

## ITSC-13

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON LOCATION, TRANSPORTATION, LODGING AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Ste-Adele, Quebec, Canada  
29 October to 4 November 2003

#### 1. GETTING TO THE ITSC-13 CONFERENCE SITE

##### A) Arrival in Montreal

For those planning to take the group bus to the Ste-Adele Conference location, we will congregate and depart from the Meteorology Service of Canada (MSC) headquarters. Their address is 2121 Trans-Canada Highway. Buses will depart at 2 or 3 times during the day from MSC for Ste-Adele. At MSC you will be able to rest, meet colleagues and see some of the facilities. Below we provide information on getting to MSC, or driving directly to Ste-Adele.

##### **From Dorval International Airport to MSC**

Most of you will arrive by plane at the Montreal-Dorval International Airport. From there, the usual way of transportation is by taxi. If you take a taxi or drive your car directly to MSC, here are directions.

1. Drive towards downtown Montreal for about 3 km
2. Take highway 13 North for about 2 km to highway 40
3. Take the 40 West about 2 km.
4. Take exit "Blvd Des Sources"
5. The first building you see as you exit the highway is MSC (5 story concrete with satellite dishes on top). If no parking is available in the MSC lot, park behind the Petro Canada station in supermarket lot.
  - For any problem with directions, call 514-421-4750
  - A taxi from the airport to MSC should cost about \$15 CAN.

There are also special buses going to downtown, and Montreal has a good metro (subway) system, but it does not run to the airport. You can purchase tickets in the metro station, the price is \$2.50 (cheaper unit cost for 6). On the bus, have the exact money if paying the bus driver. A transfer is available from the bus driver or from a machine immediately after you passed the metro paying gate.

##### **From Montreal downtown to MSC via public transportation**

Take the metro to Cote-Vertu station. When first entering the metro, take a transfer ticket. From Cote-Vertu, take bus #215 using your transfer. Ask the driver to stop and

let you exit at the corner of Brunswick and Deacon (about 25 minutes ride). You will see our 5-story gray concrete building on the left side of the bus near the shopping mall.

## **B) Driving by car to Ste-Adele**

General directions are provided on the Chantecler web site: [www.lechantecler.com](http://www.lechantecler.com) .

### **Driving from the airport, the best way is:**

1. Drive towards downtown Montreal for about 3 km
2. Take highway 13 North to the Highway 640 exit (about 12 km)
3. Take 640 East to Highway 15 (about 3 km)
4. Take Highway 15 North to Ste-Adele (about 50 km). On the way, you pass exits to St-Jerome and St-Sauveur
5. There are 4 exits to Ste-Adele. Take the second exit (Exit 67) and follow signs leading you to Le Chantecler (as follows).
6. At the 4th light, turn left on Morin Street; climb the hill up to Chemin Chantecler (~800 m), which you take turning left (the only possibility)
7. Follow the lake on your left. At the fork, keep left up to Chantecler parking lot

### **Driving from downtown, the best way is:**

1. Find your way to highway 15 North
2. A quick way to highway 15 may be via Decarie Blvd up to Highway 40
3. Take Highway 40 East for 2 km to 15 North exit.

### **To Ste-Adele from downtown via commercial bus**

1. Take the metro to the station Berri-Uqam. This connects with the Berri bus terminal (Montreal Central bus station)
2. There are 6 buses per day going to Ste-Adele (see [www.limocar.ca](http://www.limocar.ca)).
3. The times are 9h30, 13h00, 16h30, 18h00, 20h00, 22h30
4. The bus takes 1h45 to get to Ste-Adele (it makes several stops)
5. From the terminal station in Ste-Adele, take a taxi to Le Chantecler (about 1.5 km).

### **To Ste-Adele by taxi**

As a last resort, you can travel from Montreal to Ste-Adele by taxi. In that case, get a fixed price first from the driver. A reasonable price would be ~\$100 CAN.

## **2. LE CHANTECLER HOTEL (<http://www.lechantecler.com/english/index.html> )**

### **A) Bedrooms**

ITSC-13 is getting quite low off-season prices. Hotel rooms at \$100 CAN single or \$55 CAN double, including breakfast, but not taxes (+15.5 %). A private bedroom in a chalet is only \$57, again including breakfast but not taxes. Chalets typically have 3-4 bedrooms.

Louis visited a 3-bedroom chalet on 2 floors. The furniture is old/rustic, but you get a private bedroom with a firm bed, a fireplace, a kitchenette (fridge, coffee maker), and a large table sitting 6-8. The chalet had 2 full bathrooms. No luxury, but truly charming. Chalets are right next to the main hotel.

Use the hotel web site to reserve your room. You can also phone: +1-888-916-1616 or +1-450-229-3555. Please note that if you cannot use a credit card to reserve your room (e.g. if you don't have one), you may have to pay your entire stay in advance when you arrive at the hotel.

### **B) Sport/Spa facilities**

Inside swimming pool, squash, exercise room, sauna, and whirlpool are free for guests. You can pay for spa services like a massage. See hotel's web site. Bikes can be rented.

### **C) Nearby Attractions**

Near the Chantecler, within 5 minutes walk, in front of "Lac Rond" (Round Lake) you will find several top quality restaurants: French, Italian, Quebecois, Chinese, American (steak house). There are many other restaurants further away (15 min walk) in the village. There are several art galleries. You can take a walk to Sommet Bleu (Blue Sommet - about 30 min one way walk from hotel). A cross dominates on top. Great scenic views are available from Sommet Bleu. Have a look at the official Sainte-Adele web site for restaurants, tourism, services etc: <http://sainte-adele.net/index.html>

If you have a car or if you take the commercial bus (Limocar company, from Ste-Adele bus terminal), you can visit other nice Laurentides locations. Just 5 minutes (8 km) south is the tourist village of Ste-Sauveur. Near the church are many restaurants, boutiques, and art galleries. There is also a factory outlet shopping section near the Manoir St-Sauveur resort. If you go north, the most well known tourist place is the Mont-Tremblant area.

## **3. MONTREAL TOURISM**

### **A) Hotels and other information**

Check the official tourism site: <http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/B2C/00/default.asp>  
Click on travel tips (hotels, weather, museums, etc). An example of a reasonably priced, well located hotel is Hotel Travelodge, Montreal Centre (3 stars, \$90-130 CAN).

### **B) Tipping**

In Quebec, prices in restaurants do not include taxes and service. Taxes are 7.0 % federal (called TPS) + 7.5 % provincial (called TVQ). You normally give an amount equivalent to these 2 taxes combined (15.5 %) for tip. So, for dinner the example is 15.5% tax and 15.5% tip, or 31%. Determine if your check has these costs already attached. For taxis, you also give about 15 % tip. The same applies to drinks at a bar.

#### **4. ITSC-13 SOCIAL PROGRAM**

The social program will be finalized in September. There will be a welcome icebreaker at Le Chantecler after the 1<sup>st</sup> day's meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>. A special group dinner with a program to remember the contributions of Dave Wark will be held Friday evening October 31<sup>st</sup>. The group banquet will be held on Monday evening November 3. The hotel web site suggests several activities including golf, horseback ride etc. There will likely be mountain excursions on the weekend.