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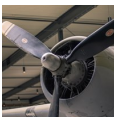
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Located in the Canterbury region, Christchurch — the largest city on the South Island — is a compact city, easy enough to explore on foot or bicycle, with stunning nature never more than a stone's throw away. In the wake of the 2010-2011 earthquakes, Christchurch has re-emerged brighter and livelier than ever. It's a city where creativity and innovation run wild, and the hospitality and arts scenes are buzzing with energy. Truly, it's a unique destination that's positively thriving.

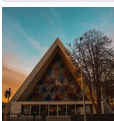
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## CHRISTCHURCH CITY



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Māori oral history and archaeological evidence suggests that people first inhabited the Canterbury area about a thousand years ago. These first inhabitants were moa-hunting tribes and this migration continued until about 1830. The first European landed in Canterbury in 1815 and Christchurch became a city by Royal Charter on 31 July 1856, making it the oldest city in New Zealand. Many of the city's original Gothic buildings dated from this period.

Christchurch, Known traditionally as “The Garden City”, is the largest city in the South Island of New Zealand, and one of the world’s most unique destinations. Bordered by the Port Hills and the Pacific Ocean, it is situated on the Canterbury Plains with the Southern Alps as a majestic backdrop, allowing for a huge array of experiences all within just a few hours’ drive.

The serene Avon River flows through the centre of the city (its banks now largely forming an urban park), and through the award winning Christchurch Botanic Gardens which are 150 years old this year. The gardens feature one of the finest collections of exotic and native plants found in New Zealand, and are home to one of Christchurch’s most iconic activities, Punting on the Avon.

More recently, however, Christchurch rebuilt and revitalised itself following the Canterbury Earthquakes of 2010 and 2011 and making way for some of the most innovative and creative projects in the world. With a huge emphasis on sustainability and environmental issues, Christchurch embraces its new future, and is excited about the possibilities of having a chance to reinvent itself with modern buildings and bright urban events. This is a chance to visit a city on the brink of reimagining itself with world class technology and innovation alongside history and heritage.

It is important not to forget about Christchurch’s backyard of Canterbury. You can ski at a world-class alpine resort, play golf, bungee jump, raft, mountain bike, hot-air balloon, wind surf, whale watch and visit internationally-acclaimed wineries and gardens — all within a short drive of the city. And that is just the beginning!

## DO & SEE



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New Zealand’s garden city, and capital of the South Island, acts as the perfect gateway to discovering some of the country’s most spectacular scenery and National Parks. There is also plenty to explore in the city itself, with acres of parks and gardens, stunning Gothic architecture and a wide choice of restaurants and bars.



### Canterbury Museum



Housed in an exquisite historic building, are outstanding Maori exhibits, a Victorian Christchurch Street, an extensive Antarctic

collection and fun for the children in Discovery. Browse the Museum Store or relax in the cafe overlooking the beautiful Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

Photo: Tupungato/Shutterstock.com

Address: 11 Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch

Opening hours: The museum is closed for redevelopment until mid-2023

Phone: +64 3 366 5000

Tickets: Free admission

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

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

More Info: Canterbury Museum is located next to the Christchurch Botanic Gardens and opposite the Arts Centre on Worcester Boulevard

### Punting on the Avon River



Experience life the way it should be — relaxed, tranquil and thoroughly enjoyable! Sink back into the velvet cushions of your boat as the

Edwardian punter gently glides you down the Avon River (Ōtākaro), passing the trailing willows and leafy banks of the stunning Christchurch Botanic Gardens. This is an iconic Christchurch experience and an attraction not to be missed!

Photo: Bernard Spragg/public domain/Flickr

Address: Antigua Boat Sheds, 2 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch

Opening hours: 1st October to 31st March: daily 9am–6pm.

1st April to 30th September: daily 10am–4pm

Phone: +64 3 366 0337

Internet: [www.christchurchattractions.nz/punting](http://www.christchurchattractions.nz/punting)

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

More Info: Antigua Boat Sheds

### International Antarctic Centre



One of New Zealand's best tourist attractions, the International Antarctic Centre based at Christchurch airport provides visitors of all

ages with an interactive, fun and exciting experience of Antarctica. The centre includes a hagglund ride, ice voyage 4D Show, a snow and ice experience, penguin encounter and an informative, hands-on display.

Photo: zulkamalober/Shutterstock.com

Address: 38 Orchard Road, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 9am–4:30pm

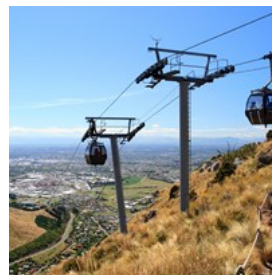
Phone: +64 508 736 4846

Internet: [www.iceberg.co.nz](http://www.iceberg.co.nz)

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

More Info: Next to Christchurch Airport

### Christchurch Gondola



Suspended above the suburbs of Christchurch, the Gondola whisks you nearly a kilometre to the Crater Rim of the Port Hills. See in the extinct

volcano which exploded six million years ago, sheltering Lyttelton's sparkling harbour and to the west, the Southern Alps seem close in the clear pure air and to the East, the ocean and the sky stretch as far as the eye can see.

