

WINNIPEG À LA CARTE

MAY THROUGH NOVEMBER 2013



Welcome to Winnipeg, Manitoba's vibrant capital city located at the centre of Canada and North America. With a population of more than 762,000, the city has a cosmopolitan, international flair and a warm, welcoming spirit. We invite VIA passengers to take advantage of their stopover to stretch their legs and see some of the city's top attractions. From the architecturally distinctive Exchange District and the *joie de vivre* of its French Quarter to the heart of its past at The Forks, Winnipeg is a striking blend of old and new, traditional and avant-garde. After stepping off the train inside the grand Union Station, discover Winnipeg's rich history and beautiful landmarks on a guided city tour.



1 WINNIPEG CITY TOUR – Ô TOURS

Departing from Union Station, the tour takes visitors to The Forks, Winnipeg's favourite gathering place; St. Boniface, Winnipeg's French Quarter and home to a vibrant Francophone community and beautiful cathedral; the Exchange District, one of North America's finest collections of turn-of-the-last-century architecture; Assiniboine Park, the city's largest green space with beautiful flower and sculpture gardens; and the Manitoba Legislative Building, built in the Beaux-Arts style using fossil-rich Manitoba limestone and replete with mysterious Masonic references.

Check in with the Ô TOURS representative at the arrivals area of Union Station.

Hours: 8:30 am to 11 am (transportation included); available during the Winnipeg stopover.

Cost: \$30 per person

Contact: 204-254-3170 or 1-877-254-3170 | otours.net

2 THE WINNIPEG RAILWAY MUSEUM

Inside Winnipeg's historic Union Station at The Forks, you'll discover the city's railway history and artifacts. See the Countess of Dufferin, the first steam locomotive on the Prairies, along with diesel and electric locomotives. Learn about the history of CP, CN, City of Winnipeg Rail and more.

Hours: Open in May, Sept. and Oct. on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 am to 4 pm, and in June, July and August on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 am to 5 pm

Cost: Adults \$5 / Youth (6–15) \$3

Contact: 204-942-4632 | wpgtrainmuseum.com

3 THE FORT GARRY HOTEL, SPA AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

Whether you're looking to sit back and relax with a coffee, tea or glass of wine, experience the grandeur of the railway days inside the Palm Lounge at The Fort Garry Hotel, Spa and Conference Centre. Located a short walk from Union Station, this National Historic Site has been setting the standard for elegance for 100 years.

Address: 222 Broadway

Contact: 1-800-665-8088 | fortgarryhotel.com

4 THE FORKS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Enjoy a breath of fresh air as you stroll through this nine-acre park owned and operated by Parks Canada. Located just steps away from Union Station, the park features rolling green lawns, unique sculptures and tree-lined walkways. Stop at the Oodena Celebration Circle, an amphitheatre and meeting place that pays homage to the area's rich aboriginal history.

5 THE FORKS MARKET

Just a short walk from Union Station is The Forks, an urban oasis for residents and tourists alike. Nestled in the heart of downtown, The Forks is one of Winnipeg's most beloved and historic meeting spots, located at the junction of the Assiniboine and Red rivers.

Browse stalls and quaint boutiques stocked with local food, handicrafts and global treasures at the public market and Johnston Terminal. When hunger strikes, enjoy a wide range of culinary delights from five-course fine dining and an organic bakery to kiosks offering cuisines from around the world. You can also take in live entertainment by street performers and admire beautiful views of the city and rivers at the historic port.

Hours: From July 1st to Sept. 3, open Monday to Saturday, 9:30 am to 9:00 pm / Sunday, 9:30 am to 6:30 pm; from Sept. 4 to June 30, open daily from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm

Contact: theforks.com



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6 THE CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

(UNDER CONSTRUCTION – OPENING IN 2014)

As Canada's newest national museum – and the country's first national museum ever to be located outside of the National Capital Region – the Canadian Museum for Human Rights has already changed the landscape of Winnipeg, and of Canada's museum community, both literally and figuratively.

