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- Beechmount B&B (p522)
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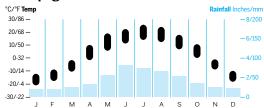
Why Go?

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 prairie province. Open spaces 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 while belugas 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 looming in front of you on the road 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. Oct & Nov The best time to see polar bears around Churchill.



Manitoba Highlights

• Churchill (p531)
Reveling in polar bears, beluga
whales and even an ancient
fort in this subarctic city.

2 Riding Mountain National Park (p529) Hiking and paddling Manitoba's best natural setting.

3 Canadian Museum for Human Rights (p517) Delving deep into Canada's past in a museum that combines interactive exhibits with cutting-edge architecture.

Inglis Grain Elevators National Historic Site (p530) Seeking out the monumental sentinels of the prairie from bygone days.

5 Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park (p528) Contemplating nature virtually surrounded by Lake Winnipeg.

6 Pisew Falls Provincial Park (p530) Driving lonely roads and stopping

7 Neepawa (p529) Discovering small-town gems, where time seems to stand still in some past idyllic era.