

# Christchurch

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the facts



welcome to



There is nowhere else in the world where within two hours of an international airport you can ski at a world class alpine resort, play golf, bungee jump, go rafting, mountain biking, hot-air ballooning, wind surfing, whale watching and visit world class wineries and gardens.

Summers are generally mild and sunny with low humidity. The city has an average of over 2,000 hours of annual sunshine. Winter visitors can encounter frosts which develop to clear, calm days. Autumn often has the longest period of settled weather and, for garden lovers, the city puts on an especially fine show in spring.



The city centre is comfortably compact and the most delightful central feature is the gently winding Avon river. On its grassy banks lined with poplars and weeping willows, office workers and visitors join the street entertainers, seagulls and ducks for lunch in the sun.

Christchurch's special character is most obvious in its glorious parks and gardens, which led it to win an International Garden City Award. A huge range of recreation attractions offer a variety of things to do and see, and visitors can enjoy active or more leisurely pursuits the whole year round.





# what to see and do



There is never a dull moment in this very special city. From art galleries to the city's Cultural Precinct, weekend markets to museums, there is a tempting taste of Christchurch's unique culture at every turn.

The Arts Centre, Christchurch Art Gallery, and the Town Hall all provide a focus for the lively arts and entertainment scene, whilst a leisurely tram ride through the city's historic heart, a hot air balloon flight, or a trip on the Gondola will reveal Christchurch in a whole new light. And because having fun is such a priority, there is a host of varied and exciting attractions: Air Force Museum, Science Alive, Ferrymead Heritage Park, Southern Encounter Aquarium and Kiwi House, and the International Antarctic Centre are the ultimate in fun learning experiences, whilst for animal lovers, Orana Wildlife Park and Willowbank Wildlife Reserve are a must. For a change of pace, try a relaxing game of golf, then visit one of the excellent cafe bars and restaurants or experience exclusive shopping in the city centre. Finish off with an evening at the Christchurch Casino and you will have captured the essence of Christchurch.



# events

Throughout the year Christchurch celebrates the four seasons with over a dozen festivals which provide a wealth of cultural and entertainment diversity. Festivals and events with themes of music, the arts, books, heritage, buskers, kites, cycling, gardens, floral displays and local produce all provide a focus for the city's celebrations, whether planned or spontaneous.

**Spring** brings the city to full bloom with daffodils, cherry blossom, Return of the Godwits, Heritage Week and the Antarctic Festival. New Zealand Cup and Show Week features national racing events, Canterbury Fashion Week and New Zealand's Royal Show - profiling the region's agricultural and pastoral show.

**Summer** heralds the World Buskers Festival, and the SummerTimes festival, with a host of free outdoor events, including the hugely popular Classical Sparks and Starry Nights, both held in Hagley Park.

**Autumn** is the time to enjoy leaves falling, French Festival, Le Race, Jazz Fest, Savour NZ and other delicious wine and food festivals.

**Winter** in Canterbury means snow on the hills! Celebrate in Lyttelton with the Mid-winter Festival of Lights. Enjoy the arts with Cabaret, Writers Festival and the popular Arts Festival - events which are held in alternate years. KidsFest is New Zealand's only festival for kids that's packed with 180 events over two weeks.

**Be There:** for up to the minute information explore the on-line events calendar: [www.bethere.org.nz](http://www.bethere.org.nz) Connect to 'be there' to see what's on and when - create and print your own personalised events calendar or subscribe to a regular email newsletter.

# around canterbury



## The Great Outdoors

Fly, walk, tramp or hike through the magnificence and variety of landscapes that make up Canterbury.

From the Southern Alps in the west, to the Pacific Ocean in the East and from the eco-tourism capital Kaikoura in the North, across the patchwork quilted fields of the Canterbury plains to the quaint rural town of Waimate and the mighty Mt Cook in the South, Canterbury offers unparalleled opportunities to interact with a wide range of outdoor environments on offer. Get up close and personal with the rare Hector's dolphin in Akaroa or Lyttelton, see the impressive sperm whales and seals off the coast of Kaikoura, enjoy the antics of the cheeky mountain parrot (kea) in Arthur's Pass or see penguins and the iconic kiwi in their natural environment.



