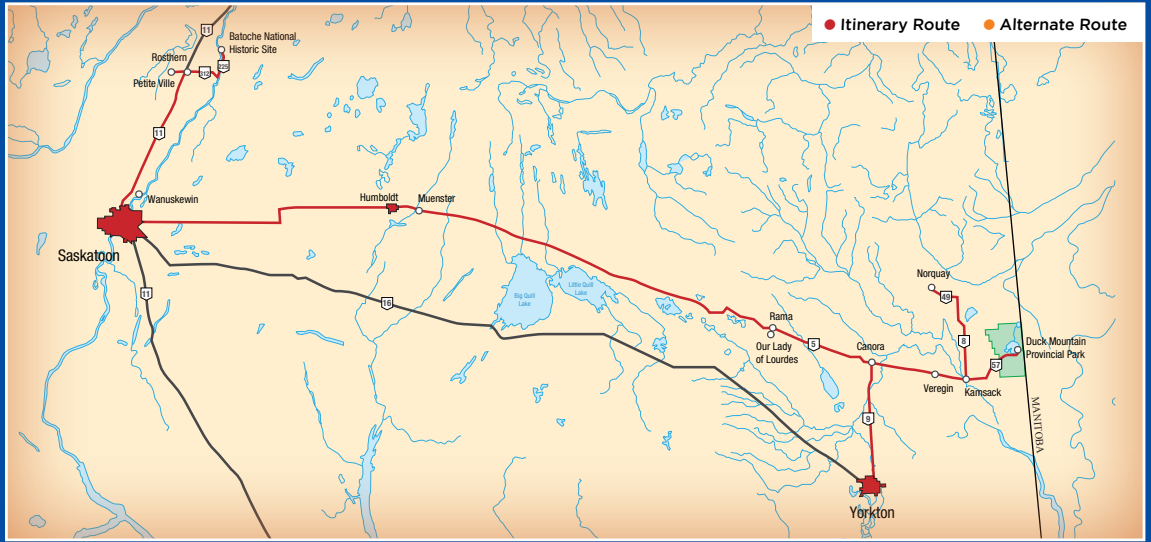




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TRIP LENGTH
5 days
662 km

SASKATCHEWAN'S MULTICULTURAL HERITAGE



The vast expanse that is the wide-open prairie takes your breath away as you imagine yourself in their footsteps.

With the immense sky above and hopes and dreams ahead, roving tribes, European immigrants and eager settlers traveled these paths on which you will stand. From this fascinating vantage point you will have a new appreciation for Saskatchewan, both past and present.

DAY ONE Saskatoon

The eye is the first to delight in the explosion of colour, as the brain catches up to stories about the incredible woven tapestries and works of embroidered art. Blossoming flowers in scarlet and pink; towering wheat sheaves in yellow and gold; and zavorikannia (a horizontal needle stitch) in red and black weave tales filled with symbolism, history and geography lessons. Saskatoon's Ukrainian Museum of Canada houses one of the largest ethnic textile collections in North America, and presents information on Ukrainian immigration and culture. The museum's gift shop offers a wide variety of Ukrainian books, art and colourful pysanky (Easter eggs).

For lunch, take a short drive to the German Cultural Centre located at 160 Cartwright Street. Your taste buds will be transported to another part of Europe as you dig into German classics like pork schnitzel slathered in a variety of delectable sauces, beef roulade and grilled bratwurst.

An afternoon of cultural immersion is in store at Wanuskewin Heritage Park, located 5 km north of Saskatoon off Hwy 11 (watch for buffalo signs). This award-winning 760-acre heritage park is a place of cultural significance, having been a meeting place for Northern Plains Indians for over 6,000 years. Outdoors, explore the beautiful valley through which the tranquil Opimihaw Creek flows. Interpretive trails, tipi rings, bison kill sites, medicine wheel, summer camping grounds and archaeological digs are yours to discover. The reality of pre-contact civilization on the prairies is brought to life inside the interpretive centre which includes an art gallery, guided walks, gift shop and a restaurant featuring First Nations cuisine with a modern flair.



