

Discover how your Heart Beats in Southwest Manitoba

# Building a STRONGER TOURISM MARKET



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITIES & INDUSTRY tourismwestman.ca

#### About TOURISM WESTMAN

Tourism Westman is a non-profit, membership driven organization established in 1992 to promote tourism in Southwest Manitoba. Tourism Westman is Provincially funded through Travel Manitoba, and financial & human resources are also received from Community Futures Westman. Control and operation of the association rests with a regional board of directors comprised of 12 volunteers.

Tourism Westman is active in the southwest region of Manitoba. The area includes 42 municipalities, 55 towns and villages, 5 First Nations and the City of Brandon. The region covers approximately 12,000 square miles and has a population of approximately 120,000 people. The region is bounded on the south by the Canada/US border, bounded on the west by the Manitoba Saskatchewan border, bounded on the east by the Highway #34 from the US border to Gladstone, Hwy #16 to Neepawa, Hwy #5 to Junction #357 and across.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE PRO-ACTIVE COORDINATED TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION FOR SOUTHWEST MANITOBA.



## Strategic PRIORITIES

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

- To improve understanding, importance and value of customer service among businesses/organizations.
- To provide education, awareness, and opportunities for businesses, organizations and individuals.

#### PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

- To identify experiential clusters and packaging opportunities with the most potential.
- To inform the industry of customers' expectations.
- To provide industry with industry standards and tools to achieve them.

#### **ENHANCE/BUILD MEMBERSHIP**

 To communicate the purpose, value and benefits of Tourism Westman.



### PROMOTE SOUTHWEST MANITOBA AS A YEAR-ROUND DESTINATION

- To build community awareness of tourism attractions in regions.
- To increase promotion of winter activities.
- To establish brand for Southwest Manitoba.

#### BE A VOICE FOR TOURISM

- To be primary liaison between local industry and federal/provincial agencies/departments on issues impacting tourism in region.
- To promote and recognize excellence in the tourism industry.



# Membership BENEFITS

### FOR A LOW MEMBERSHIP FEE YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- Reduced advertising rates and free editorial space in Manitoba's Southwest Travel Guide.
- Link (if available) on Tourism Westman's website tourismwestman.ca.
- Access to reference materials and statistics upon request.
- Option to participate in a variety of affordable and effective co-op tourism marketing campaigns.
- Reduced rates for seminars, workshops and events.
- · Access to regional photo library.
- Exclusive access to provincially recognized education and training opportunities.
- Salaried staff and volunteer board of directors working to promote and develop the region.
- Voting privileges at Annual General Meeting.
- Networking opportunities.
- Stronger voice.
- Promotion of events, attractions, business, etc. on various social media platforms.
- Event(s) listing on Tourism Westman website.

Tourism Westman is 1 of 6 Regional Tourism Associations recognized by the Provincial Government and maintains a close liaison with other Municipal, Provincial and Federal Tourism Offices. **There is strength in numbers. The more members we have, the stronger our regional voice becomes!** 

### TOURISM WESTMAN PURSUES ITS MANDATE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:





### TOURISM WESTMAN IS PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF:



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