## Activities & Adventure

Nowhere else in the world can you experience such a variety of heart-stopping thrills in one region. Throw yourself off high bridges with an elastic band tied to your ankles in an exhilarating bungee jump or mountain bike down breathtaking, scenic mountains. Take a hot air balloon flight, and experience views of the patchwork plains, the Southern Alps and the Pacific Ocean or hop in a small aircraft and land on an ice-aged glacier. For more action packed adventure, try skydiving, parapenting or paragliding.

The Canterbury region is the 'capital' of ski in New Zealand and has over 10 ski areas within 2 1/2 hours drive from Christchurch International Airport. There are commercial fields and club fields or for those wanting a pure adrenaline rush, heli-skiing.

Canterbury is rapidly developing a world class reputation as a wine growing region. Either go on your own or join a planned wine trail and tempt your palate with some of the best food the region has to offer. Stay the night in boutique accommodation and delve into the spirit of Canterbury.

With over fifty golf courses, from inner city at Hagley Park to mountain peaks including two exclusive internationally recognised resorts, Canterbury is a golfer's haven.



## Water, Water Everywhere!

Ride the rapids on a whitewater raft down the Rangitata River; speed down one of the many braided rivers in an exhilarating jet boat; cruise the inlets and bays of beautiful Banks Peninsula or kayak your way around clear mountain lakes or along rugged coastal waters.

Combine a back country hiking experience with a charter boat along the Kaikoura coastline and see fishing at its best. Everything from brown and rainbow trout to succulent salmon can be caught in Ashburton or Timaru district's lakes, streams, winding and secluded rivers, offshore or even deep sea.

Relax and let the stress melt away in the geothermic waters of Hanmer Springs just 90 minutes from Christchurch.



## Excursions

Experience unique and spectacular scenery on a South Island train ride. The Tranz Alpine train, rated one of the top six journeys in the world, travels daily from Christchurch to Greymouth (on the West Coast) through the magnificent Southern Alps. The Tranz Coastal travels daily between Christchurch to the port of Picton, where it connects with the Inter-Islander. The journey travels along the rugged Pacific Ocean on one side and the steep mountains on the other. Both trains have huge panoramic windows and an open air viewing platform.

Enjoy spectacular Canterbury scenery by one of dozens of different tours, by road, rail, or four wheel drive.



# attractions

## Air Force Museum

The Air Force Museum is New Zealand's premier aviation museum and is located just ten minutes from the city centre. Try an aircraft gun turret for size, one of the three flight simulators, or walk through a bomb shelter. View 28 fabulous classic aeroplanes, thousands of artefacts, photographs, audio visual presentations, artworks and stories that make up the experience of the museum.

Open daily, 10am-5pm.

45 Harvard Ave, Main South Road.

Ph: (64 3) 343 9532 Fax: (64 3) 343 9533

Email: [info@airforcemuseum.co.nz](mailto:info@airforcemuseum.co.nz)

Website: [www.airforcemuseum.co.nz](http://www.airforcemuseum.co.nz)

## Canterbury Museum

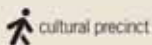
Housed in one of New Zealand's finest historic buildings, a trip to Canterbury Museum is a journey through the stories of Pacific migration, the moa-hunter Maori, the European settlers and the special flora and fauna of the region. Other highlights include spectacular fossils, the decorative arts and costume collection, the Bird Hall and the world's most important collection of Antarctic items. General admission to the Museum is free, donations are appreciated.

Open daily, 9am-5.30 pm (Oct-Mar), 9am-5pm (April-Sept).  
Rolleston Avenue.

Ph: (64 3) 366 5000 Fax: (64 3) 366 5622

Email: [info@canterburymuseum.com](mailto:info@canterburymuseum.com)

Website: [www.canterburymuseum.com](http://www.canterburymuseum.com)



## Canterbury Provincial Council Buildings

This fascinating treasure is New Zealand's only remaining purpose-built provincial government building. Designed by leading Gothic Revival architect B W Mountfort and constructed between 1858 and 1865, the buildings show superior craftsmanship in timber and stone. The buildings and multi media display tell a fascinating story of the life of the building and the prominent citizens who walked this cloister-like corridor in days gone by. Admission is free.

