

TDI Fest 2007 Proposal

Where: Montreal, Canada

When: Labour Day Weekend 2007
(31.August – 02.September)

LOCATION: Why Montreal?

- Montreal is a culturally diverse world-class city with a distinct European flair
- Montreal's sights and attractions provide ample diversions to satiate anyone's interests
- Only one prior TDI Fest has been held in Canada
 - 2007 looks to be the last year that travel to Canada with out a passport will be possible
- There is a large membership base in Quebec
 - Though largely francophone, there is a large group of active members throughout the province

DATE: Why Labour Day Weekend?

- Labour Day is a long weekend in both the United States and Canada
 - A long weekend affords more flexibility in travel time and vacation time
- Generally the weather is still pleasant this time of year
 - Warm, but not cold or extremely hot makes for an ideal time to conduct outdoor activities
- TDI Fest has traditionally been held on this date

Hotels Under Consideration

The four hotels listed on the right are under consideration to host our event.

Before we settle on one particular hotel, we would like to personally visit and meet with staff at each hotel to see which property will best accommodate our event.

- Hotel Auberge Royal Versailles
- Ramada Montreal Airport
- Four Points by Sheraton Montreal-Airport
- Holiday Inn Montreal-Pointe Claire

Hotel Auberge Royal Versailles

- Costs:
 - Rooms**: CDN\$ 98/night
 - Single or double occupancy
 - Conference Rooms**: CDN \$240/day
 - Wireless Internet**: Free throughout the hotel
- 7200, rue Sherbrooke est
Montreal, QC H1N 1E7
(888) 832.1416
- www.royalversailles.com
- Located in Montreal's east island district of Anjou
- Adjacent to the Radisson metro stop; very convenient to downtown
- Numerous attractions nearby
- Concerns to consider:
 - Whether or not parking lot is adequate in size
 - Food quality and pricing

Ramada Montreal Airport

- **Costs:**
 - Rooms:** CDN\$ 85 w/o breakfast
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 - Single or double occupancy
 - Conference Rooms:** CDN \$0-\$300 per day dependent on size and amount of food purchased at hotel
 - Wireless Internet:** Free throughout the hotel
- 7300, Cote de Liesse
Montreal (Dorval), QC H4T 1E7
(800) 318.8188
- www.ramadamontreal.com
- Located in Montreal's west island suburb of Dorval
 - 15 min by car to city centre
- Cheapest room rate of all the hotels being considered
- Concerns to consider:
 - Overall quality
 - Food pricing and quality
 - Proximity to Airport
 - Lack of amenities in the immediate vicinity

Four Points by Sheraton Montreal-Airport

- **Costs:**
 - Rooms:** CDN\$ 105/night
 - Single or double occupancy
 - Conference Rooms:**
 - Conference space and catering are handled by a separate company:
(www.plazavolare.com)
 - Wireless Internet:** Free throughout the hotel
- 6600, Cote de Liesse
Montreal (Dorval), QC H4T 1E3
(514) 735.7788
- www.fourpoints.com/montrealairport
- Located in Montreal's west island suburb of Dorval
 - 15 min by car to city centre
- Beautiful recent renovation
- Indoor Pool
- Huge parking lot
- Concerns to consider:
 - Conference pricing and availability
 - Food pricing and quality
 - Proximity to Airport
 - Lack of amenities in the immediate vicinity

Holiday Inn Montreal-Pointe Claire

- **Costs:**
 - Rooms: CDN\$ 102/ night
 - Conference Rooms: CDN \$100-\$300 per day
 - Wireless Internet: Free throughout the hotel
- 6700, TransCanada Highway
Pointe Claire, QC H9R 1C2
(514) 697.7110
- www.holiday-inn.com/pc
- Located in Montreal's west island suburb of Pointe Claire
 - 25 min by car to city centre
- Within walking distance of Fairview Mall
- **Concerns to consider:**
 - Catering and Conference pricing and quality
 - Distance from downtown

Weekend Agenda

Friday:

- 12:00pm – 7pm Registration
- Room Check – in
- 6:00-9:00 Dinner and Meet N' Greet (menu-TBD)

Saturday:

- 8:00-11:00am Breakfast (menu – TBD)
- 8:00 – 12:00 Registration
- 10:00-2:00 Tech Sessions
- 12:00 – 4:00 Diagnostic sessions
- 2:30-5:00 - Go Carting/alternate Activities
- 9:00pm - movie night

Sunday:

- 9:30 -11:00 - Registration
- 10:00 – 12:00 – Adventure hunt/Scavenger hunt
- 1:00- judging - Show n' Shine
- 2:00 – 3:30 – Driving skills course
- 3:00pm – Raffle drawing
- 6:00 – 9:00 Banquet (slide show, awards and dinner – menu TBD)

Requirements for Entry into Canada

Documentation Required: For native-born US citizens, a birth certificate and Photo ID will suffice, but a **passport is recommended**. Naturalized-US citizens should carry their naturalization certificate. Resident U.S. Aliens should carry their Green Card.

- *Effective the 8th of January 2007, all persons traveling to and from Canada **BY AIR** will be required to present a valid passport*
- *Persons traveling to and from Canada by **land or sea** **WILL NOT** be required to present a valid passport until the 1st of January 2008 at earliest*

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