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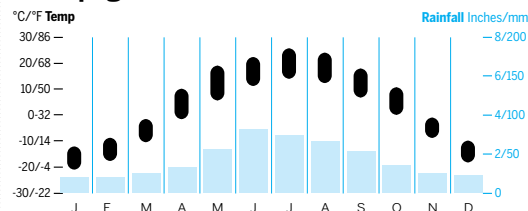
Why Go?

The two prominent stars of Manitoba are Winnipeg, with its big-city sophistication, and Churchill, with its profusion of natural wonders. But it's what lies between that truly defines this often misunderstood province. Open spaces of this prairie province seem to stretch forever – gently rolling fields of grain and sunflowers and wildflowers reach all the way north to Arctic tundra.

The magnitude of this land is only fully appreciated while standing on the edge of a vivid yellow canola field counting three different storms on the horizon, or on the edge of Hudson Bay's rugged coastline counting polar bears as beluga whales play in the distance. Wander its empty roads, stop in its evocative little towns, find the subtle dramas in the land and expect surprises, whether it's a moose mewing in a bog or a future pop legend performing on stage.

When to Go

Winnipeg



May Wildflowers spring up along the roads and signal the end of a long winter.

Jun–Aug Days can be balmy but cool nights rule; at Churchill, 18°C is considered hot.

Sep Fall comes early and days are crisp; by October the north is under snow.



Manitoba Highlights

1 Revel in polar bears, beluga whales and even an ancient fort in **Churchill** (p528), the surprising subarctic city that's difficult to reach.

2 Hike and paddle Manitoba's best natural setting, **Riding Mountain National Park** (p526).

3 Enjoy big-city fun and world-class talent prairie-style in **Winnipeg** (p512).

4 Discover small-town gems like charming **Neepawa** (p525), where time seems to stand still.

5 Contemplate nature virtually surrounded by Lake Winnipeg at **Hecla-**

Grindstone Provincial Park (p524).

6 Get caught up in raucous local culture with the screaming masses at a **Winnipeg Jets** (p521) hockey game.

7 Drive lonely roads and stop for natural wonders like **Pisew Falls** (p528).