Experience the Time Tunnel, a dramatic reconstruction of the history of the Port Hills and Christchurch and revive your spirits with a snack at the new Red Rock Cafe.

Photo: Sergey Tarasenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Bridle Path Road, Heathcote Valley,  
Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 10am-4pm

Phone: +64 3 384 0310

Internet:

[www.christchurchattractions.nz/christchurch-gondola](http://www.christchurchattractions.nz/christchurch-gondola)

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

### Akaroa Harbour Nature Cruise



From the historic French Village of Akaroa, 90 minutes from Christchurch, daily harbour cruises show the fascinating landscape

with volcanic craters and exciting wildlife.

The cruise is packed with highlights including the rare, NZ native dolphin — the Hector's Dolphin — as well as penguins and other sea birds. Each cruise is fully narrated by the skipper who has extensive knowledge of the nature, wildlife and history of the harbour.

Photo: Ludmila Ruzickova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Black Cat Cruises, Akaroa Main Wharf, Akaroa

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 304 7641

Internet: [www.blackcat.co.nz](http://www.blackcat.co.nz)

Email: [akaroa@blackcat.co.nz](mailto:akaroa@blackcat.co.nz)

More Info: There are several different operators offering transfer between Christchurch and Akaroa.

### Christchurch Tramway



Christchurch's historic trams are an ideal way to explore the city centre in style. The route takes in sights such as Cathedral Square, the Botanic

Garden, Canterbury Museum and the main shopping areas. At present, there are 18 stops along the route.

Photo: Brayden Gray/unsplash

Address: New Regent Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: September to March: daily 9am-6pm. April to August: daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 366 7830

Internet: [www.christchurchattractions.nz/christchurch-tram](http://www.christchurchattractions.nz/christchurch-tram)

More Info: You can get on and off with your ticket throughout the day.

### Christchurch Botanic Gardens



The Christchurch Botanic Gardens showcase some of the flora of New Zealand and other parts of the world. Founded in 1863 with the planting of

an English Oak tree, the Gardens now feature one of the finest collections of exotic and native plants found in New Zealand.

Take time to explore the gardens, which are considered to be an oasis in the city of Christchurch with 21 hectares of horticultural displays, several conservatories, memorials, garden art and walking tracks.

Photo: irakite/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch

Opening hours: March: daily 7am-8:30pm. April to

September: daily 7am-6:30pm. October: daily 7am-8:30pm.

November to February: daily 7am-9pm. Conservatories: daily 10am-4pm

Phone: +64 3 941 7590

Internet: [www.ccc.govt.nz/parks-and-gardens/christchurch-botanic-gardens](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/parks-and-gardens/christchurch-botanic-gardens)

### Adrenalin Forest



Live on the edge and set yourself free. Realise your potential and get your blood pumping at Adrenalin Forest's multi-level aerial obstacle

course. Adrenalin Forest is a great confidence

builder and adrenalin rush. With 6 increasing pathways, 102 challenges how far are you prepared to go?

Photo: Marcin Balcerzak/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 110 Heyders Road, Spencerville, Christchurch  
Opening hours: 1 October to 19 April: daily 10am-2:30pm. 20 April to 30 September: Wed-Sun 10am-2pm, Mon & Tue closed  
Phone: +64 3 329 8717  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/adrenalinforestnz](https://www.instagram.com/adrenalinforestnz)  
Email: [christchurch@adrenalin-forest.co.nz](mailto:christchurch@adrenalin-forest.co.nz)  
More Info: Located 15-20 minutes drive north of Christchurch in Spencer park

### The Court Theatre



In Christchurch's suburb of Addington, The Court Theatre company was founded in 1971 and is today one of the top groups of New Zealand.

Different high quality performances are held throughout the year. Have a glance at their website to see what is on.

Photo: aerogondo2/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 36 Clarence Street South, Addington, Christchurch  
Phone: +64 800 333 100  
Internet: [courttheatre.org.nz](https://www.courttheatre.org.nz)  
Email: [communications@courttheatre.org.nz](mailto:communications@courttheatre.org.nz)  
More Info: Located at the end of Bernard Street, off the Hagley Park end of Lincoln Road in Addington.

