

OSBORNE VILLAGE



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EXPLORE OSBORNE VILLAGE!



Welcome to Osborne Village! It's the coolest neighbourhood in Winnipeg. Look around and you'll see colourful people, cute pets and neat boutiques. The area also has some of the city's most eclectic architecture. Some buildings are over a hundred years old. Others are brand new. Each one has its own style: Classical, Gothic, Queen Anne, Romanesque, Modern — and more! Fuel up at a local cafe and restaurant, then take a tour of Osborne Village's architectural wonders. Read our fun facts to learn how the buildings have evolved. Search for special details and answer our questions!

EAST OF OSBORNE STREET

The Courtyard, 100 Osborne Street, 1910
For over a century, this grand structure has welcomed shoppers to the village's commercial strip. Originally, the Courtyard had apartments. Now, it's all business. Stand on the corner and look up at the faded mural. What colour is the wine seller's hair?

Augustine Church, 444 River Avenue, 1904
Augustine's steeple stands tall over the village. Look up, up, waaaaay up. That's not a cross. What do you think it looks like? Now admire all the pointed arches on the doorways and windows — a common feature in Gothic Revival design.

Gas Station Theatre, 161 Osborne Street, 1914
Guess what? The Gas Station Theatre actually used to be a gas station! At first, it was just a gas pump owned by Imperial Oil. In 1966, it became an Esso station. In 1983, it was turned into a theatre! Look at the mural and find the Esso symbol.

Leslie Ironside House, 94 Roslyn Road, 1895
This house was eventually split into a duplex. These days it's an office building but it retains its original fireplace and stained glass, as well as a cottage-y feel. Look at the circular patterns on the house's peak. They help show off its Queen Anne revival style.

Blackstone Apartments, 100 Roslyn Road, 1927
This cute stucco building has rocked 18 apartment suites for almost a century. When it opened, it was declared "in vogue" by the *Winnipeg Tribune*. Today, you can still admire the Blackstone's rare architectural style that mixes Tudor and Spanish elements.

Salgon Apartments, 51 Roslyn Road, 1952
The Salgon is a modern, boxy twist on the city's classic three storey walkups. This one is surrounded by much bigger neighbours. Would you prefer to live in a small building — or a tall one?

WEST OF OSBORNE STREET

1, 7 and 11 Evergreen Place, 1970s and 80s
Thanks to re-cladding, 1 Evergreen looks like the most modern of the three towers, but it was actually the first to be built. All three are angled for good views of the Manitoba Legislature. Can you tell which one is tallest?

Moss & Kantor House, 218 Roslyn Road, 1901
One of the last mansions standing in Osborne Village, this home has boasted some prominent owners, including a lieutenant governor's son, a national track and field champ and a ballerina. The Winnipeg Art Gallery even owned it at one point. Don't those statues in the front wall look like giant trophies?

Nanton Gates and Stable, across from Moss & Kantor House
This grand old gate is all that remains of a sprawling estate that was built at the turn of the 20th century. It was home to tycoons, horses and luxury cars.

55 Nassau Street, 1970
Standing thirty storeys tall, this used to be the tallest apartment building in the city. The *Winnipeg Free Press* even called it a "posh address". When it opened it had a pool, sauna and shops. Walk right up to the front entrance. What numbers are on the door handles?

First Church of Christ Scientist, 511 River Avenue, 1910
People used to pray here. Now they live here! This church, designed in the form of a Greek cross with four equal arms, was condo-ized in 2013. Admire the balconies, then check out the plaques in front. What year and month was the building officially dedicated?

Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church, 510 River Ave, 1967
Admire its smooth modern style, the 40-foot bell tower and the Tyndall stone facade. Now tour the church's piazza. (That's Italian for square!) Check out the statue of a knight on horseback. What's he fighting?

J.C. Falls House, 36 Roslyn Road, 1907
This Queen Anne style building has seen a lot of change. It started as a home for one wealthy family, then after the Great Depression it became a boarding house for many. After that, it was a nursing home for 30 patients. Now, it's an office building! How many light fixtures do you see above the front entrance?

River Manor Apartments, 424 River Avenue, 1912
This building was the original Victoria Hospital. Since 1972, it's been an apartment block. What's different about the bricks from one side to the other?

OZ Condos, 90 Boile Street, 2014
This contemporary apartment block is designed in an L shape to make room for its older neighbour. Look at all the different balconies and decks! Which one would you like to have?

St. Luke's Anglican Church, 130 Nassau Street, 1905

This Gothic Revival church, like many others in the area, is a historic site. Admire the stained glass. What colour is most prominent? Now look up at the clock. Those are roman numerals! Do you know what the numbers are?

Wardlaw Apartments, 544 Wardlaw Avenue, 1906

Unlike most other old buildings in Osborne Village, this handsome and sturdy structure has barely changed. It's still an apartment block with six units, designed in the Prairie school style. But one thing is different: Its name! Can you tell what it used to be?

Gladstone School, 500 Gertrude Avenue, 1962

How do you like the colourful mosaic murals? They're a highlight of Gladstone's stylish modern design. The school actually got its start as a two-room school house, not far from here. Can you guess what year that was? There's a hint on the front of the building!

Baked Expectations, 161 Osborne Street, 1954

Back in the day, this building's design was considered super groovy. Its curved glass walls were meant to look spacey and futuristic. Originally, it was a pharmacy. Since the early 80s, it's been a late-night dessert spot.

Crescent Fort Rouge United Church, 525 Wardlaw Avenue, 1910

Like its neighbour St. Luke's, this church is all about the Gothic Revival. Look at the towers. Which one is taller? Now look at the plaque on the right side of the entrance to discover the church's original name.

Trinity Baptist Church, 549 Gertrude Avenue, 1909

This grand place of worship mixes a few different styles — Romanesque revival, Gothic and Tudor. One of Trinity Baptist's most unique features are its rose windows. Count how many petals they have!

River Osborne Community Centre, 101 Pembina Highway, 1988

In the 1960s this space was called Metro Park, with a sunken "bear pit" that was meant to be a cool hangout spot. When it was replaced by the community centre, only the park's Brutalist concrete sign remained.

Bank of Montreal, 464 Stradbrook Avenue, 1905

For almost a century, BMO owned this Classical Revival building, made with Menominee brick and Tyndall limestone. In 1999, it became a cookware store. Look up at the new sign. What kitchen appliance do you see?

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