Open Monday-Saturday, 10.30am-3.30pm

Durham Street, between Gloucester and Armagh Streets

Telephone: (+64 3) 941 7680 Fax: (+64 3) 941 7465

Email: [provincialbuildings@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:provincialbuildings@ccc.govt.nz)

Website: [www.ccc.govt.nz/provincialbuildings](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/provincialbuildings)



## Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu

The Gallery is the largest art institution in the South Island, housing one of New Zealand's most important public art collections. The new facility includes nine galleries, offering a diverse programme of national and international exhibitions, two shops, a café and bar. The Gallery also hosts a stimulating range of guided tours, lectures, floortalks, artists' talks, films and events which reflect the full spectrum of the arts.

Open daily, 10am-5pm.

(10am-9pm every Wednesday).

Worcester Boulevard.

Ph: (64 3) 941 7300 Fax: (64 3) 941 7301

Email: [info@christchurchartgallery.org.nz](mailto:info@christchurchartgallery.org.nz)

Website: [www.christchurchartgallery.org.nz](http://www.christchurchartgallery.org.nz)



## Christchurch Botanic Gardens

The jewel in the crown of Christchurch 'the Garden City' is the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Undoubtedly one of the finest collection of exotic and indigenous plants found anywhere in New Zealand, the gardens provide spectacular displays all year round. You can't help but be impressed with the large majestic trees and sweeping lawns providing a wonderful backdrop to our feature gardens and collections including rock, water, rose and herb gardens. Also featured is the herbaceous border, woodland areas and a conservatory complex, open daily from 10.15am until 4pm.

The Information Centre is open from 10.15am - 4pm. The grounds open at 7am and close one hour before sunset.

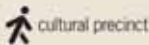
Open daily: Grounds 7am-1 hour before sunset.

Conservatories 10.15am-4pm. Information Centre  
10.15am-4pm (Summer) 11.00am-3pm (Winter).

Rolleston Avenue.

Ph: (64 3) 941 6840 Fax: (64 3) 941 7582

Website: [www.ccc.govt.nz/parks/BotanicGardens/](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/parks/BotanicGardens/)



## Christchurch Casino

Christchurch Casino is renowned for its excellent gaming, restaurant and bar facilities. Visitors can choose to play on the Casino's 500 gaming machines with the latest in gaming technology. Table games are available in the Casino including blackjack, roulette, baccarat and poker. Visitors to the Christchurch Casino must be 20 years or over and smart, neat attire is required at all times.

Open daily, 24 hours.

30 Victoria Street.

Ph: (64 3) 365 9999 Fax: (64 3) 365 2920

Freephone within NZ: 0800 CASINO

Email: [enquiries@christchurchcasino.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@christchurchcasino.co.nz)

Website: [www.christchurchcasino.co.nz](http://www.christchurchcasino.co.nz)

## Christchurch Gondola

Unique 360-degree panoramic views of Christchurch, the Canterbury Plains and Lyttelton Harbour unfold as you rise to the summit of Christchurch's famous extinct volcano. Relax and enjoy a snack at the Summit Cafe, shop at our 'Shop at the Top' and visit the Heritage Time Tunnel Experience. The Christchurch Gondola Base Station is located 15 minutes drive from central Christchurch.

Open daily, from 10am.

10 Bridle Path Road, Heathcote.

Ph: (64 3) 384 0700 Fax: (64 3) 384 0703

Email: [gondola@gondola.co.nz](mailto:gondola@gondola.co.nz)

Website: [www.gondola.co.nz](http://www.gondola.co.nz)



# attractions

## Christchurch Leisure Centres

Enjoy Christchurch's world-class leisure facilities; QEII Park, Pioneer, Cowles, Sockburn and Centennial Leisure Centres (with Centennial located just minutes from Cathedral Square). Feeling sluggish after a long journey? Why not get energised by hitting the gym or a few laps in the pool? Hectic itinerary? Unwind and recover with a spa and sauna! If you are travelling with children the new 'Atlantis' themed pool (at QEII Park) will amaze them! Featuring a sunken ship and stone ruins with a wave pool, lazy river, vortex and bubble pools.

For information contact Christchurch City Council, phone: (64 3) 941 8383.

## Christchurch Tramway

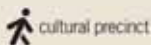
Experience the beautifully restored trams as they follow an inner city route providing an entertaining and informative tour of the most interesting and historic city sights. Sit back in the tramway restaurant – enjoy the luxury of the air-conditioned, colonial style dining tram and be treated to fine service, cuisine and beverages (the restaurant departs the Square Tram Stop every evening at 7.30pm).