When it opens to the public in 2014, this museum will inspire all who enter it, and deepen their understanding of human rights history, issues and opportunities.

Outdoor Tours, Summer 2013: Take a mobile phone tour, focusing on the exterior architecture of the Museum, available any time via QR code technology.

Cost: Free | **Duration:** Tours are approximately one hour long, and available in English and French. ASL interpretation is available upon request.

Contact: 204-289-2123, TTY 204-289-2050 | museumforhumanrights.ca

ST. BONIFACE

One of the largest French-speaking communities outside Quebec, Winnipeg's French Quarter is situated on the east bank of the Red River – only a quick walk over the Esplanade Riel pedestrian foot bridge. Experience the unique architecture, charm and *joie de vivre* of this beautiful neighbourhood, just minutes from Union Station.

7 ST. BONIFACE MUSEUM / ST. BONIFACE CATHEDRAL

Located across The Forks are star attractions – the Saint-Boniface Museum and the St. Boniface Cathedral. Begin at the cathedral and take a stroll through its impressive ruins and graveyard. Next, head to the Saint-Boniface Museum to learn about the life of the Francophone and Métis communities. The museum houses the largest collection of Louis Riel artifacts in the country.

Hours: Open Monday to Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm / Saturday and Sunday, 12 pm to 4 pm

Cost: Adults \$6 / Seniors \$5 / Students \$4

Contact: 204-237-4500 | msbm.mb.ca

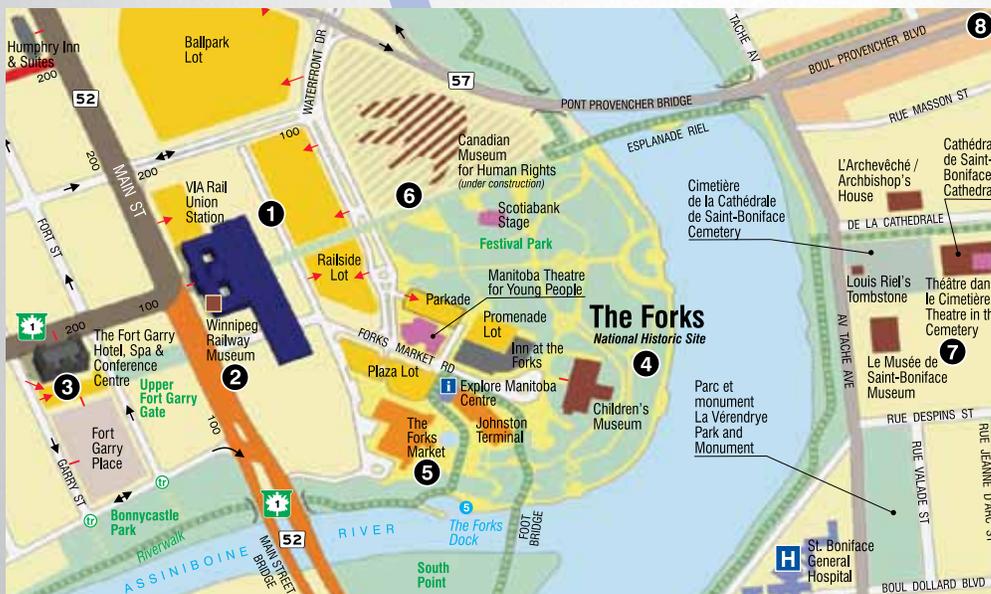
8 OLD ST. BONIFACE WALKING TOUR

Join a walking tour of Old St. Boniface to discover Winnipeg's French Quarter. While visiting the area's main attractions, you'll receive in-depth information about St. Boniface, its culture and people through the expertise of a local tour guide.

Hours: 8:30 am to approximately 10 am; runs Monday to Sunday, late May to end of August; departure from Union Station.

Cost: Adults \$7 / Seniors & Students \$6 / Children \$4

Contact: 1-866-808-8838, 204-233-8343 | tourismeriel.com



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