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The forks of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers has always been a meeting place. The First Peoples began meeting here as the last Ice Age melted away. It is now a busy modern junction visitors and locals come together to visit, to meet and to celebrate.

Winnipeg is a city of over 650,000 and home to Canada's largest urban Indigenous population, 65,000. It is a city gifted with dependable and energetic people, rich in cultural, historical and sports institutions.

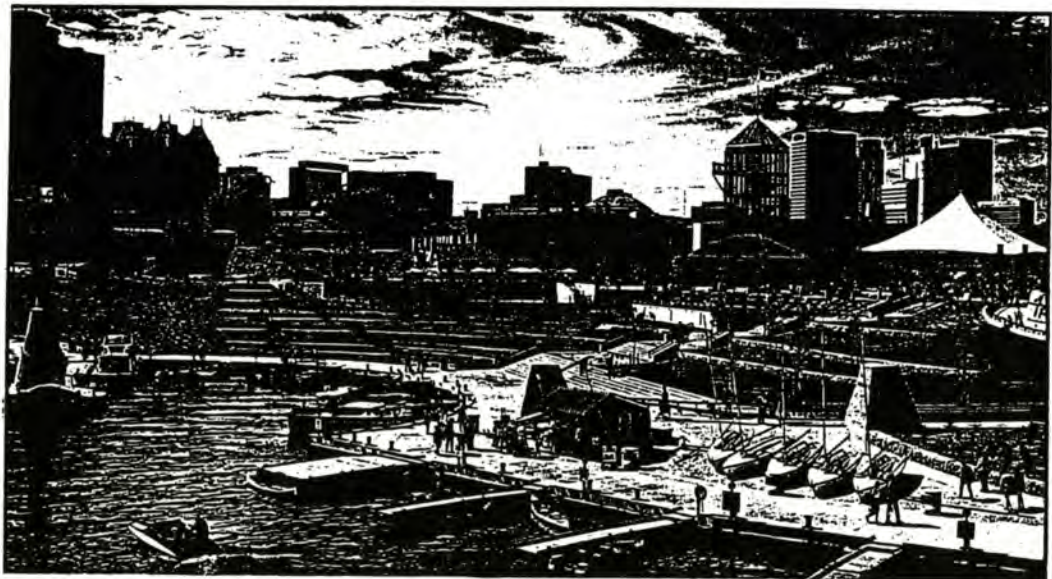
Winnipeg is a city of diversity, where differing cultures and origins are celebrated. The city's character has been defined and redefined by each successive wave of newcomers. Home to St. Boniface, the largest francophone community west of Quebec and embracing 40 different cultures, Winnipeg embodies the dynamism and ethnic diversity so fundamental to the Canadian character. We support and delight in our varied people and institutions, find strength in our collection of neighbourhoods yet count ourselves a model of unity, accommodating diversity successfully in a harmonious whole.

Geography, climate and temperament have molded Winnipeggers into a people who value individual expression but also recognize the worth of pursuing and fulfilling common goals. In education, arts and culture, sports and business, Winnipeg has set the Gold standards.

Cosmopolitan in both foundation and outlook, Winnipeg remains a stable city with the friendliness and liveability of smaller centres. Here families put down roots, neighbours get to know one another and commitment to community translates into one of the highest rates of volunteerism in the country.

Winnipeg is a northern oasis set amid the continent's largest collection of elm trees. The sun shines for more hours per day than almost anywhere else in Canada and smog is unknown.

There are more than 2,800 hectares of parkland within the city's boundaries and 26 golf courses. The place where Winnipeg began, The Forks,



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at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers is again a meeting place for all to enjoy. Across from The Forks at South Point, a tract of land has been set aside for Winnipeg's Indigenous community. This land represents the historical and spiritual significance of The Forks for Winnipeg's First People.

Winnipeggers regard their role as host as an honour and believe the impression they make and the experience they provide to visitors is a great legacy. It started with the 1967 Pan Am Games and, with pride and tradition, it continues into the next millennium with the 2001 North American Indigenous Games.