Dancer, Back to Batoche Festival. *Tourism Saskatchewan/Greg Huszar Photography*



First Nations Children at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. *Tourism Saskatchewan/Kevin Hogarth*

If you're feeling adventurous, consider booking an overnight tipi stay at Wanuskewin. Nestled in a cozy tipi in the Opimihaw Valley with bison stew on the fire and bannock slung over a roasting stick, you will be enveloped by a sense of understanding and peace. You'll drift off to sleep with the earthen smell of the tipi surrounding you. This experience of a lifetime only concludes in the morning, when the smell of muskeg tea greets your senses and memories of your unforgettable night in a tipi start to solidify. Overnight tipi stays must be pre-booked at least six days in advance by calling 306-931-6767, Ext. 245.

DAY TWO Rosthern

Continue 54 km north on Hwy 11 to Rosthern where a whole new cultural experience awaits. The Mennonite Heritage Museum shines a spotlight on the area's immigrants, many of whom fled persecution to make new lives for themselves as rural Saskatchewan pioneers. The Station Arts Centre Tea Room in the restored Canadian National Railway train station makes an excellent lunch stop, with a menu based on fresh products from surrounding farms and gardens. After lunch, take the short drive west on Hwy 312 to Petite Ville, the Métis settlement known as the First Batoche. Petite Ville is a designated Provincial Heritage Property which protects the remnants of an 1870s-era Métis hivernant or wintering village.

From Rosthern, travel 15 km east on Hwy 312, then 11 km north on Hwy 225 to Batoche National Historic Site, where you will be immersed in Métis culture and history. Located in a picturesque setting along the banks of the South Saskatchewan River, Batoche was the centre of Métis settlement in Saskatchewan in the 1800s, and played a significant role in the 1885 North West Resistance between the Métis and the Canadian Government. The site preserves the remnants of

the village of Batoche including the restored Church of St. Antoine de Padoue, rectory, Caron Homestead and original trenches and gun pits dug during the Battle of Batoche in 1885. The newly-renovated visitor centre features exhibits and an award-winning audio-visual presentation.

Return back to Saskatoon this evening, or settle in at the nearby Willow Creek Guest Ranch where you'll find six rustic chalets to call home, and a stable of beautiful horses to take you for a morning trail ride or wagon adventure.

DAY THREE Humboldt, Muenster

Discover the trials and successes of another group of European settlers as you head east to the bustling prairie city of Humboldt. From Saskatoon travel 112 km east on Hwy 5. Named after famous Prussian scientist Baron Alexander von Humboldt, this community had humble beginnings as a town of 400 in the early 1900s, later growing to a population of over 5,000 and becoming Saskatchewan's 13th city in 2000.

Humboldt's fascinating history is preserved in the Humboldt and District Museum & Gallery where you'll find yourself exploring a pioneer home, a one-room school and an old-fashioned general store. Be sure to step into the replica 1878 Humboldt Telegraph Station, complete with a computerized interactive display that will teach you Morse code.

A panoramic mural depicting the telegraph station's role in the 1885 North West Resistance is a majestic work of art, as are the numerous other murals adorning Humboldt's unique buildings, many of which feature German architecture.

Continue 9 km east of Humboldt on Hwy 5 and you'll discover the small village of Muenster, a German colony settled in 1903. A rare gem is situated in this community in the form of St. Peter's Cathedral. Flanked by large twin towers, the expansive prairie church commands the landscape. The interior, adorned with 80 life-sized paintings of religious figures and frescoes, provides a mystifying experience as light streams in, illuminating the vibrant scenes by revered religious artist and decorator Count Berthold Von Imhoff. Known for his generosity, German-born Imhoff refused payment for his work inside St. Peter's Cathedral.

You may return to Humboldt this evening where a range of fixed-roof accommodations, camping and dining options are available. Or, to fully experience religious life, make your way to the nearby St. Peter's Abbey which is home to 20 Benedictine monks. Rising at 6am and following a strict schedule of prayer, work and study, the monks pray four times daily and you are welcome to join them for an authentic monastic experience. You can enjoy home-cooked meals here too, many of which contain vegetables grown by the monks themselves. St. Peter's Guest House has 35 guest rooms that welcome those who are just passing through, or those who wish to stay for a retreat in this peaceful Saskatchewan setting. Please call ahead to reserve your accommodations.