### Hiking & Cycling the Port Hills

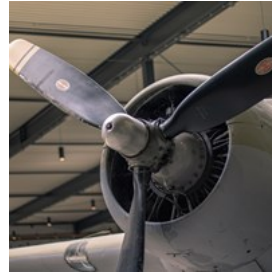


The Port Hills shows the contrasts between rocky Crater Rims and the green scenery of Canterbury Plains below. All sorts of outdoor

activities are performed in this unique area and hiking is one of them. The Port Hills truly offer breathtaking views, so be ready with the camera.

Photo: Tobin Akehurst/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Summit Road, Christchurch

### Air Force Museum of New Zealand



Discover one of the world's premier military aviation collections at the Air Force Museum of New Zealand. Activities include a flight simulator, guided tours and a replica 1940s home.

The museum is based at the Wigram Airfield, approximately 15 minutes from the International airport and approximately 20 minutes from the city centre.

Photo: Sven Verweij/unsplash  
Address: 45 Harvard Avenue, Wigram, Christchurch  
Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-4:30pm  
Phone: +64 3 371 9600  
Tickets: Free admission  
Internet: [www.airforcemuseum.co.nz](https://www.airforcemuseum.co.nz)  
Email: [info@airforcemuseum.co.nz](mailto:info@airforcemuseum.co.nz)

### Willowbank Wildlife Reserve



The Willowbank experience includes unique native wildlife, farm animals and the country's natural history. Dining is available in the

award-winning restaurant, acclaimed for its architecture and construction, which allows magnificent views of the surrounding wildlife and gardens.

Photo: Alisha Newton/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 60 Hussey Road, Harewood, Christchurch  
Opening hours: May to September: daily 9:30am-5pm.  
October to April: daily 9:30am-7pm  
Phone: +64 3 359 6226  
Internet: [www.willowbank.co.nz](https://www.willowbank.co.nz)  
Email: [info@willowbank.co.nz](mailto:info@willowbank.co.nz)



### Orana Wildlife Park



Set on 80 hectares of park-like grounds, Orana Wildlife Park is New Zealand's only open range zoo. The Park has been developed as an

open range sanctuary for endangered animals, providing them with enclosures as close to their natural habitat as possible.

Streams, moats and banks are used as barriers to allow visitors the opportunity to see the animals in a natural manner. Over 400 animals from 70 different species are displayed and there are various daily encounters allowing up close experiences with the animals.

Photo: Molly NZ/Shutterstock.com

Address: 793 McLeans Island Road, Christchurch

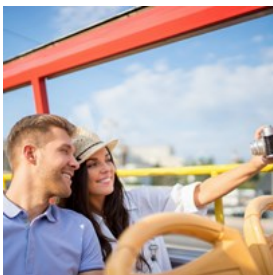
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 359 7109

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

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

### Christchurch Double Decker City Tour



Step on board to the classic 1960s London Open Top Double Decker buses for a fun and informative tour of Christchurch. Learn

about Christchurch's fascinating history from the pioneering days through to modern day times and learn how Christchurch is recovering from the Canterbury earthquakes which has now become a major event in New Zealand's history.

The experience includes a 1 hour Tour around central Christchurch on New Zealand's only Open Top Double Decker and a 2 hour Tour on a closed top Double Decker visiting places of

interest in greater Christchurch.

Photo: LuckyImages/Shutterstock.com

Address: Prestons Road, Marshland, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

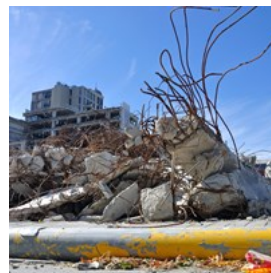
Phone: +64 3 385 5775

Internet: [www.hasslefree tours.co.nz](http://www.hasslefree tours.co.nz)

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

More Info: Departs from outside the Canterbury Museum

### Quake City



Quake City is a compelling attraction that brings to life the story of the Canterbury earthquakes. Using striking imagery,

immersive sound, and engaging film, it doesn't just dwell on the past but also places a strong emphasis on the future. Here, you can stand in the presence of iconic objects, like the top of the Christ Church Cathedral Spire, and delve into the intriguing science of earthquakes. In essence, it's an attraction that tells the tale of the 2010-2011 earthquakes through personal narratives and hands-on exhibits.

Photo: Lakeview Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 299 Durham Street North, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 365 8375

Internet: [quakecity.co.nz](http://quakecity.co.nz)

More Info: Corner Armagh Street

### Caterpillar Garden Tours



Established in 1863, the Botanic Gardens host, without doubt, the finest collection of exotic and indigenous plants to be found anywhere in New

Zealand. Operating a continuous daily service, Caterpillar Garden Tours allows visitors to

discover the natural beauty, history and culture of this central city oasis while at the same time being taken around the gardens in all weather, comfort and style. The tours are fully guided on an environmentally friendly electric shuttle.

