



Renowned for the timeless beauty of its parks and gardens, Christchurch is now a city focused on the future. Easily accessible through its international airport, Christchurch is a connected city with a flat compact CBD and a fascinating mix of stunning heritage venues and smart new architecture. The city is a place of transformation where change and innovation are embraced, creating a strong economy, a vibrant place to visit, and an exceptional place to live. The city has new business, shopping, arts and entertainment precincts. The next striking new feature is Te Pae – Christchurch Convention Centre, opening in 2020.

## ACCESS

Christchurch International Airport is located 12 km northwest of the city centre and is the major international gateway into the South Island. Business and incentive visitors can travel from the airport to the city by taxi, shuttle, rental car, or public bus.

Direct international flights arrive from Singapore, China, Australia and Fiji. Linking flights are available from a wide range of other destinations in Asia, Europe, USA, South America and the Middle East. Air New Zealand and Jetstar offer daily flights linking all major cities and many regional towns across New Zealand.

## VENUES

Christchurch will soon be home to New Zealand's premium boutique convention centre – Te Pae, opening in late 2020. The main auditorium will seat 1,400, the exhibition hall will accommodate over 200 booths, and the stunning banquet hall will seat 1,000 people. Combined with multiple smaller meeting rooms and plentiful pre-function space, this venue will see Christchurch hosting large international conferences right in the heart of the city.

The Christchurch Town Hall is a premium performing arts venue and a fantastic conference venue, with the Douglas Lilburn Auditorium seating 2,250 people, the James Hay Theatre seating 750 people, and several other smaller spaces and foyer areas for meetings, exhibition and catering.

The city's largest indoor venue is Horncastle Arena. Located 10 minutes from the central city, the Arena boasts 4,000 sqm in the main space for a multitude of different events. The Air Force Museum of New Zealand located 15 minutes from the central city, provides a variety of spaces that are ideal for memorable conferences and uniquely themed gala dinners.

Christchurch CBD has an incredible range of venues. Create bespoke events in the stunning restored heritage architecture of the Arts Centre or the contemporary spaces in Christchurch Art Gallery with an impressive glass façade. Design a unique experience in the Transitional 'cardboard' Cathedral or at picturesque Hagley Oval Pavilion.

### Facts:

- Population: 430,000 people
- 12 km Airport to City
- Accommodation: 5,500 rooms
- Venue capacity: 8,800 theatre style

### Claim to fame:

- New Zealand's newest city
- International gateway to the South Island
- New Zealand's Garden city with over 790 parks



## ACCOMMODATION

There are more than 5,500 rooms on offer across Christchurch in a wide variety of accommodation, from boutique luxury lodges and self-serviced apartments to modern hotels, many brand new or totally refurbished with conference facilities on site. Those wanting to stay outside of Christchurch will find a wide selection of quality accommodation throughout the Canterbury region.

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## GETTING AROUND

Christchurch has a great range of transport options including shuttles, taxis and public buses, making it easy for visitors to travel between the airport, accommodation, event venues and city attractions. For those travelling outside the city, luxury coach companies can organise tours to popular nearby destinations such as Akaroa, the North Canterbury boutique wine region, the alpine town of Hanmer Springs, Kaikoura, and Aoraki/Mt Cook Mackenzie.

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## MEMORABLE INCENTIVE OPTIONS

**SAMPLE** award winning wine on a vineyard tour to the boutique North Canterbury wine region, just 40 minutes' drive from Christchurch.

**VENTURE** into the picturesque Waiau Gorge for a dose of adrenaline. Thrillseekers Adventures offers a multitude of activities including jet boating, white water rafting, bungee jumping, quad biking, claybird shooting, archery, and mountain biking experiences.

**PRACTISE** your swing on the championship golf course at Terrace Downs High Country Resort, situated in the foothills of the Southern Alps. The resort also offers great teambuilding activities including clay bird shooting and archery as well as a relaxing day spa.

**SOAR** high above the Canterbury Plains by hot air balloon. See the sun rise over the city and surrounding farmland and enjoy stunning views of the mighty Southern Alps.

**CLIMB** aboard the Tranz Alpine, one of the six top train journeys of the world, to experience the stunning scenery of the Southern Alps. The spectacular 4.5 hour journey travels between Christchurch and Greymouth.

**SAFARI** in to the Canterbury high country aboard Hassle-Free Tours four-wheel drive. Experience a working sheep and cattle farm at the foot of the Southern Alps, blast down the Waimakariri River in a jet boat and return to Christchurch via the famous TranzAlpine train.

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## PRE AND POST TOURING OPTIONS

**SKI** or snowboard in winter at one of the 13 ski fields in Canterbury. Mt Hutt, the largest ski field in the region, is 20 minutes' drive from Methven or 90 minutes' drive from Christchurch.

**UNWIND** in natural hot pools in the alpine village of Hanmer Springs, 90 minutes' drive north of Christchurch. Visitors to Hanmer Springs can hike and mountain bike on the nearby forest trails or play golf at the beautiful Hanmer Springs Golf Club.

**BE AMAZED** at the diverse range of wildlife in Kaikoura, two and a half hours' drive north of Christchurch. It's the perfect place to go swimming with dolphins or seals or do some whale watching.

**DINE** shop or just relax in the French-inspired seaside settlement of Akaroa, southeast of Christchurch. Visitors can experience swimming with the world's smallest dolphin, the Hector's dolphin.

**FORAGE** along Selwyn or North Canterbury's famous food and wine trails, meeting local artisan producers and sampling award-winning cheeses, wines, farmers markets and colourful country stores.

**TRAVEL** west to explore New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki Mount Cook, and the lakeside township of Tekapo. Get up close and personal with the Tasman Glacier on a Glacier Explorers tour, or go star gazing in the nearby Mackenzie Basin – the world's largest gold rated "International Dark Sky Reserve".