DAY FOUR Rama, Veregin, Duck Mountain Provincial Park

Continue east on Hwy 5 for about 150 km where you'll find the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Rama. This multi-cultural religious gathering place hosts an annual pilgrimage in August, during which mass is offered in Polish, Ukrainian, French and English.

Continue 70 km east on Hwy 5 to Veregin, home to the National Doukhobor Heritage Village. The impressive village features 11 sites including the spectacular Doukhobor Prayer Home, a two-storey architectural masterpiece. Built in 1917 and declared a Provincial Heritage Property in 1982, it served as a prayer home and residence to Doukhobor leaders Peter V. Verigin and his son Peter P. Verigin. You will discover the life and habits of early pioneers as you explore the homes, blacksmith shop, barns and grounds of this early Doukhobor settlement.

For the night, head 40 km northeast via Hwys 5 and 57 to Duck Mountain Lodge located inside Duck Mountain Provincial Park. This beautiful cedar lodge overlooks Madge Lake and features an indoor pool, whirlpool and fireside lounge. For supper, it's worth the 50-minute drive north to Norquay to have some Ukrainian classics like kovbasa and varenyky (perogies) at the Whistle Stop Restaurant, located in a former Canadian National Railway station.



Traditional Ukrainian Dancers. *Tourism Saskatchewan*

DAY FIVE Canora, Yorkton

Take the short drive to Canora where you'll be immersed in Ukrainian culture. From Duck Mountain, travel 66.5 km west on Hwys 57 and 5. Stop for a photo with welcome statue Lesia, witness the Kievan Byzantine architecture of the Ukrainian Orthodox Heritage Church and walk in the shoes of some of Saskatchewan's first settlers from the Ukraine at the Ukrainian Heritage Museum. The CN Station House Museum is housed in Saskatchewan's oldest operating Class-3 railway station dating to 1904.

From Canora, travel 49 km south on Hwy 9 to the city of Yorkton – your final destination. The stories of Saskatchewan's first peoples and the immigrants who arrived from various countries are realistically

told at Yorkton's Western Development Museum. You'll come to understand the heart-wrenching decisions of immigrants from around the globe, as they left their friends and family in search of a better life. An authentic settler shack is preserved within the museum's "Winning the Prairie Gamble" exhibit.

Having viewed the journey of pioneers from struggling settlers to members of well-developed communities, you will be awe-struck by the architecture and artwork of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish. This church, built in 1914, boasts a massive cathedral dome on the inside of which is found one of the finest paintings of its kind in North America. The work of art by Steven Meush, featuring the throne of God surrounded by 157 angels, covers the entire 62-foot curvature of the dome. Standing beneath this awesome display of architecture and creativity, your multicultural tour through Saskatchewan comes to a fitting conclusion.

If you wish to extend your stay in Yorkton, visit the Tourism Yorkton Visitor Information Centre for information about the city's numerous attractions. While at the visitor centre, take the adjacent Crops of the Parkland Walking Tour to learn more about local crops and agricultural practices, or pick up a GPS unit and explore the city on a high-tech treasure hunt.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saskatoon:

Folkfest, Aug -

www.2sk.ca/10458

John Arcand Fiddle Fest, Aug -

www.2sk.ca/17703

Ukrainian Day in the Park, Aug -

www.2sk.ca/17831

Aboriginal Music Festival, Oct -

www.2sk.ca/18839

Wanuskewin:

Dance Performances, daily during summer -

www.2sk.ca/16056

Batoche:

Back to Batoche Festival, July -

www.2sk.ca/17059

Yorkton:

Threshermen's Show and Senior's Festival,

Aug -

www.2sk.ca/10630

Yorkton Film Festival – Golden Sheaf

Awards, May -

www.2sk.ca/9574

CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

Tourism Saskatoon

Information on accommodations, attractions, shopping and dining
101-202 4th Ave N, Saskatoon
P: 306-242-1206 **TF:** 1-800-567-2444
W: www.2sk.ca/com/1000795