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Each major sporting event Winnipeg has held has left the city a twin legacy. One is material - the endowment of excellent athletic facilities that put the city on the map of ranking sports centres. The other legacy, though no less important, is more difficult to measure. It involves feeling. As hosts, Winnipeggers have come to understand the depth of their community spirit. Guests have come to know Winnipeg as a place that surrounds a sporting event with an atmosphere of warmth and sincerity. And the events themselves - they have been invigorated in the wake of the Winnipeg experience.

Perhaps it is because Winnipeg is just the right size. It is large enough to have all the tangible things an athlete, a participant, or a spectator would want - excellent venues, hotels, restaurants and transportation. Yet it is small enough to have preserved the intangibles - the hospitality and community feeling that many other centres seem to have lost. When a major sporting event comes to town, Winnipeggers contribute in force. And visitors leave with a great impression.

Winnipeg has set a gold standard for hospitality in the past. It will do so again for the 1999 Pan- American Games and for the 2001 North American Indigenous Games. Athletes and officials will feel it from the moment of their arrival. Winnipeggers are proud of their volunteer involvement and we expect this tradition to continue through the 2001 North American Indigenous Games.

Special programs will be put in place to ensure that First Nations' people take leadership roles in all aspects of the Games. Local Indigenous people have demonstrated their skill at delivering major successful events, such as the Dakota Ojibway Winter Tribal Days (recently moved from the smaller city of Brandon to Winnipeg due to its success) and Frontier Days in The Pas.

The skills are honed and the volunteer spirit thrives. Winnipeggers and Manitobans of all backgrounds will come together to ensure the best games ever staged.



### Winnipeg Weather during the 2001 North American Indigenous Games

Average Daily High: 25.8 C/82 F

Average daily humidity: 69 %

Average days of rainfall: 11 monthly

Average hours of daylight: 14 hours

Winnipeg enjoys 2,300 hours of sunshine annually.

Winnipeg is 239 metres above sea level.

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### Major Sporting Events in Winnipeg: A Proud Past - A Fantastic Future

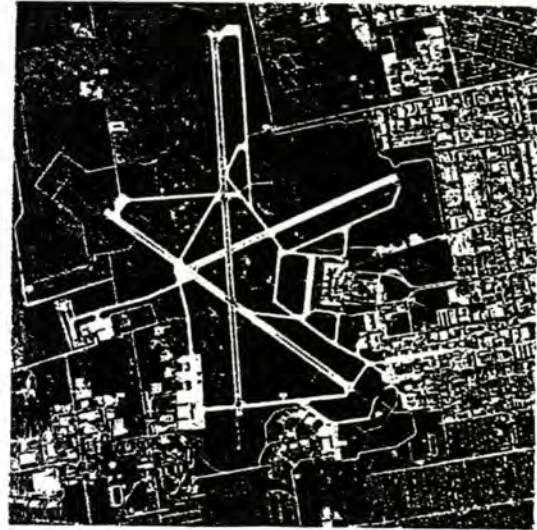
- **Pan American Games 1967 and 1999**
  - *This prestigious event, second in size only to the summer Olympics, is returning in 1999.*
  - *Only Mexico City has held this event twice.*
- **World Junior Hockey Championships 1974 and 1999**
  - *This event highlighting hockey's best of tomorrow will be returning to Winnipeg in 1999.*
- **Grey Cup 1991 and 1998**
  - *Net profit of \$376,000 to amateur sport in 1991*
  - *Revitalized the event in 1991*
  - *Returning to Winnipeg in 1998*
- **Annual Milk Super Seminar**
  - *Up to 500 coaches annually come to Winnipeg for this generic coaching seminar*
- **World Curling Championship 1991**
  - *"the world should come to Winnipeg every year." — Bob Weeks, Sports Reporter, Globe & Mail*
- **Annual Dakota Ojibway Tribal Days Winter -**
  - *Includes the Stanley Cup of Native Hockey*
- **Canadian Men's Curling Championship 1998.**
- **National Rifle Championship 1994**
- **Western Canada Summer Games 1990**
  - *(earned distinction as best ever)*
- **Junior Pan American Games**
- **VII World Diving Cup 1991**
  - *Canada's first host of the event*
  - *attracted more people than the Los Angeles Olympics*
- **Centennial Cup 1992**
  - *highest attendance*
  - *net profit exceeded \$100,000.*
- **World Handball Championship 1997**

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Being located almost exactly in the centre of Canada, 60 miles from the U.S. Border and only 300 miles from the centre of North America, Winnipeg is easily reached from anywhere in the world.

