



OSHEAGA: A MUST GO!

Montreal is renowned for its music festivals. The city is constantly hosting music festivals throughout the year. Osheaga, Mural, Ile Soniq, the International Jazz Fest, Piknic Électronik and Igloofest, just to name a few...

Osheaga is probably the biggest of the Montreal music festivals. It features a whole set of genres, artists. It takes place in Summer in parc Jean-Drapeau on Île Ste-Hélène (Where Laronde is!) and takes place over a few days.

I was able to get into contact with a Osheaga 2018 attendee and she gladly accepted to let me interview her.

So, when did you go to Osheaga? (day(s), year, what time, etc.)

"I went to Osheaga last year in August. I do not remember the exact day but I'm pretty sure I went on the Sunday the 5th. I got there around 2pm. It was pretty fun. I met up with my friend earlier that day to get prepared and we took the metro to get there."

Which artists did you go see? (who were your favorites?)

"Unfortunately, I was unable to see everyone that was presenting on that day but I went to go see Florence and the Machine, BROCKHAMPTON, Franz Ferdinand, Cuco, The Neighbourhood, Post Malone, Dua Lipa and LAUV. But Post Malone was my favorite. He was so cool, and I love his songs, so it was very cool being able to see him in person."

What was the best thing about going to this music festival?

"Seeing a bunch of artists live! I loved the lineup and it was really amazing being able to see all these artists perform back to back in one spot. I really appreciate it that there isn't one specific genre of music, it makes things more interesting and more diverse."

Have you been to other music festivals? How do they compare to Osheaga?

"Osheaga is really fun because there isn't one type of music, festivals like Ile Sonic and Picnik are mostly just electronic music, which is cool but Osheaga really stands out because of its diversity. As for other music festivals I've attended, I haven't gone to many, but I once went to this rave; I forget what it is called but it was basically a free Ile Sonic, but it was also very fun, still very tiring, but fun!"

A FEW OSHEAGA 2018 ATTENDEES



How did you find it? (did you go with friends? how was the music, environment, weather, was it worth it? was it tiring?)

"Since one of my best friends was going. She had an extra ticket and offered the opportunity to go, I was able to go for free! I had a lot of fun, but it was really crowded. There were some songs that I didn't know but I still think the music was good because I knew most of the songs of the singers that I saw perform. The weather was great, even though it was extremely hot. The company organizing Osheaga made sure that there would be a jet of water that would spray onto the crowd every ten minutes or so. I really think it was an amazing experience, everyone there were cool, and all loved the same music as me! Obviously, it was worth it for me because I went for free, but I still think it would be worth it if I had paid. It was tiring though, and I could barely stand up by the end of it."

Do you want to go again this year? If no, why not?

"I do want to go again either to Osheaga or Ile Sonic. I really want to see either Bad Bunny or J Balvin but I would only go for one day only because it gets very tiring and it is very expensive. I was fortunate enough that I went for free!"





This year, Osheaga has been face with quite bit of scrutiny. People have been criticizing this years lineup, saying that it isn't nearly as good as the last couple years. As a matter fact, alot of frequent Osheaga attendees have been saying that this year has been the weakest in years. Even going as far as saying that they won't attend this one. Regardless of this controversy, alot of people have been defending this years lineup saying that the only reason why people are angry is because there are less rap artists are less prominent that previous times.

This year's Osheaga's lineup was released at the end of March. The 2019 lineup features artists such as the famed Childish Gambino, Flume, Interpol, The Franklin Electric, boy pablo, laye and many, many more. The festival will be taking place from Friday, August 2nd to Sunday, August 4th and tickets start from 125\$ CAD for a single day or up to 1250\$ CAD for VIP access and a bunch more exclusive perks. Each day will feature different artists every one of those days, so make sure to plan accordingly! Osheaga is one of the biggest events in Montreal during the Summer and, honestly, it can get a bit overwhelming. Especially, if it's your first time going. So we thought of a few tips and tricks for you to get by Osheaga without any trouble!

OSHEAGA 2019'S OFFICIAL LINEUP



Photo taken from the official Osheaga website

- 1. Be prepared for any kind of weather.** You never know how the temperature is going to end up being during the weekend, so make sure to bring an extra sweater, a rain jacket and/or an umbrella just in case!
- 2. Plan out your weekend!** 3 days, 7 stages and an enormous number of artists! It is crucial for Osheaga attendees to plan out their day(s) and decide what their priorities are. You do not, I repeat, DO NOT, want to miss your favorite song by your favorite artist just because you thought you had time to go grab a coffee beforehand.
- 3. Dress comfortably.** Osheaga will be tiring, that is a fact. You will be standing and jumping for hours in the heat and/or the rain, so it is necessary to dress appropriately. Also, keep in mind the paths are made of gravel, so it is probably best that you wear comfortable sneakers. We do not recommend you wear skin tight leather pants or stilettos during the festival.
- 4. Bring cash!** There are a lot of food stands and snack bars all around the site. But a lot of them only accept cash. There are ATMs around the grounds but there is often a line to use them, so don't forget to take out some cash before going into the festival.
- 5. Stay hydrated.** This one should be obvious but BRING A WATER BOTTLE! There are water fountains scattered around the site but it is a very good idea to bring a bottle so you can refill it every now and then. The last thing you want to do while you're having fun listening to music is passing out due to dehydration.

