



News Release
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Coup de chapeau au 400^e anniversaire de Québec and Honorary President's Dinner sold out!

Montréal, Thursday, January 10, 2008—Two of three special events at the upcoming MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS Festival's **Air France Wine and Dine Experience presented by American Express** are now sold out: **Coup de chapeau au 400^e anniversaire de Québec** and the **Honorary President's Dinner with Susur Lee**. Luckily for foodies, tickets are still remaining for **Our Cheeses present the Grande Raclette**—the perfect way to get that energy boost before taking on Montréal's now legendary All-Nighter—on **Saturday, March 1** at 7:30 p.m. at **Marché Bonsecours** (300 Saint-Paul Street East). **Reservations: 514 908-9090 or 1 866 908-9090.**

The Festival doubles its capacity for both progressive meals

The popularity of the **Old Montréal Progressive Meal** is undeniable; the capacity of both events has just been doubled to keep up with demand. After all, the menu is simply irresistible: a walking tour between three award-winning Old Montréal lifestyle hotels, along which participants will partake of one of three courses at each stop: a brilliantly prepared appetizer at the Auberge du Vieux-Port, followed by a sumptuous main course at Place d'Armes Hotel, and concluding with dessert and a liqueur at Hotel Nelligan. Meet-and-greets with the chefs and concierges are also on the menu.

Date: Thursday, February 21 and Friday, February 29, 2008, 6 p.m. (approx. 3 hours)

Starting Point: Auberge du Vieux-Port, 97 de la Commune Street East

Price: \$155 per person (tax, wine, gratuities and coordinator included)

This is one of several **gourmet tours** that will uncover the flavours of Montréal and its many neighbourhoods through a single meal divided into three courses in three different restaurants with a little history lesson while you eat.

The Flavours of Montréal: Experience the range of Montréal's culinary diversity by indulging in the local cuisine while learning about the history of Saint-Laurent Boulevard, Plateau-Mont-Royal, Mile End and Little Italy. From start to finish, prepare to be seduced by the local specialties: ice cider, Quebec cheeses, and chocolate delicacies... Resistance is futile!

Date: Saturday, February 23 and March 1, 2008, 10 a.m. (approx. 4 hours)

Starting Point: Les Délices de l'Érable, 84 Saint-Paul Street East

Price: \$95 per person (tax, transportation, samples, professional guide and chartered vehicle included)

The Tastes and Smells of Old Montréal: A walking tour to discover the culinary, cultural and historic charms of the oldest part of the city. Amble down the narrow cobblestone streets, sample culinary treats, and take in historical and gastronomical knowledge as you follow your guide in and out of boutiques. Learn about the influence that native culture had on our eating habits, the history of the nuns and the good manners they instilled, and Expo 67 and its explosion of flavours.

Date: Sunday, February 24 and March 2, 2008, 11 a.m. (approx. 2½ hours)

Starting Point: Boutique Europea, 33 Notre-Dame Street West

Price: \$70 per person (tax, samples and guide included)

A minimum of 10 people is required for each tour. Reservations mandatory. Information and reservations: visit montrealhighlights.com/packages or call the **HIGH LIGHTS Info Line** at 514 288-9955 or toll-free at 1 888 477-9955. **Use your American Express® Card to receive \$10 per person off the price of a culinary tour.**

It's not too late to reserve for one of the Festival's 47 Finest Tables!

There is still time to reserve your spot at one or more of the Festival's 47 Finest Tables for these special activities featuring **chefs paired with wine producers**—particularly from this year's featured city and country **Toronto** and **Chile**. What's more, eight downtown restaurants are serving up **Festival Lunch Menus**—for only \$11.95!

Complete details on the MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS Festival

For complete programming information about the **Air France Wine and Dine Experience presented by American Express**, please visit the Festival Web site at montrealhighlights.com or call the **HIGH LIGHTS Info Line** at 514 288-9955 or toll-free at 1 888 477-9955. The 9th edition of the MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS Festival will run from **Thursday, February 21 to Sunday, March 2, 2008**.

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