Travel documents
Conference participants coming from the USA will need a valid passport to enter Canada. Participants from other countries will need to determine if they need to apply for a visa or an electronic travel authorization (eTA). For more information about these requirements and process times, please check the following websites:

English: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit

Français: http://www.cic.gc.ca/francais/visites

The eTA is a straightforward process that can be done electronically. It costs $7.00 CAD and is good for 5 years or the expiration date of your passport, whichever comes first.

The visa application process takes longer. If you have to apply for a visa, please contact srvconf@umanitoba.ca and we can send you a letter that will contain some of the information you will need in order to facilitate your application.

Transportation within Winnipeg
Please check the conference website, http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/education/conferences/srv2018.html, for information about ground travel in Winnipeg. If you need accessible transportation, it is not too early to start making arrangements. Winnipeg Transit offers bus service throughout the city, including a free service within the downtown area. Go to http://winnipegtransit.com for further information about fares, schedules, routes and to use the Navigo route planner. All buses have both a visual and audible display announcing upcoming stops.

As of 2009, all Winnipeg Transit buses have ramps located at the front of the bus. Simply let the driver know that you need the ramp, and position yourself about 4-5 feet away from the door to allow for clearance the ramp. When you board and pay, please let the driver know your destination. Proceed to the space directly behind the front wheel well. Turn to face the front of the bus, back into position and then secure your scooter or wheelchair. There are three options to use (depending on how you travel). Directions, along with photos, are available at the Winnipeg Transit website. Go to the site and search for the Rider Guide and then select accessible transit.

Fares are $2.95 CAD for adults. Exact change is required. You will also be able to buy bus tickets is several downtown locations (usually drugstores and pharmacies).
The Canadian Museum for Human Rights

http://humanrights.ca/

Opened in 2014, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) is the first Canadian national museum established since 1967, and the first to be located outside of the National Capital Region (Ottawa-Gatineau). Located in downtown Winnipeg, near the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine rivers (also known as The Forks), the CMHR is a 10-15 minute stroll (800 metres or half a mile) from the Fairmont Hotel. The building is fully accessible.

The mission of the CMHR is to help visitors explore the subject of human rights and to promote respect for others and to encourage reflection and dialogue. During construction of the CMHR, artifacts dating back to 1100 A.D. were found, along with two human footprints, made by a person wearing moccasins, approximately 800 years old. You may see the impression of the footprints near the front entrance to the CMHR.

The CMHR is open until 9 pm on Wednesday evenings. Admission is free from 5-9 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, including our conference opening day of June 6 2018. The events coordinator at the CMHR has informed us that there may be a short line up right a 5 pm, but by 6 pm visitors should not have to wait to enter the museum.

Tours can be arranged for other evenings when the CMHR is closed to the general public. There must be a minimum of 20 people in the tour, and admission is $18.00 CAD per person. Please contact us at srvconf@umanitoba.ca if you are interested in a private tour. Availability will be dependent on actual interest.

The Forks

www.theforks.com

Located at the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine rivers, the Forks has been a meeting place for 6,000 years. Early indigenous peoples traded here, and they were followed by European fur traders, Métis buffalo hunters, Scottish settlers, men who worked on the riverboats and trains and thousands of immigrants.

Today, you will find shopping, restaurants and a host of recreational activities. The Forks is on the River Walking Trail and is the home for the Manitoba Children's Theatre for Young People, a Children's Museum, the Winnipeg Rail Museum as well as a prairie garden and orchard. It has been a national historic site since 1974.

The site is open to the public 24 hours a day all year round. The Forks Market (1 Forks Market Road) is open from 7 a.m. – 11 p.m. The Johnston Terminal (25 Forks Market Road) is open daily from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

The Manitoba Museum

https://manitobamuseum.ca/main/

The Manitoba Museum documents the human and natural heritage of the province. Among other galleries, it houses the Nonsuch, a replica of a ship used in the fur trade 350 years ago. It is currently being refurbished, and the Nonsuch Gallery is set to re-open in June 2108. The museum is a 9-10 minute walk from the Fairmont Hotel (750 metres or less than half a mile).

The Winnipeg Art Gallery

http://wag.ca

Founded in 1912, this is Canada’s oldest civic gallery. Today it houses the world’s largest collection of contemporary Inuit art. In addition to the regular collection, you will be able to see an exhibit of art and craft from Nunatsiavut, the region of the territory of Nunavut that gained self-government in 2005. The WAG is an 18-20 minute walk from the hotel (1.4 km or about .87 mile).

Other attractions ...

If you have the time and can work out the transportation, consider the following opportunities:

Fort Whyte Alive

http://fortwhytealive.org

Fort Whyte Alive is a nature conservancy at the south end of the city. You will find walking trails through prairie and small lakes as well as a 30-head herd of bison, an interpretative centre and a restaurant. This would be a 25 minute drive from the hotel.

Journey to Churchill

http://www.assiniboineparkzoo.ca

Located at the south end of Assiniboine Park, the Journey to Churchill, part of the Winnipeg Zoo, is home to several polar bears and other arctic animals. Assiniboine Park itself is a 450-hectare park (1,100 acres) with a formal English Garden, the Leo Mol sculpture park, concerts and art exhibitions during the summer.