

HÔTEL WILLIAM GRAY IS WARMING UP TO WINTER

Old Montreal classic makes its terrasse a cold-weather delight



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The boutique-chic Hôtel William Gray in Old Montreal has embraced one of the city’s defining factors: Winter.

The hotel has cold-weather cocktails like the Hot Honey Martini, as well as packages with Montreal’s Igloofest, and the pièce de resistance — new dining in sparkling winterproof domes on the rooftop Winter Terrasse.

Guests dining in the domes enjoy the hotel’s acclaimed cuisine as well the singular pleasure of dining almost outside, with snowflakes falling, sunlight glowing or stars twinkling in a dark sky. A quintessentially Montreal setting, the Terrasse overlooks Place Jacques-Cartier and boasts views of the St. Lawrence River and landmarks like Marché Bonsecours, the Old Port’s Ferris wheel (La Grande Roue) and the Jacques-Cartier Bridge.

The scene: A high-design amalgam of contemporary hospitality and historic architecture, Hôtel William Gray has been a hit since it opened a few years ago when Bill Gates and Bono made the scene, and since then Vogue, New York, Wallpaper and Chatelaine have heralded it as one of the top design destinations in North America.

The service is highly professional throughout and the



Hôtel William Gray in Old Montreal isn’t letting the chillier season take away from its best views of the city, and has installed winter-proof domes for dining on its popular rooftop Winter Terrasse. *HÔTEL WILLIAM GRAY*

ambience is young in spirit, with street cred fostered by a branch of Café Olimpico and Le Cartel, a cool boutique selling fleece hoodies and knit beanies.

The Living Room is a stylish atrium lobby lounge, designed by Béique Legault Thuot Architectes, with an exciting fusion of industrial metalwork, warm wood panelling, modern leather armchairs and a communal work table. It’s a vibrant meeting place for coffee or cocktails, which attracts Old Montreal habitués during the week and is reserved for hotel guests on Fridays and Saturdays from 5 p.m.

The 127 guest rooms and suites are very “today,” featuring floor-to-ceiling windows, streamlined decor of ebony and alabaster, concrete ceilings and deluxe white and grey marble bathrooms. Luxuries include Frette bathrobes and bath sheets, Le Labo toiletries, twice-daily housekeeping, and in some

rooms, over-size showers, soaking, tubs, balconies or vaulted ceilings.

Winter wonderland: Engaging seasonal packages include: Holiday Package, until Jan. 11, offers 50 per cent off the second night. Montreal’s Igloofest Experience, Jan. 18-Feb. 10, starts at \$173 per person, double occupancy, with festival tickets and perks. The charming Winter Getaway starts at \$170 per person., double occupancy, involves ice skating and spa life. Bed & Breakfast starts at \$140 per person, and features a gourmet start to the day, plus spa discounts. Some deals expire on March 31.

Dining: The dome set-up on the Winter Terrasse and the main dining room, Maggie Oakes (Gray’s wife), have different chefs, menus and moods. The domes are intriguing, intimate and romantic. A set five-course dinner starts with an amuse-bouche, cheese/charcuterie,

appetizers such as soy-glazed scallops or escargots flambés, followed by main courses of Alaska cod, squid-ink pasta, wagyu beef or duck, and dessert.

The Winter Terrasse brunch is a three-course spread that starts with fruit or cheese, winds up with pastries, and focuses on tantalizing main courses like eggs benedict with duck, eggs with lobster tartine or decadent pancakes with caramelized pecans, pomegranates and orange mousse.

The domes have interior heating and snugly faux fur throws, and the servers sport Pajar jackets and boots for their chilly kitchen runs. One secluded VIP dome has a private firepit area for cocktails or s’mores. (Reservations required; available until March31; domes seat four to eight people; Saturday-Sunday brunch, \$65; and dinner, \$135, wine pairings, \$65; terrassewilliamgray.com).

IF YOU GO

Hôtel William Gray: 514-656-5600, 844-576-5600, hotelwilliamgray.com; 421 rue St-Vincent, Old Montreal. Part of Gray Collection, which owns Montreal’s Le Petit Hôtel and Auberge du Vieux Port. Accessible rooms.

■ Best rate guarantee. Rates fluctuate; starting at approximately \$265 for two in winter (holidays, weekends, summer can be higher). Seven-day advance bookings have discounts. Extra: valet parking, \$42 overnight, \$23 for dining, or free for spa; TV movies; 24-hour in-room dining.

Maggie Oakes is a spacious and busy Old Montreal go-to with large portions and a substantial à la carte menu. The dinner highlight is the 45-day aged Canadian beef with cuts including rib, T-bone, Kansas, tomahawk and porterhouse. Other delicacies include a seafood platter, oysters, grilled salmon, lobster and tartars.

At Maggie Oakes’ brunch, I was well-sated after a mango smoothie, a sampling of luscious pastries and a cappuccino, but I tasted all of my table’s succulent choices: an Atlantic seafood sandwich, avocado toast, steak and eggs, and a towering cheeseburger (maggieoakes.com).

