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The Underground City

RÉSO is the name for The Underground City, or La Ville Souterraine, of Montreal, Quebec. It started out, I believe, as a network of connected metro stations in the 1960s. Architects and city managers figured that a connected underground system would reduce pedestrian traffic and save people from having to walk through less than ideal weather conditions such as extreme cold or heat. From what I have read, the typical January in Montreal stays well below freezing, which most Virginia natives enjoying this decent winter would probably find to be quite unpleasant. Over the years, the system developed into the Underground City that is there today, being named RÉSO in 2004. The name comes from the French word réseau (English: network). Today, RÉSO is so vast that it includes not only metro stations, but also multiple shopping malls, restaurants,

entertainment venues, hotels, apartments, universities, and more. It has become a cultural icon of La Métropole du Québec.

<https://gotourismguides.com/montreal/underground-city-reso/>