Open daily, 9am-6pm (April-October),  
9am-9pm (November-March).

Ph: (64 3) 366 7830 or (64 3) 366 7511 for restaurant reservations. Fax: (64 3) 366 6943

Email: [enquiries@tram.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@tram.co.nz)

Website: [www.tram.co.nz](http://www.tram.co.nz)



## Ferrymead Heritage Park

The sights and sounds of a bygone era come alive at Ferrymead Heritage Park. Ferrymead marks the site of the first New Zealand railway, which operated between the park and the city from 1863. Today the park comprises an Edwardian township and an exhibition area. Step back in time to experience the streets, buildings, fashions and transportation of colonial Christchurch.

Open daily, 10am-4.30pm.

Ferrymead Park Drive.

Ph: (64 3) 384 1970 Fax : (64 3) 384 1725

Email: [info@ferrymead.org.nz](mailto:info@ferrymead.org.nz)

Website: [www.ferrymead.org.nz/](http://www.ferrymead.org.nz/)

## International Antarctic Centre

Christchurch is the world's aerial gateway to the Antarctic, so ensure you visit the World's Best Antarctic Attraction - twice judged New Zealand's best Attraction. Experience real Snow & Ice and get 'exchillarated' in the Antarctic storm that blows every 30 minutes in the Snow & Ice Experience. See live Little Blue penguins in New Zealand's first combined indoor/outdoor penguin viewing area. Take an exciting outdoor ride on an all-terrain amphibian vehicle - the Hagglund.

Open daily, from 9am-7pm (1 October-31 March), 9am-5.30pm (1 April-30 September).

38 Orchard Road (next to Christchurch International Airport).

Ph: (64 3) 353 7798 Fax: (64 3) 353 7799 Freephone within NZ: 0508 PENGUIN (0508 7364846) Website: [www.iceberg.co.nz](http://www.iceberg.co.nz)



## Lyttelton Harbour Cruises

Enjoy wonderful scenic views and great cafes in Lyttelton, just twenty minutes from the centre of Christchurch city. There is a choice of short excursions from Lyttelton Port, and a launch ferries passengers to Diamond Harbour (opposite the Port). Enjoy the scenery of the harbour on a cruise, hear the history of the area, see a wide variety of coastal marine bird life and you may get a glimpse of the world's smallest and rarest marine dolphin - the Hector's Dolphin. Vessels depart daily. Catch a shuttle from Cathedral Square or combine your cruise with a scenic coach tour.

## Mona Vale Gardens

The late-Victorian homestead of Mona Vale is a delightful place to combine a garden tour with a lunch or tea break, and ride in a punt. It is within short driving distance of the central city and was once owned by the Deans, one of Christchurch's first settler families.

**Open: Restaurant daily 9.30am-4pm (Summer),**

**Wednesday-Sunday 9.30-3.30pm (Winter).**

**63 Fendalton Road, Riccarton.**

**Ph: (64 3) 348 9660 Fax: (64 3) 348 7011**

**Email: monavale@continental.co.nz**



## Ngā Hau E Whā National Marae – The Marae of the Four Winds

Experience the cultural richness and heritage of Maoridom in the heart of two of New Zealand's most spectacular carved Whare (Meeting Houses), "Aoraki" – Whare Tipuna and "Tearitaua Pitama" – Whare Wananga. Enjoy Aotearoa / New Zealand's unique culture through stories, songs, dances and audience participation.

**Marae open Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm, 'Night of Maori Magic' (tour, concert and hangi meal) 6.45pm-9.15pm, tour and concert 6.45pm - 8.15pm.**

**250 Pages Road, Aranui.**

**Ph: (64 3) 388 7685 Fax: (64 3) 388 7692**

**Email: functions@nhewmarae.co.nz**

**Website: www.nationalmarae.co.nz**

## Our City O-Tautahi

Our City O-Tautahi is housed in one of city's finest Victorian Buildings – featuring impressive stained glass windows, superbly detailed polychromatic brickwork, and many hand-made tiles of stylised sunflowers and leaf patterns. Built as the Christchurch City Council's original Municipal Chambers, the building now provides a space to present and exchange ideas and knowledge about the city and important development, environmental and social issues, as well as celebrate its life, colour and creativity. Admission is free.

