-sur-l'eau also continues to evolve with its recently inaugurated new pavilion. This expansion enhances the visitor experience and is accompanied by a variety of promotions to celebrate this new chapter in its development.

A Destination That Evolves with the Seasons

Beyond its event programming, the Old Port remains a lively destination year-round thanks to its wide variety of attractions, shops and restaurants. The Montréal Science Centre, the Black Mirror Experience™ by Infinity Experiences, Bateau-Mouche Montréal, La Grande Roue de Montréal, Bungee Montréal, and many others are among the experiences that make the Old Port a destination for discovery and entertainment throughout the year.

Rooted in Montréal's heritage and set along the St. Lawrence River, the Old Port of Montréal offers a distinctive setting where cultural programming, entertainment, gastronomy and outdoor activities come together. This late-summer and fall program reflects the Old Port's commitment to remaining a vibrant gathering place beyond the height of the summer season, for Montrealers and visitors alike.

For more event information and to simplify your visit: oldportofmontreal.com

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