

WINNIPEG À LA CARTE

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Welcome to Winnipeg, Manitoba's vibrant capital city located in the heart of Canada and North America. With a population of more than 782,000, 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 discover some of the city's top attractions—many of which are only minutes from Union Station. From the distinct architecture of the Exchange District, to the joie de vivre of the French Quarter and The Forks—Manitoba's busiest tourist attraction where the very ground is steeped in history—Winnipeg is a confluence of old and new, traditional and avant-garde.

Upon leaving the train there are plenty of ways to explore Winnipeg's storied past and beautiful landmarks, whether you're strolling through nearby neighbourhoods, taking a guided city tour, or cruising down the river by boat.

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1 WINNIPEG CITY TOUR – Ô TOURS

Departing from the train station, the tour takes you to some of Winnipeg's must-sees, including the historic Forks district—one of Winnipeg's loveliest public spaces; St. Boniface, Winnipeg's French Quarter, which is home to a vibrant Francophone community and beautiful cathedral; 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 replete with mysterious Masonic references.

Check in with the Ô TOURS representative at the arrivals area of the train station.

Hours: Tours offered Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. From 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (transportation included), available during the Winnipeg stopover

Cost: \$30 per person

Contact: 1 204 254-3170 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 Canadian Pacific, Canadian National, City of Winnipeg Rail, and more.

Hours: Open in May, September and October on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and in June, July and August on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$5 | Youth (6-16) \$3

Contact: 1 204 942-4632 | 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 railway days gone by inside the Palm Lounge at The Fort Garry Hotel, Spa and Conference Centre. Located just 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

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. Just steps away from Union Station, The Forks has something for everyone. Inside The Forks Market, browse stalls and quaint boutiques stocked with local food, handicrafts and global treasures, or stop by Johnston Terminal for antiques and other unique goods. When hunger strikes, enjoy a wide range of culinary delights from fine dining restaurants to an organic bakery and kiosks offering flavourful cuisine. Enjoy a breath of fresh air as you stroll through a nine-acre park owned and operated by Parks Canada. Stop at the Oodena Celebration Circle, an amphitheatre and meeting place that pays homage to the area's rich aboriginal history. You can also take in live entertainment by street performers and admire beautiful views of the city and rivers at the historic port.

Hours: The Forks site is open 24 hours

The Forks Market: From July 1 to September 4, Mondays to Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; from September 5 to June 30, open daily 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Contact: theforks.com

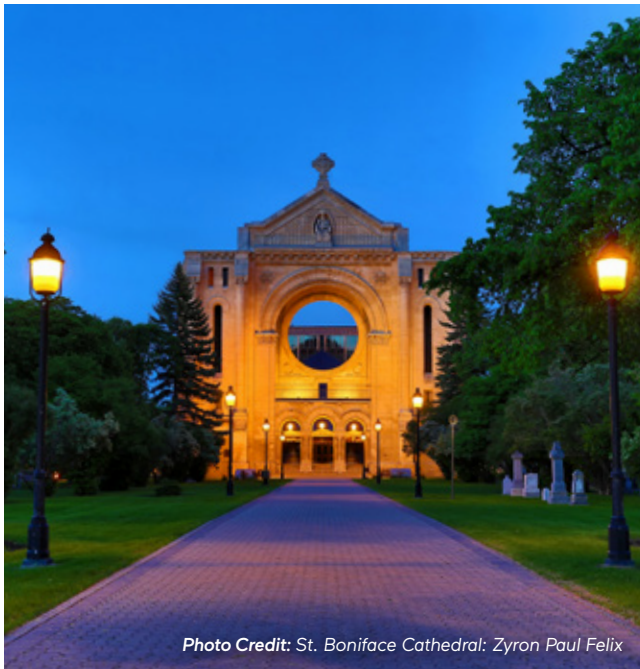


Photo Credit: St. Boniface Cathedral: Zyron Paul Felix

5 SPLASH DASH RIVER TOURS

Informative half-hour boat tours of Winnipeg's downtown waterways leave The Forks harbour. Boat captains provide commentary and historical insight on many points of interest along the way.

Hours: Tours depart every 15 minutes, seven days a week, starting at 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. for all VIA Rail passengers

Cost: Adults \$15 | Seniors \$12 | Youth \$8 | All VIA Rail passengers receive a \$1 discount

Contact: 1 204 783-6633 | www.splashdash.ca

6 CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

As the train pulls into the station in downtown Winnipeg, look out your window and you'll see Canada's newest national museum. This incredible building has literally changed the landscape in Winnipeg and is described by many as an architectural icon.

The museum opens at 10:00 a.m. If your stay in the city is only a few hours long, walk by and take a photo outside, or pop in for a few minutes before your train leaves so you can explore the museum boutique.

If you are overnighing in Winnipeg, we invite you in to explore human rights stories from Canada and around the world. All exhibits, tours and programs are offered in English and French.

Come visit, and be inspired.

Address: 85 Israel Asper Way

Contact: 1 204 289-2000 or 1 877 877-6037 | TTY 1 204 289-2050 | museumforhumanrights.ca

SAINT-BONIFACE

One of the largest French-speaking communities outside Quebec, St. Boniface is situated on the east bank of the Red River—a quick walk over the Esplanade Riel pedestrian bridge. Experience the unique architecture, charm and French flavour of this beautiful neighbourhood, just minutes from Union Station.

7 LE MUSÉE DE SAINT-BONIFACE MUSEUM / SAINT-BONIFACE CATHEDRAL

Located across The Forks are star attractions—Le Musée de Saint-Boniface and the Saint-Boniface Cathedral. Begin at the cathedral and take a stroll through its impressive ruins and cemetery. 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.

Address: 494 Taché Avenue

Hours: Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (May 1 to September 30); closed Sundays

Cost: Adults \$6 | Seniors \$5 | Post-secondary students \$5 | Youth (6-17) \$4

Contact: 1 204 237-4500 | 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, you'll receive in-depth information about its culture and people through the expertise of a local tour guide.

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to approximately 10:00 a.m., on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from May 19 to September 5; departure from the train station

Cost: Adults \$8 | Seniors & students \$7 | Children \$5

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



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