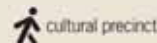
**Open Monday-Saturday, 10am - 4pm**

**Corner of Oxford Terrace and Worcester Boulevard.**

**Ph: (64 3) 941 7460 Fax: (64 3) 941 7465**

**Email: ourcity@ccc.govt.nz**

**Website: www.ccc.govt.nz/OurCity**



# attractions

## Orana Wildlife Park

New Zealand's only open range wildlife and conservation centre. The Park specialises in offering close up, exciting animal encounters: hand feed giraffe, meet rhino 'face-to-face' and experience the awesome Lion Encounter. An extensive native collection features the kiwi, tuatara and a wide range of stunning birds and reptiles. Animal feeds occur daily.

Open daily, 10am–5pm (last entrance 4.30pm).

McLeans Island Road, Harewood.

Ph: (64 3) 359 7109 Fax: (64 3) 359 4330

Email: [info@oranawildlifepark.co.nz](mailto:info@oranawildlifepark.co.nz)

Website: [www.oranawildlifepark.co.nz](http://www.oranawildlifepark.co.nz)

## Riccarton House & Bush

Step back in time to a world of Victorian and Edwardian splendour; join a guided tour of the Homestead, walk through the bush to a grove of Kahikatea, visit the 1843 Deans Cottage (the oldest building on the Canterbury Plains) or stroll in the landscaped grounds before relaxing with a coffee at the café. Located in Riccarton, just 3.5km from the central city.

Open: Café daily 10am–4pm.

Heritage tours Monday–Friday 10am, 2pm (Sundays 2pm).

16 Kahu Road, Riccarton.

Telephone: (64 3) 341 1018 Fax: (64 3) 341 6839

Email: [info@riccartonhouse.co.nz](mailto:info@riccartonhouse.co.nz)

Website: [www.riccartonhouse.co.nz](http://www.riccartonhouse.co.nz)



## Parks

Take full advantage of being in the Garden City and visit one of the city's 800 parks. From the coast to the Port Hills and the many parks in between - there is something for everyone.

## Punting

Sit back, relax and just drift along through parks and gardens, under shady trees and enjoy the tranquillity of your own punting journey on the Avon River. Each punt is custom-built, fully upholstered and comes complete with its own boatperson to do all the work. All you have to do is enjoy the ride.

## Riccarton Market

The Riccarton Market is the biggest market of its kind in Christchurch – and is a great place to shop! Each week over 300 vendors are there selling a wide variety of goods, from fresh fruits and vegetables to second hand goods, furniture, clothing, art, food and beverages. There is plenty of parking and is just 15 minutes drive from the central city.

Open every Sunday, 8am–2pm.

Riccarton Racecourse, Riccarton Park, Racecourse Road.

Ph: (64 3) 339 0011



## Southern Encounter Aquarium & Kiwi House

Explore the splendour of the South Island's unique aquatic wildlife in the heart of Christchurch's Cathedral Square. Over 120 different species are displayed including sharks, rays, massive eels, seahorses, octopus, blue freshwater crayfish and much more.

Open daily, 9am–5pm (Kiwi on display 10.30am–4.30pm).  
Cathedral Square West, entrance through iSite or Pathway Shop.

Ph: (64 3) 359 7109 Fax: (64 3) 377 9196

Email: [info@southernencounter.co.nz](mailto:info@southernencounter.co.nz)

Website: [www.southernencounter.co.nz](http://www.southernencounter.co.nz)

## Science Alive!

Experience science and technology at this truly unique, ever-changing exhibition. With a climbing wall, a gyroscope, glow-in-the-dark mini-golf and New Zealand's highest vertical slide you will be entertained for hours. Hands on fun for everyone!

Open daily 10am to 5pm .

392 Moorhouse Avenue.

Telephone: (64 3) 365 5199 Fax: (64 3) 365 5189

Email: [info@sciencealive.co.nz](mailto:info@sciencealive.co.nz)

Website: [www.sciencealive.co.nz](http://www.sciencealive.co.nz)



## The Arts Centre of Christchurch

The Arts Centre is a dynamic venue for retail and entertainment which includes over 40 specialty shops, art galleries, theatre, art house cinemas, bars, restaurants and cafes, a bustling weekend art, craft and produce market, and an array of festivals and special events throughout the year. Admission is free.

