



NOTRE-DAME BASILICA

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DISCOVER THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS OF THE NOTRE-DAME BASILICA, IN PARTICIPATION WITH MONTREAL CITY OF GLASS, MAY 26TH TO SEPTEMBER 2ND

MONTREAL - The Notre-Dame Basilica will give Montrealers, Quebecers and visitors of the world the opportunity to discover a radiant and varied heritage: its stained glass windows. Twice a week, (Wednesdays in French and Thursdays in English, from 1:30 pm to 3 pm, from May 26th to September 2nd inclusively) a professional guide will help visitors discover the church's historic legacy by leading them through a 90-minute tour of the stained glass windows on its main floor. In addition, the sacristy's stained glass windows, which are not usually accessible to visitors, will be included in this special visit. Places are limited so reservations are necessary, and can be arranged by contacting the Basilica by phone or email. The visit costs \$15, which includes admission to the Basilica.

To mark Notre-Dame's centenary celebrations in 1929, the nave's series of stained glass windows was created by master glassmaker Francis Chigot at Limoges. These illustrate the socio-religious beginnings of the colony. In addition to presenting this unique series, the guided tour will take visitors to the sacristy where they will admire the creation of Jean Hébert-Stevens and André Rinuy, a work that was considered avant-gardist at the time. The visit will continue with stained glass windows from the Maumejean workshop in Paris, leaded windowpanes from the Champigneulle workshop, restored by the Montreal's Studio du Verre in 2003, without overlooking the original windows created by J.C. Spence in 1858.

Situated in the heart of Old Montreal, the Notre-Dame Basilica is a Neo-gothic architectural masterpiece. Known for the richness of its interiors and the daring modern architecture of the Notre-Dame du Sacré-Cœur Chapel, it attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world every year.

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