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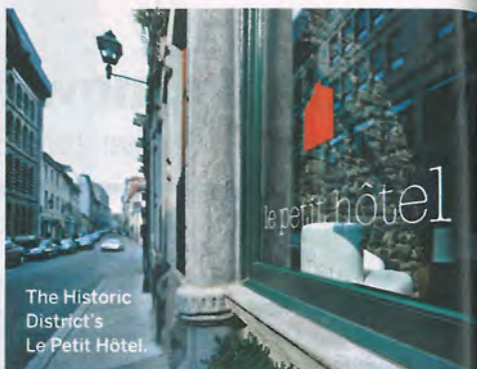
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The Historic District's Le Petit Hôtel.

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WHERE TO STAY IN MONTREAL

LE PETIT HÔTEL > HISTORIC DISTRICT

With sleek bamboo floors, clear glass sinks, and huge windows, Le Petit Hôtel feels more as if you've borrowed a fortunate friend's loft for the weekend than merely checked into a hotel. Much like Montreal itself, this 24-room boutique property is a wonderful mix of old and new. The hotel's two buildings date to 1867, and each suite features contemporary details such as exposed stone walls and curvy neon orange chairs. Breakfast, included with your stay, is served in the café or delivered to your room. From \$160.

HÔTEL CHEZ SWANN > DOWNTOWN

The Tudor-style building, which has served as both a garment shop and an Irish pub, today is a 23-room boutique hotel within walking distance of chic shops, restaurants, and the Museum of Fine Arts. Local artists decorated every room, so expect touches of whimsy like grassy rugs and inviting window alcoves where you can people-watch. Wi-Fi and breakfast are included with your room, and a Bixi station, the city's \$5-a-day bike-share program, is located just across the street. From \$175.

L'HÔTEL > HISTORIC DISTRICT

No matter which art collection you decide to see while wandering the city's museum district, a visit to L'Hôtel may beat them all: Where else can you snuggle beneath a Chagall or wake up beside a Warhol? With one of the largest private art collections that's open to the public in North America, L'Hôtel goes beyond art installations in the lobby and puts works created by Lichtenstein and Miró in the guest rooms themselves. The elegant Victorian building is just a block from the Notre-Dame Basilica. From \$150. —*Janelle Nanos*