Tours are available from Arts Centre Information.

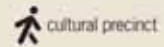
Open daily, 9.30am–5pm.

2 Worcester Boulevard.

Ph: (64 3) 366 0989 Fax (64 3) 379 7576

Email: [info@artscentre.org.nz](mailto:info@artscentre.org.nz)

Website: [www.artscentre.org.nz](http://www.artscentre.org.nz)



## Willowbank Wildlife Reserve

Willowbank is your opportunity to experience a hands-on wildlife park that features New Zealand's only "wildlife by night" display showing kiwi in a beautiful natural setting. Performing every evening is 'Ko Tane'; a cultural experience incorporating an interactive village. Enjoy sumptuous New Zealand cuisine in the restaurant or café.

Open daily at 10am, closes at dusk. Guided tours leave at 11.30am, 2.30pm, 6.30pm, 7.30pm, 8.30pm and 9.30pm.

Kiwi are able to be viewed from 10.30am.

60 Hussey Road (15 minutes from Christchurch).

Ph: (64 3) 359 6226 Fax: (64 3) 359 6212

Email: [info@willowbank.co.nz](mailto:info@willowbank.co.nz)

Website: [www.willowbank.co.nz](http://www.willowbank.co.nz)



# shopping history



## Shopping

New Zealand is famous for its quality wool, leather, deerskin, excellent outdoor gear and unique blue pearl. Dedicated followers of fashion won't be disappointed as well known world brands and home grown fashion products are available in the numerous malls and shopping areas. Kathmandu, Snowy Peak and Untouched World are all Christchurch based international clothing brands.

If you're looking for a unique shopping experience, entertainment, variety or just a quiet coffee in a European style cafe you will find it and more in the central city. You will also find over 300 shops, top international designer labels, world-class New Zealand products, speciality stores and a huge range of duty-free shops.

There is also a first-class array of suburban shopping malls and the South Island's only factory outlet shopping centre. For unique items and a special shopping experience it's hard to look past The Arts Centre and the Spanish colonial splendour of New Regent Street.



## History

Maori oral history suggests that people first inhabited the Canterbury area about a thousand years ago. These early moa-hunting tribes were followed by the Waitaha, thought to have migrated from the east coast of the North Island to the Pegasus Bay area of Canterbury early in the 16th century. They were joined later by other northern tribes Ngati Mamoe and Ngai Tahu, with migration continuing until about 1830.

The first European landed in Canterbury in 1815, 45 years after Captain James Cook sighted what he named 'Banks Island', later found to actually be a peninsula. In 1840 the first Europeans arrived to settle on the plains and whaling ships were operating out of Lyttelton by 1850. It was not until 1850 - 1851 that organised groups of English settlers, the founders of Christchurch, arrived in Lyttelton in four ships: Charlotte Jane, Sir George Seymour, Randolph and Cressy.

Christchurch became a city by Royal Charter on July 31, 1856, making it officially the oldest established city in New Zealand.

# opportunities



## Education

Christchurch is home to the University of Canterbury, Lincoln University, Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology, College of Education, Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences (part of the University of Otago). There are also a number of flourishing English language institutes. The city has more than 120 primary and intermediate schools and 30 secondary schools.

## Conventions

Respected as a premier location for meetings and conventions of all sizes, Christchurch is complete with New Zealand's only purpose built convention centre, capable of seating 2500 delegates. Over 2000 international standard hotel beds are located within a 10 minute walk of each other within the CBD.

Fringing the CBD stands Canterbury University and on the city outskirts the delightful Lincoln University. Each of these magnificent campuses stands alone in offering exceptional venue options.

Superb and unique venues provide excellent group dining options including the International Antarctic Centre, Air Force Museum and gothic flavour in The Great Hall of The Arts Centre.



## Business

Christchurch is home to a broad range of business activity. There is a strong stream of established and emerging industries that include manufacturing, software development, tourism, light industrial engineering, electronics and education which complement the Canterbury region's traditional strengths in primary produce: vegetables, specialist horticultural produce, grains, grapes, meat, dairy products, wool, aquaculture and timber.

