



Top Ten Reasons to Live in Manitoba

1. Natural beauty and recreation - Manitobans have one of the highest rates of vacation home ownership in Canada. Our province is home to over 100,000 lakes and for generations Manitobans have enjoyed weekends at lakefront cottages and cabins with family and friends. Manitoba's many beautiful provincial parks are year-round havens for campers, fishers, hikers and lovers of the great outdoors.



2. Festivals and events - Folklorama is our annual celebration of our cultural diversity. Dozens of community groups host pavilions for visitors to share in ethnic food, culture, music and song. Festival du Voyageur is our winter festival in the French quarter, St. Boniface. The Royal Winnipeg Ballet is world-renown. And we have professional soccer, football, baseball and hockey teams.

3. Commuting distance - The average commuting distance to work in Winnipeg is less than 8 km, the lowest of any Canadian city with a population over 500,000.



4. Housing costs - Manitoba remains one of the least expensive locations in which to purchase a home. A recently published survey identifies Winnipeg as Canada's top-ranked city in terms of housing affordability.

5. Low car insurance rates - In some Canadian provinces you would pay twice as much for auto insurance as you pay in Manitoba.



6. Golf - Manitoba has one of the highest ratios of golf courses to golfers in Canada with more than 120 beautiful public and private courses.

7. Low electricity rates - Manitoba's electricity rates are consistently among the lowest in the world. Our province is committed to developing energy conservation programs as well as exploring new sources of green energy.



8. Excellent education system - Manitoba's five universities and three community colleges offer high-quality advanced education with some of Canada's lowest tuition fees.

9. Friendliness and generosity - Manitobans rank high for participation in volunteer work to support community causes and we have the highest proportion of charitable giving of any province.

10. Home building boom - Housing starts are up 85% over the past five years. In 2008 Manitoba had the second-strongest growth in housing starts in Canada and growth is expected to continue.

Manitoba Fun Facts



Manitoba basks in more than 2,300 hours of bright sunshine per year with southern Manitoba enjoying up to 16 hours of daylight during peak summer weeks.

At one point in geological history, Manitoba was an alpine province with huge mountain ranges.

The Bear who inspired the lovable Winnie the Pooh character was owned by Winnipegger Lieutenant Harry Colebourne and named after his hometown.



Churchill is known as the 'Polar Bear Capital of the World' for being the most accessible place to view Polar bears in the wild.

Winnipeg's Royal Canadian Mint produces 15 million plated coins each day for circulation in Canada and in 60 countries around the globe.



Winnipeg's Union Station was designed by the same architects responsible for New York's Grand Central Station.

The 582-ft free-suspension footbridge running over the Souris River is the longest in Canada.

Bob Hope played his first round of golf in Winnipeg.



Born and raised in Winnipeg, famous WWII spymaster Sir William Stephenson was immortalized as the inspiration for James Bond.



Architecture, atmosphere and a favourable economy have made Winnipeg a moving making hot spot. The Assassination of Jesse James, The Constant Gardner, Capote and Shall We Dance just are just a few major motion pictures shot on location in Winnipeg and surrounding areas.

Winnipeg has held the 'Slurpee Capital of the World' title for ten consecutive years, gulping 400,000 of the semi-frozen drinks per month.



Winnipeg was the first city in the world to develop a 911 emergency phone number.

The international polling company, Angus Reid, began in Winnipeg.

The Harlequin Romance publishing empire began in Winnipeg.

Famous Manitobans include:

Musicians Neil Young, Burton Cummings/The Guess Who, Randy Bachman/Bachman Turner Overdrive, Chantal Kreviazuk, The Crash Test Dummies; Actors Nia Vardalos (*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*), Adam Beach (*Flags of Our Fathers*, *Windtalkers*), Oscar Winner Anna Paquin (born in Winnipeg, raised in New Zealand); Authors Carol Shields and Margaret Laurence; Let's Make a Deal host Monty Hall; Fashion executive and Nygard International founder Peter Nygard