Ukrainian Museum of Canada

910 Spadina Cres E, Saskatoon
Open: year-round, call ahead for seasonal hours
P: 306-244-3800
W: www.2sk.ca/13663

German Cultural Centre

160 Cartwright St, Saskatoon
P: 306-244-6869
W: www.2sk.ca/14001

Wanuskewin Heritage Park

5 km N of Saskatoon on Hwy 11
Open: year-round, call ahead for seasonal hours
P: 306-931-6767
W: www.2sk.ca/16056

Rosthern

Information on attractions and services
Seasonal tourism information booth,
May-Sept
P: 306-232-4826
W: www.2sk.ca/com/1000775

Station Arts Centre Cooperative

Beside railway tracks on
Railway Ave, Rosthern
P: 306-232-5332
W: www.2sk.ca/10554

Batoche National Historic Site

15 km E of Rosthern on Hwy 312,
then 11 km N on Hwy 225
Open: May-Sep, call ahead for seasonal hours
P: 306-423-6227
W: www.2sk.ca/14060

Willow Creek Guest Ranch

Access via Hwy 11 N of Rosthern
and 11km E on Blocka Rd
Open: mid-May through Oct, please book in advance
P: 306- 232-5024
W: www.2sk.ca/17249

Humboldt

Information on accommodations, attractions and dining
P: 306-682-3444 / 306-682-4990
TF: 1-877-277-6748
W: www.2sk.ca/com/1000402

Humboldt Tourist Information Centre

Hwy 5 E, 8th Ave and 2nd St, Humboldt
Open: year-round, call ahead for seasonal hours
P: 306-682-4990
W: www.humboldt tourism.com

Humboldt & District Museum & Gallery

Corner Main St and 6th Ave, Humboldt
Open: year-round, call ahead for seasonal hours
P: 306-682-5226
W: www.2sk.ca/10115

St. Peter's Cathedral

Off Hwy 5, 0.8 km NE of Muenster,
watch for twin towers.
Open: April-Dec, call ahead for seasonal hours
P: 306-682-1789 / 306-682-1777
W: www.2sk.ca/14661

St. Peter's Abbey

Muenster
Open: year-round, please book in advance
P: 306-682-1777
W: www.stpetersabbey.ca

Duck Mountain Provincial Park

25 km E of Kamsack
Open: year-round
P: 306-542-5500 **TF:** 1-800-205-7070
W: www.2sk.ca/17366

Duck Mountain Resort

Duck Mountain Provincial Park
Open: year-round
P: 306-542-3466
W: www.2sk.ca/12445

National Doukhobor Heritage Village

S side of railway tracks, off Hwy 5, Veregin
Open: mid-May to mid-Sep, call ahead for seasonal hours
P: 306-542-4441 / 306-542-4370
W: www.2sk.ca/14323

Canora

Information on attractions and services
P: 306-232-4826
W: www.2sk.ca/com/1000775

Canora Ukrainian Heritage Museum

215 Main St, Canora
Open: Feb to mid-Dec, call ahead for seasonal hours
P: 306-563-4166 / 306-563-5211
W: www.2sk.ca/14646

CN Station House Museum

Railway Ave and Main St on Hwy 5
Open: mid-June to Sep, call ahead for seasonal hours
P: 306-563-4591 / 306-563-4174
W: www.2sk.ca/12985

Tourism Yorkton Visitor Information Centre/Crops of the Parkland

Information on accommodations, attractions, shopping and dining
Junction of Hwys 9, 10 16 and 52
Open: year-round
P: 306-783-8707
W: www.2sk.ca/com/1001007

Western Development Museum- Yorkton

Hwy 16A, Yorkton
Open: year-round, call ahead for seasonal hours
P: 306-783-8361
W: www.2sk.ca/10630

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

155 Catherine St, inquire at the Rectory
Open: year-round, call ahead for seasonal hours
P: 306-783-4594
W: www.2sk.ca/11409