

WHO IS AN INDIAN?
Race, Blood, DNA, and the Politics of Indigeneity in the Americas

INFORMATION ON YOUR HOTEL STAY, FACILITIES, MEETING ROOM

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Meeting Room:

- no AV facilities, apart from a Flip Chart
- do not plan any Power Point presentations
- you might consider handouts~you can send them to me in advance to print, or, if prepared at the last minute you should make 15 copies of each item
- within the hotel, on the second floor, Salon Maisonneuve
- catering will be provided

Internet:

- the entire hotel has wireless Internet access
- for printing and/or use of computers with Internet access, there is a room on the second floor, same as the meeting room, and it is marked with the sign "Centre d'affaires." That has two computers in it.

Hotel and Nearby Facilities:

- there is an automated banking machine within the hotel
- sauna and whirlpool
- small cafés and convenience stores clustered in the immediate area of the hotel
- restaurant and bar within the hotel
- going out to the left as you exit the hotel, walk two blocks, you are at Atwater; turn left and your are immediately faced with Forum Pepsi on the left (cinemas, restaurants, computer and electronics stores), and Place Alexis Nihon on the right (a large mall, with 24 hour MacDonalds Café, and access to the Metro [subway] through the lower level of the mall)
- if you continue down Atwater, there is a Staples across from the southern exit of Alexis Nihon (stationery, computer equipment, supplies)
- the hotel is on Maisonneuve, an **east-west street**, about four blocks from Concordia

Meals:

- breakfasts for each morning of your stay are pre-paid and included as part of your package. You have a choice between the cold breakfast buffet (fruit salads, pastries, cereals, fruit, toast) or a cooked breakfast which is ordered individually
- lunches for the two days of the meeting are included in your package, those days being August 3rd and 4th. A list of lunch specials will be provided each day, and you will have considerable choice
- catering is provided for break periods during our meetings
- welcome reception on the night of your arrival-introductions, wine, beer, mineral water, soft drink, a drink ticket will be provided

Extras:

- Dinners are not included in your package. This was done, in part, to allow you the freedom to plan your own dinners, and in part because the funding agency places a limit on daily meal expenses
- Room service, telephone calls, pay-per-view movies, and any other incidentals will have to be covered by you. When you are asked for a credit card when checking in, it is not to pay for the room and meals mentioned above (since those have already been paid) but to cover the cost of any of these extra incidentals.

Weather:

- expect the weather to be balmy...very hot and humid
- sunlight will begin to vanish by 8:30pm to 9:00pm
- the hotel and meeting room are all air conditioned

Suggested simple fun:

- (1) Walk through Old Montreal from before sunset to after night falls—great bistro cafés, bars, restaurants and lovely sights (Metro stops on the Orange Line: Square Victoria, Place d'armes, Champ-de-Mars)
- (2) From the hotel, walk one block north (toward Mount Royal) to Sherbrooke St., then turn right (east), and walk all the way to McGill University (along the way: art galleries, cafés, part of Concordia University, with the walk ending at the Eaton Centre and the McGill Metro station)
- (3) Walk up Rue St. Denis from Boulevard René Lévesque West up to Boulevard St. Joseph East (start at the BERRI-UQAM Metro Station)
- (4) For dinner cruises, see the Montreal Tourism web links provided on the main page of the seminar website.
- (5) Montréal also has the Olympic Stadium from the 1976 Olympics, the Jardin Botanique, and Mont Royal.

Extending your stay?

- for air travelers, this can usually be done very easily: simply call your air carrier, provide your ticket number and a credit card number, and make the change for what is usually a

small fee or sometimes no fee at all (see the fare regulations on the e-ticket that you received)

- inform the hotel as soon as possible to check for extended availability of your room
- extra charges from an extended stay cannot be covered under the seminar funding arrangements
- the room rates are very reasonable, very much under priced for the quality of the offerings