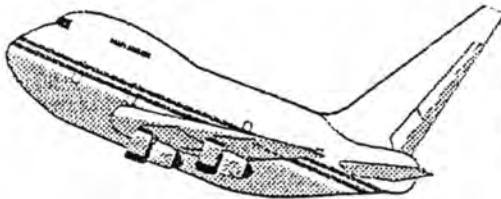
### Air

Winnipeg International Airport is served by 4 major carriers ... Air Canada, Canada 3000, Canadian Airlines International, and Northwest Airlines.



Five daily one hour flights operate between Winnipeg and Minneapolis with excellent connections to all parts of the United States. Chicago is just a short, two hour flight away on Air Canada's non-stop service.

Several hundred flights operate into Winnipeg each day, so competitors will be able to plan to travel to Winnipeg at the time most convenient to their individual schedule.

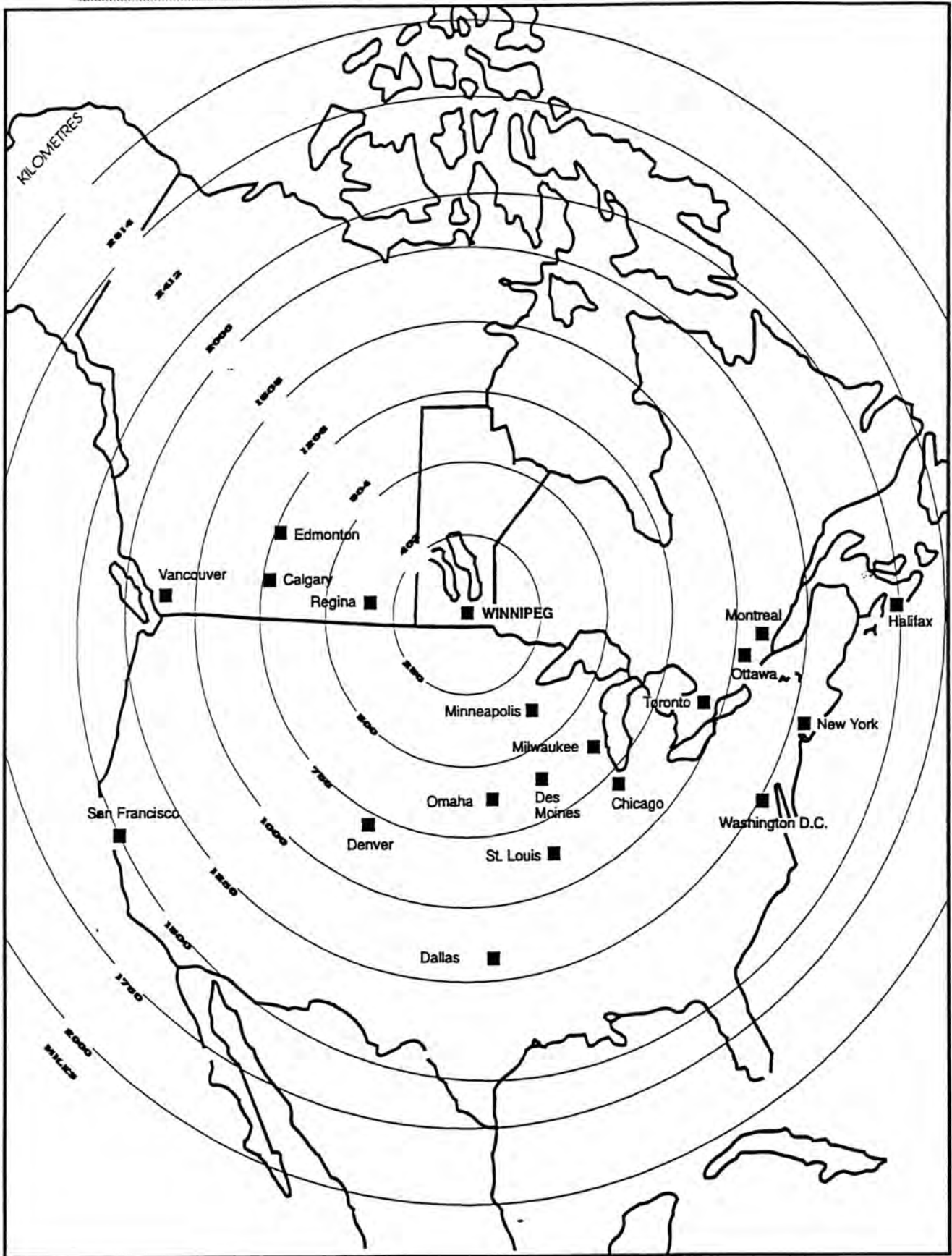


Winnipeg's central location ensures that airfares are equitable for competitors from either the East or West coasts. Air fare options from anywhere in North America are numerous and offer travellers a full range of service and flexibility. Discerning shoppers may select the best in special excursion rates. But, full fare and business rates are also available to those who require the maximum flexible time and rules.

Affordable transportation means more participants and greater attendance means a more successful games.

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Upon arrival at Winnipeg International Airport, Canada's first international airport, visitors may choose from limousines, taxis or buses for the short 15 minute ride to downtown Winnipeg. Many of Winnipeg's hotels also offer their own airport shuttle service. Renting a car is another option since Winnipeg is an easy city in which to find one's way. All major car rental firms are represented at Winnipeg International Airport.



