

Why Brandon?

Brandon, the second largest city in Manitoba, is a welcoming community of close to 50,000 people and is a service centre for 180,000 people.



The city boasts amenities, services, educational and employment opportunities generally found in much larger cities, yet has a maximum in city commute of 12 minutes. There are 19 public schools and 1 private k-8 Christian school.

Brandon is consistently ranked in the top 10 Best Places to Live in *Money Sense Magazine*, out of 190 communities across Canada. A low crime rate, diversified economy, stable housing market, abundant recreational and cultural opportunities create an enjoyable quality of life.

Brandon is situated in the south west corner of Manitoba, one hour away from the USA and Saskatchewan borders and two hours from the Winnipeg International airport. Brandon Municipal Airport offers

Brandon/Calgary daily direct passenger air service via WestJet.



Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Shilo is located 35 kilometres east of Brandon, and has been the site of military activity in the region since 1910. The training area of CFB Shilo covers almost 40,000 hectares, an area approximately 15 km by 30 km. Its mission is to enable success of training, operations and force generation activities by providing premiere training venues and the professional delivery of comprehensive support to lodger units and dependencies.

Arts and culture are an important part of what makes Brandon a great place to live. The Westman Centennial Auditorium is a hub for professional, amateur musical and drama performances. The Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba showcases the work of international, national, regional and local artists and has been providing hands on art instruction for over 75 years.



Brandon University is home to the renowned School of Music and such has a diverse range of musical talent. With a great number of volunteer and professional theatre, arts, dance and musical groups, Brandon offers big city culture with small town heart.

Brandon has 40 kms of paved walking and hiking trails, countless parks, forests, rivers, and lakes within a short drive, making the area an oasis for outdoor enthusiasts. Brandon also has three downhill ski areas within two hours. As well as its location along the Assiniboine River, Brandon is uniquely positioned near some of Canada's most amazing natural attractions, including the Carberry Sandhills, a prairie desert phenomenon, and the spectacular Riding Mountain National Park, which boasts beautiful Clearlake and the scenic Wasagaming Clearlake golf course designed by the famous Stanley Thompson.

Brandon is also proud to have the WHL Brandon WheatKings hockey team. Established in 1967, the team provides amazing winter entertainment at a fraction of the cost of watching a professional hockey team.



Consistently a top contender in the league, the WheatKings are every Brandonite's favorite sports team to watch. Westman Communications Group Place, along with housing the WheatKings, is also host to the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair. Westman Place is one of the largest convention, entertainment, agricultural and recreation complexes of its kind in Western Canada.

Throughout the city, one can find professional sized skating surfaces, numerous sheets of curling ice, an indoor soccer arena, multiple fitness centers, including the beautiful newly built YMCA. Brandon also boasts an indoor and outdoor running track, skateboard park, 5 golf courses (16 within an hour of Brandon) and numerous indoor and outdoor pools and spray parks.

