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Introduction

Friendly Manitoba

Scripted on the province's license plates, "*friendly*" is a well-chosen attribute to describe Manitoba's peoples and places. From 1971 to 1975, Manitoba's license plates bore the slogan "Sunny Manitoba: 100,000 Lakes". But this was changed to "Friendly Manitoba" presumably due to conflict with Minnesota's "10,000 Lakes" slogan. The new baseplate, featuring the slogan "*friendly*", which is still in use today, was first issued in February, 1976.

Yes, there are any number of reasons why our provincial license plates proudly proclaim us ***Friendly Manitoba***. Our province has garnered a strong and ongoing reputation as an open, warm-hearted community, with opportunities galore, satisfying all tastes and ranging from entertainment to cultural to simply enjoying our plentiful "great outdoors". Through each endeavour, a remarkable contingent of ambassadors - and a service industry that personifies the essence of hospitality, are dedicated to ensuring visitors are left with a favourable impression both of the province and its people.

Located in the geographical centre of Canada and easily accessible by air, rail or road - Manitoba has long been one of Canada's top tourist destinations. It also has been a preferred setting to bring people together for regional, national and even global conventions.

For those wishing to settle in Manitoba, our province holds a special appeal. Manitoba remains an unspoiled, affordable place to live, possessing a landscape of open skies and rich with natural beauty where people enjoy clean air and water, peace and security, and a good quality of life.

A great number of the 1.2 million people who today live in Manitoba have come from other lands, spurred on by the promise of opportunity, and in return bringing with them their traditions, faith, food and music, which has greatly enriched our culture and broadened our scope of our planet.

These New Manitobans have built and developed strong cultural communities based on their backgrounds. The diverse ethnic tapestry is part of what makes living in Manitoba so exciting.

As to why people have chosen to call Manitoba home: It's simply because Manitoba offers a great quality of life: reflected in affordable housing, good neighbourhoods, and medical



benefits. Jobs provides good wages, safe working conditions and generous benefits. Workers' rights are some of the highlights of



working in Manitoba. The province's employment rate is high, and there is a demand for workers in a number of exciting fields. Canada's education system and its schools rate among the best in the country, from elementary through to post-secondary. Many of the movers-and-shakers both in Canada and indeed throughout the world benefitted from the education they received here.

While in 2009 Winnipeg was ranked 11th as the best place to live in Canada, many choose to make their home in one of Manitoba's picturesque rural regions - be it a community or locale surrounded by prairie or inland from one of the plentiful and pristine lakes.

The "Home of 100,000 Lakes", our north country also features a myriad of pristine lakes and rivers. Meanwhile, the southern sandy beaches are among the world's finest.

For those who prefer a little comfort with their penchant for nature, Manitoba also offers luxury resorts, nestled amid the province's natural majesty. One can still enjoy the outdoors at a wilderness lodge or at a resort that offers everything from fine dining to a first-rate golf course.

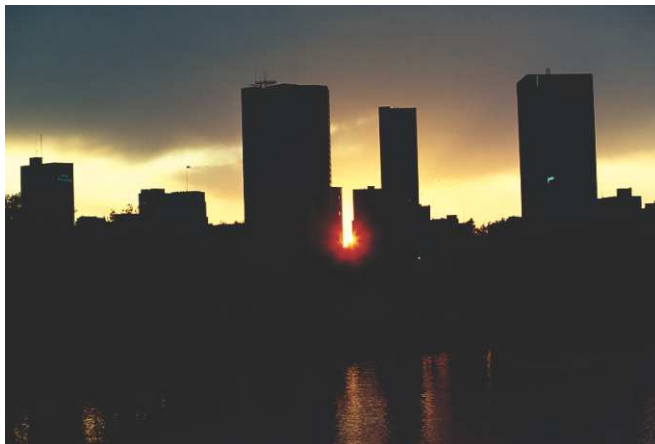


Manitoba's heritage can be explored at provincial museums or historic sites. Or, if one prefers sports or the arts, there is no shortage of events or venues for both.

Fabulous golfing, theatres and museums, nature hikes, summer and winter sports and

family fun opportunities are just a sampling of the activities to be enjoyed in Manitoba. The many facets of Manitoba — from Arctic tundra and lush parkland to a golden prairie and bright city lights — ensure that there is an activity to suit every taste during every month of the year.

Whether planning a visit or "just passing through", it's guaranteed you will long remember your adventures in *Friendly Manitoba*.



Manitoba Neighbours is a celebration of our province. Its pages highlight and expand upon what has just been glimpsed upon here. You will discover through the stories and beautiful accompanying photographs the history of the province and many of its landmarks. Also you will be afforded a guided tour through Manitoba's most scenic regions, and be entertained at provincial festivals highlighting both community and culture. Perhaps most importantly, you will learn about the people, past and present, who have helped shape the province economically, historically and culturally. It is a book to be treasured - sure to be enjoyed and appreciated for many years to come through the oncoming generations.

So whether you are reading this book for pleasure or reference, we welcome you to begin your journey through the people, places and heritage which make up your *Manitoba Neighbours*.





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