

Christchurch & Canterbury

Full day tours

Introduction to Christchurch and Canterbury



Christchurch is New Zealand's second largest city and the gateway to the magnificent South Island, with Christchurch International Airport located just 10 kilometres or 15 minutes' drive to the city centre. International and domestic flights are regular, easily connecting visitors to Asia-Pacific and beyond. Travel around the Canterbury region is easy with numerous transport options available.

Discover New Zealand's future-focused city in the heart of the beautiful South Island. Small and smart, Christchurch is the perfect destination for partners to explore, all in a safe, stylish and accessible environment. Set amongst the beautiful Avon River and numerous green spaces, Christchurch city enjoys a mix of stunning restored heritage venues and stylish new architecture, creating a vibrant city experience.

Journey a short distance out of Christchurch and you will find lush vineyards, alpine hot pools, snowy peaks, and coastal playgrounds. Regional destinations include the thermal resort of Hanmer Springs, the natural coastal wonder of Kaikoura, the winter resort of Methven and Mt Hutt ski field, and the stunning high-country environment of the Mt Cook Mackenzie region.

The following options are suggestions only, there are a multitude of packages which can be compiled to suit your group.

Full day tours from Christchurch



If you have a whole day

There are many amazing experiences to be had in and around Christchurch, and all of these options can be enjoyed in one day. Here are a selection of our top picks:

Hop on the [Tranz Alpine](#) for one of the most scenic rail journeys in the world. The Tranz Alpine is a great option for larger partner programme groups. The journey departs ex Christchurch and if you have more than one day, you can book an overnight package with accommodation and activities.

Jump aboard with [Hassle Free Tours](#), on their Lord of the Rings or Alpine Safari Tour. The Lord of the Rings tour takes you to 'middle earth', experiencing stunning scenery along the way. The Alpine Safari Tour is superb, encompassing bus, train, jet boat and 4WD experiences.

Discover the highlights of Christchurch with [Christchurch Attractions](#) on their Christchurch Grand Tour. This includes some of the main attractions in central Christchurch including punting on the Avon River, the Botanic Gardens, the Christchurch Gondola, the seaside township of Sumner and the historic Christchurch tram.

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