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The Party-Round-the-Clock

Trips for beer geeks, jazz enthusiasts, pool crashers, electro clubbers, and professional hobnobbers.

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Five Nights

Montreal, Quebec

Go clubbing in artsy quarters in Partytown, Canada.

Arrive thirsty: Montrealers view drinking cheaply as their birthright. Case in point: *Apportez votre vin* (Bring your own wine) restaurants are spiking in popularity with the still-sluggish economy.

Guzzle your own red—bought at the closest government-run wine purveyor, SAQ store Mont-Royal (514-521-8230)—at the new Le Quartier Général (514-658-1839) in the Plateau district, where the blackboard menu is scribbled with tasty oddities like rabbit saddle with sunchokes and mustard sauce. In the same neighborhood, watch the sunset on the rooftop patio of super-loud Muzique (muziquemontreal.com), which, like many Montreal clubs, is characterized by French élan, Ibizan D.J.'s, and Canadian friendliness. The current party central is in downtown Montreal, at the Opus hotel's Koko Restaurant & Bar (kokomontreal.com), where you can get juiced on hibiscus-laced cocktails (\$12) and then sprawl out on low-backed chairs and eye Francophone models and their fabulous friends as they stumble down the lime-green runway. (A recent patron: Lady Gaga.) Crash at Le Westin (from \$169; westinmontreal.com), which opened last spring in the former Gazette printing-press building with a great martini bar, called Reporter, in its mezzanine.