The five tertiary education institutions and sixteen research centres offer an excellent research and development base ensuring the region is technology-advanced by international standards. A stable and educated labour force complements this R & D base.

An international airport, deep harbour port, radial road and rail links make Christchurch the main distribution centre for the South Island. Enhanced international status and economic benefits also accrue from the city's position as Gateway to the Antarctic.

# canterbury



	International Airport		Hot Springs
	Scenic Train Route		Whale Watching
	Vineyards		Boat Cruises
	Skifields		Ballooning
	Alpine Pacific Triangle		Inland Scenic Route
	Banks Peninsula Heritage Drive		Great Alpine Highway

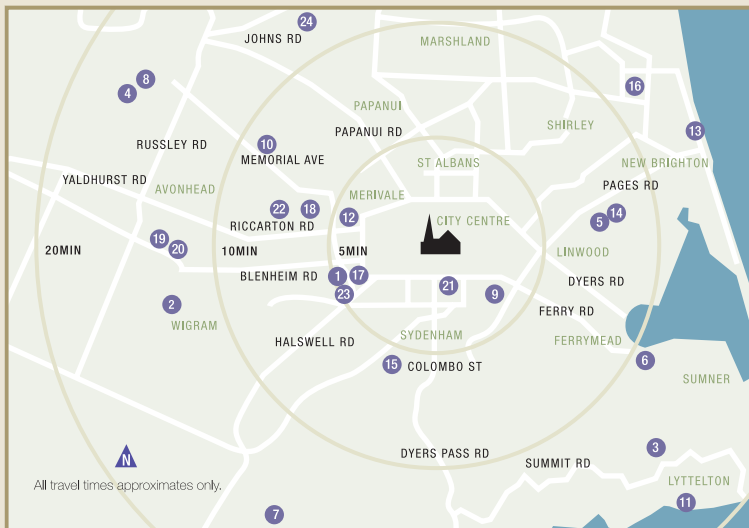


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# current statistics

## Population

New Zealand's resident population is approximately 4 million.  
The population of Christchurch is 347,700.

Estimated by Statistics New Zealand June 2005.

## Ethnic Groups

European: 275,085 (83%)

NZ Maori: 21,960 (7%)

Pacific Island: 7,617 (2%)

Asian: 17,535 (5%)

Other: 2,046 (1%)

Not Specified: 8,883 (3%)

## Employment

Employee count 2005: 178,750.

Manufacturing 16.6%, Retail Trade, Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants 19.8%, Property and Business Services 13.3%, Health and Community Services 12.0%, Other 38.4%.

Source: Statistics New Zealand Business Frame Update 2005

For more statistics refer to: <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/census/>

## Climate

Temperature:

Mean Daily Maximum: Jan 22.5 °C, July 11.3 °C

Mean Temperature: 12.1°C

Mean Daily Minimum: Jan 12.2°C, July 1.7°C

Mean Annual Maximum: 32°C

Mean Annual Minimum: -4°C

Sunshine:

Mean average bright sunshine: 2,035 hours per annum

Rainfall:

Average rain days: 1mm or more; 84 per annum,

Average annual rainfall: 635 mm

## Money

New Zealand has decimal currency based on dollar and cent denominations. Please check your local bank for current exchange rate details.

## Banks

Trading banks and Bureaux de Change are open Monday-Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm. Banking facilities at international airports provide foreign exchange services for international arrivals and departures, including weekends. ATMs are accessible 24 hours.

## Credit cards and traveller's cheques

The practice of payment by credit card is widely accepted throughout New Zealand. Those in common use include Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club and JCB. Traveller's cheques can be changed at trading banks, large city hotels and many other trading establishments.

## Water

All New Zealand cities and towns have excellent public water supplies: tap (faucet) water is fresh and safe to drink.

## Driving licences

Reciprocal driving rights exist between New Zealand and most countries. Most rental car companies will ask for an International Driver's Licence. The driver will need to be over 21 years of age. Vehicles are driven on the left hand side of the road.

## Language

English and Maori are the two official languages of New Zealand. English is the predominantly spoken language.

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Latitude: 43° 31 Mins, 48 Secs South  
Longitude: 172° 37 Mins, 13 Secs East.  
East Coast, South Island, New Zealand  
Area: Christchurch City: 45,240 Hectares

## Sister Cities

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