Winnipeg, Manitoba http://www.winnipeg.ca http://www.tourismwinnipeg.com/



Winnipeg is the capital and largest city of the province of Manitoba with a population of 730, 018 (as of 2011). A diverse multicultural city, Winnipeg is known for its friendly and welcoming spirit. Once a small prairie town, Winnipeg has developed into a cosmopolitan city complete with top-notch restaurants, boutiques, attractions, and an arts and culture scene. Winnipeg is one of the most affordable cities in Canada, in close proximity to beautiful beaches, and is only a 1.5 hour drive to the U.S. border.

There is something for everyone in Winnipeg! The city hosts several cultural organizations including the Manitoba Opera, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Manitoba Museum, the Winnipeg Art Gallery, etc. Sports fans will also not be disappointed as Winnipeg is home to the Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League (CFL), the Jets of the National Hockey League (NHL), and the Winnipeg Goldeyes of the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball.

Weather

Winnipeg experiences a continental climate characterized by four distinct seasons. Due to its northern location, Winnipeg enjoys 2,372 hours of sunlight annually which is among the highest of Canadian cities. The city also enjoys 2,727 hours of clear skies per year, the highest of all Canadian cities. Winnipeg also averages approximately 51.4 cm of precipitation per year.

Seasonal Average Temperatures (Avg.Low/Avg.High) January: -23°C/-12°C April: -3°C/9°C August: 13°C/26°C October: 0°C/11°C

Additional Information

For further information about annual climate data for Winnipeg, please visit <u>The</u> <u>Weather Network</u> or <u>Environment Canada</u> using the links below:

Location

Winnipeg is located in the middle of North America. It is approximately 100km north of the Canada - U.S. border.



Driving Distances

Emerson, MB (Canada-US Border)	107km (approx. 1 hour 30 minutes)
Brandon, MB	215km (approx. 2 hours 30 minutes)
Thunder Bay, ON	699km (approx. 7 hours 45 minutes)
Regina, SK	573km (approx. 6 hours 10 minutes)

Transportation

Railway

The city of Winnipeg has railway connections to Eastern Canada and Western Canada. Via Rail operates routes to and from Winnipeg to various Canadian locations. Below is a map of Via Rail routes.



Public Transit

Winnipeg has a comprehensive public transit system operated by Winnipeg Transit. To view maps and schedules and/or to learn more information about their services, visit: <u>http://winnipegtransit.com/en</u>

Airport

The Winnipeg International Airport (YWG) serves flights to and from major cities across Canada, the USA, the Caribbean, and Mexico. For more information about the Winnipeg International Airport, visit: <u>http://www.waa.ca/</u>

Health Services

Winnipeg is a large city and has access to all forms of healthcare. The following are the three largest hospitals in the city:

Victoria General Hospital

2340 Pembina Highway Winnipeg, MB R3T 2E8 204-269-3570

Health Sciences Centre

820 Sherbrooke Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3A 1R9 204-787-3661

Concordia Hospital

1095 Concordia Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R2K 3S8 204-667-1560 For more information on healthcare services in Winnipeg, visit the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority's website at: <u>http://www.wrha.mb.ca/index.php</u>

For information on provincial health insurance in Manitoba (required for all permanent residents in Manitoba), click on the following link: <u>http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mhsip/</u>

Education

Schools

There are seven school districts in Winnipeg. Click on the links below for information on each school district:

- Winnipeg School Division <u>http://ww.wsd1.org/</u>
- St. James-Assiniboia School Division <u>http://www.sjsd.net/</u>
- Pembina Trails School Division <u>http://www.pembinatrails.ca/index.html</u>
- Seven Oaks School Division <u>http://www.7oaks.org/Pages/default.aspx</u>
- Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine <u>https://www.dsfm.mb.ca/</u>
- River East Transcona School Division <u>http://www.retsd.mb.ca</u>
- Louis Riel School Division <u>http://www.lrsd.net/</u>

Winnipeg also has religious and secular private schools.

Colleges and Universities

There are a variety of colleges and universities in Winnipeg where you can earn degrees, diplomas, certificates and upgrade your skills.

- University of Manitoba <u>http://umanitoba.ca/</u>
- University of Winnipeg <u>http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/</u>
- Canadian Mennonite University <u>http://www.cmu.ca/</u>
- University of St. Boniface <u>http://www.ustboniface.mb.ca/</u>
- Red River College http://www.rrc.mb.ca/
- Winnipeg Technical College <u>http://www.wtc.mb.ca/wp/</u>
- CDI College <u>http://www.cdicollege.ca/</u>

Accommodation

The average selling price of a resale home in Winnipeg is \$264, 546.00 (as of Spring 2013)

Click on the following links for Winnipeg real estate information: <u>http://remax-winnipeg.com/</u> <u>http://agents.royallepage.ca/winnipeg/482377</u> The average cost of renting a two-bedroom apartment in Winnipeg is \$940.00 (as of Spring 2013)

Click on the following links for Winnipeg property rental information: <u>http://www.rentboard.ca/rentals/index.aspx?locid=1523</u> <u>http://www.rentcanada.com/winnipeg/</u> <u>http://winnipeg.en.craigslist.ca/apa/</u>

For more information about the housing market in Winnipeg or in other Canadian cities, visit the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation at http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/

Recreation & Activities

There are many recreational activities available in Winnipeg! There are 20 golf courses within city limits and 20 more within a 45 minute drive. There are museums, art galleries, shopping malls, recreation centres, and a huge variety of restaurants, bars, and nightclubs. The zoo and horse-racing track are also popular attractions.

Taxes

Manitobans pay taxes on their income and retail purchases. Extra taxes are collected on fuel and tobacco products.

For detailed information on taxes in Manitoba, visit: <u>http://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/taxation/index.html</u>

For a list of available tax credits in Manitoba, visit: <u>http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdls/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/prvncl/07-eng.html</u>