Local bus service is provided by Winnipeg Transit which operates a fleet of 581 buses covering 60 routes on 600 kilometers of city streets. Handi-Transit vehicles provide service for persons who cannot use the regular transit service due to physical disabilities. The Downtown Flyer is a specialized bus service designed to provide a fast, economical shuttle service within the downtown and Forks area for only .25 cents.

Regular Winnipeg Transit fare is \$1.45 for travel anywhere in the city. The exact fare is required.

Four taxi companies operate within Winnipeg. Taxi rates are regulated with the flag drop rate being \$2.55 and an additional \$1.05 per kilometre (includes G.S.T.).

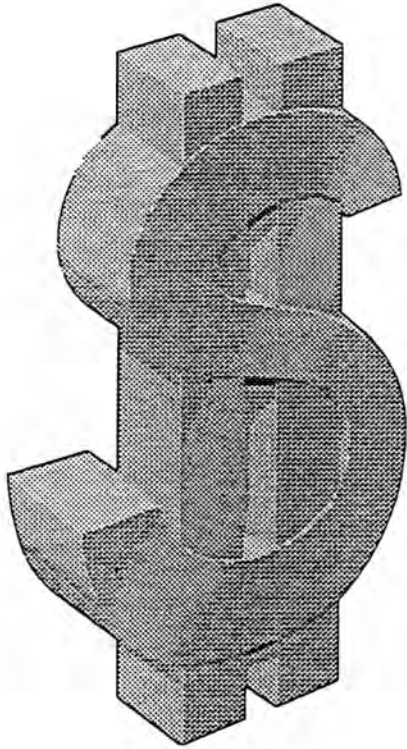
Limousine fare from the airport, on a shared basis, is \$9.00. Limousines are also available for hire on an hourly rate basis.



### Land

Winnipeg's central location and flat prairie terrain makes access by road, whether by private vehicle or bus, quick and efficient.

Via passenger train also offers East and West rail access.



Information on Canada Customs is available and **Tourism Winnipeg** will provide copies of this information in whatever numbers your association requires.

The Manitoban and Canadian sales taxes have rebate programs available to non-resident visitors. **Tourism Winnipeg** will ensure that you receive all the information that you, and competitors require. Accommodations and most shopping purchases are some of the areas where visitor status applies. Please consult the "Welcome to Canada" Guide for additional information.

