

Chef *Pierre Pédèche* has won many international gold medals and, on the ground floor, the **Bistro Chez Antoine** is a favourite meeting spot in the city. The Radisson, close to the World Trade Centre and the Montréal Convention Centre, is obviously an ideally-located hotel for delegates and visitors attending ICAO functions.

Also across the street is the **Bonaventure Hotel** atop a full shopping complex and the largest exhibition hall in Montréal. The hotel has direct access to the Métro subway system providing fast and problem-free transportation to the Olympic Stadium or Old Montréal. A short walk away is the **Queen Elizabeth Hotel**, a luxurious downtown oasis. In addition to its business centre complete with fax, computer and photocopy services, the hotel boasts one of the best dining establishments in Canada, the legendary **Beaver Club**. And of course, the **Ritz-Carlton** continues to reign supreme on fashionable Sherbrooke Street.

For a truly exotic setting one need look no further than the **Holiday Inn Select** in Chinatown.

Under its distinctive pagoda-style roof is the **Chez Chine Restaurant** set in the middle of a fabulous lagoon that is home to exquisite tropical fish. For its part, the **Hotel Inter-Continental Montréal**, which is an integral part of the World Trade Centre, is the epitome of style and refinement. Its restaurant **Les Continents** serves a neo-classic cuisine, created by the famous chef *Christian Lévesque*, that is guaranteed to please the most discerning palate.

OLD MONTREAL

For those who visit ICAO and decide to stay for a while, Old Montréal, just a short distance away, could be the ideal location to rent or buy. It is, in effect, a village in the heart of the city. And with its renovated historic buildings, several of which have been transformed into condominiums and apartments, plus boutiques crammed with treasures of every description, it is truly a magical place.

In Summer, the outdoor terraces and quaint bistros are the place to be. Here one can discover the wonders of the Internet at **Café Électronique**, as well as the myriad of attractions at the **Old Port** including a bateau-mouche, amphi-



Over 1,000 free outdoor shows are presented during the festival season.

bus, giant flea market, concerts and expositions. Here one can enjoy the freedom of a bicycle path or a cruise to explore the river. Winter is also a wonderland with the **Fête des Neiges** winter carnival, antique street lamps lighting one's way through the snow, and holly-bedecked horse-drawn 'caleches' adding to the charm.

*For the perfect weekend escape, the **TRITON**, in the unspoiled pollution-free wilderness of Haute Mauricie, is one of Québec's finest fishing and hunting retreats. There is also canoeing, photo-safaris, seaplane flights over the lake-filled region, and visits to a Native People's village close by. The ideal escape, if only for a few days! The telephone number is (418) 648-0577, the fax (418) 522-4398.*

Whether visiting Montréal for a few days or with a view to staying for a few years, you will soon discover that the city has a festive feeling. Indeed, it is the world

capital of prestigious festivals attracting over two million visitors annually, whether it be for the **Montréal International Jazz Festival**, the largest of its kind in the world, or the **Just For Laughs/ Juste Pour Rire Festival** when the best comedy talent anywhere descends on Montréal.

Others include the **Montréal World Film Festival**, the dazzling **International Fireworks**

Competition, and the **Francofolies** featuring some of the world's most talented francophone singers. A short drive from the city, the sky is the limit at the **Hot-Air Balloon Festival** at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu.

With its quality of life, warm and friendly people, and countless cultural and touristic attractions, Montréal is truly a very special city. Welcome and bienvenue chez-nous!

