Top 5 Things Happening in Winnipeg During the Holidays

While the U of M is closed from December 24th – January 4th, there is a lot going on around Winnipeg during this time. Here are 5 things that you can do in Winnipeg before the University reopens and your classes start.

1. Nutcracker at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet

What better way to get to know the arts and culture scene in Winnipeg than by going to see a holiday-themed ballet! This production runs from December 20th – 28th with plenty of tickets still available. Visit www.rwb.org for more information or to buy tickets!

2. Visit a specialty food store

When you arrive in a new place the food is often quite different from what you're used to. ICS has compiled a list of specialty and ethnic food stores in Winnipeg that you may want to visit or learn more about before you get busy with your classes and other responsibilities. Our “Specialty Food Stores in Winnipeg” information sheet lists many specialty and ethnic food stores located in Winnipeg, along with their contact information and location. Please let us know if you discover any others!

3. Visit the Winnipeg Art Gallery

The Winnipeg Art Gallery (WAG) is a great place to visit to see great art exhibits and learn more about Canadian culture through the Inuit art and sculpture exhibits on permanent display. For more information about current exhibits, hours of operation, and entrance fees, please visit www.wag.ca.

4. Check out the River Trail at The Forks

Instead of hiding inside and being scared of the cold, Manitobans put on a lot of warm clothes and embrace the weather! One of the ways we do this is with the River Trail at The Forks. The River Trail is the longest naturally frozen skating trail in the world! It starts at The Forks Market (where you can also rent ice skates) and is maintained to ensure it is safe for skaters. To learn more about the trail, it's location, and whether or not it's open for skating, walking, and exploring, please visit www.theforks.com/rivertrail.

5. New Year’s Eve at The Forks

This free celebration of New Year’s Eve takes place all day on December 31st, 2014 at The Forks in downtown Winnipeg. There will be plenty of family-friendly events that run throughout the day and an amazing winter fireworks display at 10:00 pm. While there are places to go inside and warm up during the festivities, we strongly recommend that you dress in many warm layers to protect yourself from the cold so you can experience the outdoors like a true Winnipegger. For more information about the festivities and the location, please visit http://www.theforks.com/events/signature-events/new-years-eve.