All rates are **quoted in Canadian Dollars** which means that the favourable exchange rate between the U.S and Canadian dollar guarantees that U.S competitors enjoy additional cost savings. **A great value.**

**Come to Winnipeg ... Come to Canada.** A great place to hold your competition. And, it has the added attraction for U.S. citizens of being out of country but with all the comfort levels of home.

For further information on any of these matters, please call **Tourism Winnipeg**.



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Planning a conference, business meeting or competition requires all kinds of information and **Tourism Winnipeg** can help make the process easier.

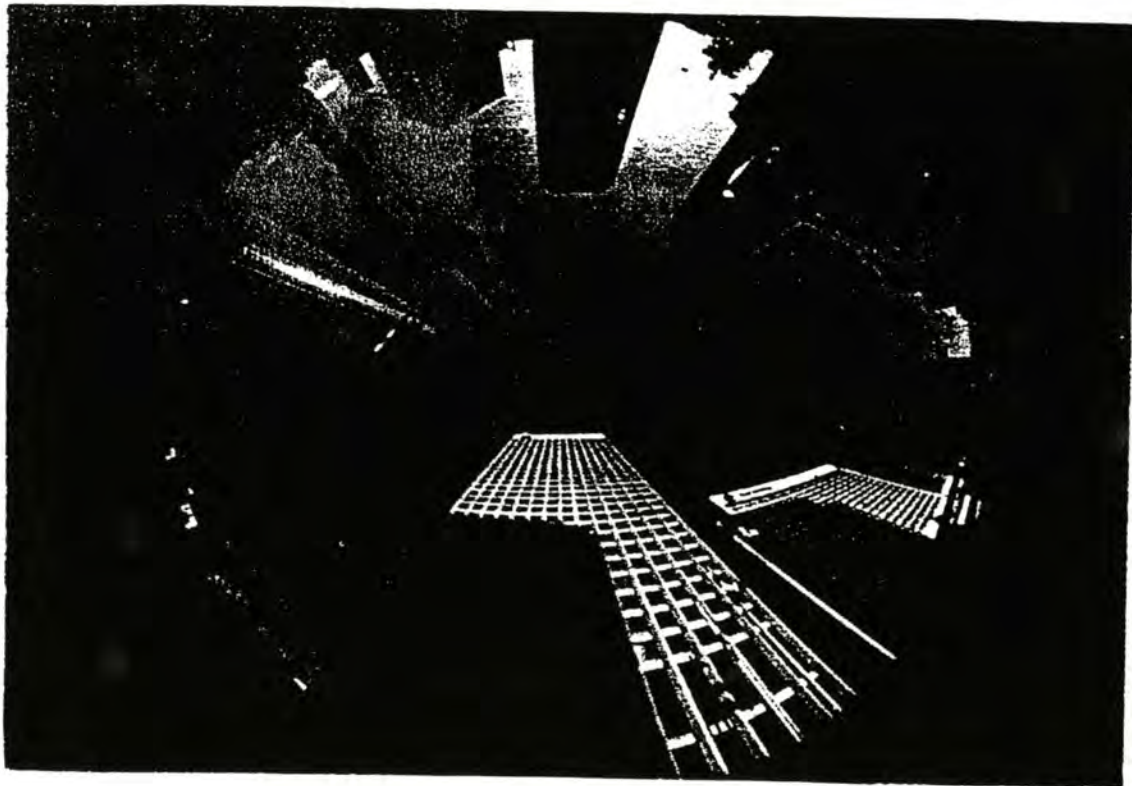
If you need any information about our city, transportation, facilities, attractions or events, just contact **Tourism Winnipeg** for a fast, accurate answer.

**Tourism Winnipeg** coordinates and dispenses information and literature produced by the city, province, hospitality, convention and retail associations, the industrial sector and more.

We are your first source of answers; your best on site resource. Use our expertise to ensure this is your best games ever. **Tourism Winnipeg** can make a difference!



*Proud host of the 1999 Pan Am Games*



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