Spa/wellness: Spa William Gray has a full line of treatments and a restorative, highly-efficient thermal circuit with a sauna, a eucalyptus steam, an aromatherapy chamber, rain showers, a Himalayan salt room and a cold space. The hotel also has an outdoor lap pool, open to spa clients May-October (spawilliamgray.com, \$55 daily or \$65 on Saturdays; students and teachers get discounts until Dec 31.). rochellelash@gmail.com

TV TIMES TONIGHT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2											MOVIES	SPORTS	TALK	
	B	W	E	V	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30		
2	SRC	10	4	4	2	Salebarbes aux Îles		Sissi (N)	Miss Scarlet, détective privée (N)		Le téléjournal (N)	Doc humanité		
3	CBS	282	21	21	87	4:00 College Football	Channel 3 News (N)	Reindeer in Here	Robbie the Reindeer	Robbie the Reindeer	48 Hours (N)			
5	NBC	280	23	18	84	Celebration (N)		Dateline NBC	Dateline NBC		Saturday Night Live			
6	CBC	206	13	13	6	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Montreal Canadiens (N)					NHL Hockey			
8	CJOH	229	-	-	10	CTV News Special (N)		C *** Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..						
9	MATV	-	9	9	9	La vie agricole	Droit au but	À l'heure du	Horti & culture	Endorphine	La tournée	Fierté d'ici	Stagiaire d'un jour	
10	TVA	115	7	7	4	6:30 C ** Gratte-ciel ('18, Act) Neve Campbell, Dwayne Johnson.		C ** Le justicier 2 ('18, Act) Pedro Pascal, Denzel Washington.						
12	CTV	70	11	11	7	CTV News Special (N)		C *** Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..						
17	TQc	138	8	8	3	Retour à Sanditon (N)		FouKi tout garni (N)	Les Cowboys Fringants en concert avec			C Django déchaîné		
22	ABC	281	22	22	86	College Football Scoreboard (N)		College Football ACC Championship: Louisville vs. Florida State (N)						
33	PBS	-	57	-	88	Steve & Eydie: Memories of My Mom and Dad (My Music Presents) (N)			Doc Martin		Little Bird			
35	Noovo	114	5	5	5	6:30 C *** Harry Potter et le prisonnier d'Azkaban ('04, Jeune) Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.					25 C *** Hunger Games: la révolte, partie 1 ('14) (P)			
44	FOX	283	46	36	85	6:30 Big Ten Championship Pregame (N)		College Football Big Ten Championship: Iowa vs. Michigan (N)						
46	GBL	234	3	3	8	The New Reality (N)	Border Security	Private Eyes		Departure		48 Hours (N)		
57	PBS	-	24	40	89	Steve & Eydie: Memories of My Mom and Dad (My Music Presents)			Mountain Lake PBS Pledge					
62	CITY	207	14	14	14	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Montreal Canadiens (N)						Hudson & Rex		
	A&E	615	39	-	90	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Neighborhood Wars	Legends of the Fork	Legends of the Fork	Buddy Valastro's Cake Dynasty (N)		
	AMC	293	-	-	209	C ★ Mr. Deeds ('02, Com) Winona Ryder, Adam Sandler.				C ★ ★ The Addams Family ('91, Com) Raul Julia, Anjelica Huston.				
	APTN	23	10	58	16	C nipawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up ('19, Doc)							C ★ ★ ★ A Beautiful Mind ('01, Dra) Ed Harris, Russell Crowe.	
	CBCNN	502	48	48	18	The Fifth Estate		Things Wild Canadian Weather - COLD		CBC Newsroom (N)	Marketplace	Things Wild Canadian Weather - COLD		
	CD	129	20	20	36	Trouv	Billy, le brocanteur	Mayday		Les trésors de la WWE (N)		C ★ ★ ★ Bohemian Rhapsody ('18) (P)		
	CNN	500	36	27	81	CNN Newsroom With Jim Acosta (N)		McMillion\$		15 McMillion\$		McMillion\$		
	CRVM1	300	-	-	211	15 C Monster Family 2 ('21, Ani) Voices of Jason Isaacs, Emily Watson.				C ★ ★ Insidious: The Red Door ('23) Patrick Wilson. (P)		50 C ★ ★ ★ Barbarian		
	CTVDR	30	34	-	92	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		
	CTVSc	90	32	-	101	615 C ★ ★ ★ Live Free or Die Hard ('07, Act) Justin Long, Bruce Willis.				C ★ ★ ★ Die Hard ('88, Act) Alan Rickman, Bruce Willis.				
	CV	135	44	35	44	Flip ultra payant		Mariage à l'aveugle		Au jardin		La famille est	C ★ À vos marques, prêts, décidez! ('06)	
	DISC	636	37	37	102	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		
	FAM	556	-	-	64	C ★ ★ Happy Feet Two ('11, Ani) Voices of Robin Williams, Elijah Wood.				Baketopia		40 Summer Mem	Degrassi	Degrassi
	HBO1	306	-	-	215	6:40 Superpowered	40 C A.r.tificial I.mmortality ('21, Doc)			Selena + Chef		Flag Means	Rap Sh!t	35 Bookie
	HGTV	83	29	-	97	Property Brothers: Forever Home		Unsellable Houses		Unsellable Houses		Unsellable Houses		
	HIST	84	47	-	107	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		S.W.A.T.		S.W.A.T.		
	MAX	142	48	32	32	6:00 C Le parfum de la vengeance ('13)		C ★ ★ ★ Philadelphie ('93, Dra) Denzel Washington, Tom Hanks.				Cinéma		
	MUCH	570	35	-	112	615 C ★ ★ White House Down ('13, Act) Jamie Foxx, Channing Tatum.				The Simpsons		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons
	OWN	526	-	-	94	The Oprah Winfrey Show		The Oprah Winfrey Show		A Christmas Serenade (N)				
	PEACH	294	-	-	218	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	C ★ ★ Men in Black II ('02, Act) Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones.				Atlanta News First Saturday at 10pm (N)		
	RDI	126	19	19	19	6:30 Découverte (N)	Le national (N)	Les grands reportages		Le téléjournal (N)	La facture (N)	Le téléjournal (N)	Le national (N)	
	RDS	123	33	33	25	UFC Fight Night: Dariush c. Tsarukyan (N)					L'antichambre (N)			
	SC	73	205	205	205	Movie	C Staged Killer ('19, Thril) Nicole Bilderback, Chrishell Hartley.		C Snow Angel ('23, Thril) Olivier Renaud, Kimberly-Sue Murray. (P)		35 C Dark Nature			
	SE	180	-	-	201	Cinéma	35 C Toupie et Binou, le film ('23) Xavier Dolan. (P)					C Les trois mousquetaires: d'Artagnan ('23, Avent) Vincent Cassel, François Civil. (P)		
	SHOW	616	40	-	105	6:30 C ★ ★ Inferno ('16, Thril) Felicity Jones, Tom Hanks.				C ★ ★ ★ Blood Diamond ('06, Adv) Jennifer Connelly, Leonardo DiCaprio.				
	SLICE	27	-	-	99	6:30 C ★ ★ ★ Definitely, Maybe ('08, Dra) Isla Fisher, Ryan Reynolds.				C ★ ★ This Is 40 ('12, Rom) Leslie Mann, Paul Rudd.				
	SN1	418	-	-	184	NHL Hockey Seattle Kraken at Ottawa Senators (N)					NHL Hockey			
	SNE	406	38	38	179	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Toronto Maple Leafs (N)					NHL Hockey			
	STARZ1	304	55	-	216	20 C ★ ★ ★ Elf ('03, Child) James Caan, Will Ferrell.				C ★ ★ ★ Joy Ride ('23, Com) Sherry Cola, Ashley Park. (P)		40 C Bridesmaids		
	TCM	292	-	-	219	6:00 C ★ ★ ★ Fitzwilly ('67) Dick Van Dyke.		C ★ ★ Imitation of Life ('59, Dra) John Gavin, Lana Turner.		15 C ★ ★ All I Desire ('53)				
	TLC	521	27	39	91	My Big Fat Fabulous Life		90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (N)		90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (N)		90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (N)		
	TLN	700	-	-	250	6:00 John Williams: The Berlin Concert		Andrea Bocelli		C ★ ★ The Night Before ('15, Com) Seth Rogen, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.				
	TOONE	85	49	-	57	C ★ The Smurfs ('11, Child) Neil Patrick Harris, Hank Azaria.				Batman: Animated		Superman: The	My Adventures with	Young Justice
	TOONF	87	45	34	53	L'île des défis (N)	Teen / 45 Teen	American Dad	American Dad	Les Simpson	Les Simpson	Red Ketchup	Archer	
	TSN2	401	-	-	187	4:00 College Football	Football Scoreboard	College Football ACC Championship: Louisville vs. Florida State (N)						
	TSN5	404	28	28	190	UFC Fight Night: Dariush vs. Tsarukyan (N)						SportsCentre (N)		
	TV5	145	15	15	29	05 Jeune et golri		Jeune et golri		05 Le village préféré des Français (P)				
	TVAS	193	-	-	23	Hockey LNH Red Wings de Détroit c. Canadiens de Montréal (N)					45 L'après-match LNH (N)	45 Hockey LNH (N)		
	TVO	22	-	-	71	Wild West		Northern Gold After the Rush		C The Reason I Jump ('20, Doc)		25 Ontario	Movie	
	VISN	65	-	-	159	6:00 Endeavour		Sardari		Aikam		Vehra Khushian Da	Waqt 4 U	
	WGN	295	-	-	222	Paid Programming	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)		
	WSBK	296	-	-	223	Big Bang	Big Bang	C ★ ★ When the Game Stands Tall ('14, Doc/Dra) Michael Chiklis, James Caviezel.				Lawmen: Bass		
	YTV	25	-	-	65	Movie	The Loud House	C Albert ('16, Ani) Voices of Sasheer Zamata, Bobby Moynihan.				SpongeBob		The Hardy Boys
B – Bell TV; W – Vidéotron West Montréal; E – Vidéotron East Montréal; V – Vidéotron Illico														