Photo: Tupungato/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch

Opening hours: Summer only

Internet:

[www.christchurchattractions.nz/botanic-gardens-tour](http://www.christchurchattractions.nz/botanic-gardens-tour)

More Info: Departs from the Canterbury Museum

### Transitional 'Cardboard' Cathedral



After the February quake caused damage to the iconic Christchurch Cathedral, Japanese architect Shigeru Ban designed one of his famous “Emergency Architecture” buildings, and now the transitional 'Cardboard' Cathedral project is welcoming visitors. Constructed from a series of 96 cardboard tubes and framing, this is an exciting symbol of innovation, hope and inspiration for the city for the next 50 or so years.

Photo: Casey Horner/unsplash

Address: 234 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Phone: +64 3 366 0046

Internet: [www.cardboardcathedral.org.nz](http://www.cardboardcathedral.org.nz)

### Oi Manawa — Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial



Coasting the Ōtākaro/Avon River, the Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial pays homage to the 185 lives that were lost in the

February 2011 earthquake. The memorial wall spans 111 metres along the southern riverbank,

while the north side features a green area with a curved seat.

Photo: Millward Shoults/Shutterstock.com

Address: Montreal Street, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch

Phone: +64 3 357 6300

Internet: [www.canterburyearthquakememorial.co.nz](http://www.canterburyearthquakememorial.co.nz)

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

### TranzAlpine Train Ride



Operating daily, the TranzAlpine train runs from the east coast (Christchurch) via Arthur's Pass to the west coast in Greymouth.

Marvel at the diverse landscapes of New Zealand's southern island, with highlights being the Southern Alps and the alpine rain forest terrain, all from the comfort of a carriage. A cafe carriage, providing beverages, snacks and light meals caters to passengers along the ride.

Photo: Steve Heap/Shutterstock.com

Address: Addington, Christchurch

Internet:

[www.railnewzealand.com/train-services/the-tranz-alpine](http://www.railnewzealand.com/train-services/the-tranz-alpine)

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

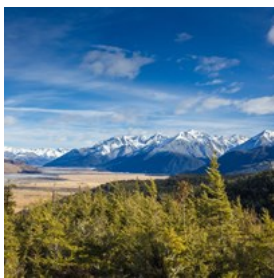
## DAY & MULTI-DAY TRIPS IN THE CANTERBURY REGION



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From the Pacific Ocean, ancient volcanic peninsula and wondrous marine life, across patchwork plains, home to adrenalin pumping activities, lush vineyards and braided rivers rising to pristine glacial lakes and the majestic Southern Alps presided over by Aoraki/Mount Cook. You will find something special in Canterbury. Most destinations are possible in a day trip from Christchurch, but Canterbury is best enjoyed as a multi-day trip, with time spent in each unique destination.

### Mid Canterbury



Snow-capped Southern Alps, rich agricultural pastures and breathtaking braided rivers make Mid Canterbury an outdoor

enthusiast's paradise. From skiing or snowboarding to rafting, skydiving, fishing, touring stately gardens, uncovering relics of aviation and transport history, mountain biking or hiking there is definitely plenty to see and do!

Photo: C J Design/Shutterstock.com

Internet: [www.midcanterburynz.com/region](http://www.midcanterburynz.com/region)

### Akaroa & Banks Peninsula



A picturesque 90-minute drive from Christchurch lies Akaroa, a charming French inspired port cradled in the arms of an ancient volcano. Take in sweeping harbour views and see the outer bays from a hilltop vantage point. In the village itself, spend a leisurely day exploring boutique shops, galleries and gourmet eateries, or swim with the rare Hector's dolphin.

Photo: RICHARD FARAGHER/Shutterstock.com

Internet: [www.visitakaroa.com](http://www.visitakaroa.com)

### Arthur's Pass & Selwyn



Enjoy the ever-changing scenery, from the patchwork quilt of the Canterbury Plains to the mighty Southern Alps. The Selwyn district is home to distinctive limestone formations, intriguing alpine flora and fauna and a vast range of walking tracks in Arthurs Pass National Park. Savour a glass of Riesling at one of the boutique wineries, stop en-route for some white-knuckled jet boating on the Waimakariri Gorge or explore the depths of the cave at Cave Stream Scenic Reserve.

Photo: Sammy L/Shutterstock.com

Internet: [www.arthurspass.com](http://www.arthurspass.com)

### Hanmer Springs & Hurunui District



Just 90 minutes from Christchurch, the alpine spa village of Hanmer Springs is the perfect setting for indulgence, rejuvenation or



adventure. Soak in natural hot pools, explore 50 kms of mountain bike and nature trails, enjoy gourmet dining or try your hand at a round of golf. Take an idyllic road trip and tour the flavours of the North Canterbury Food and Wine Trail or sample fine vintages from the Waipara Valley vineyards.

Photo: [simonharrycollins/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Internet: [visithanmersprings.co.nz](#)

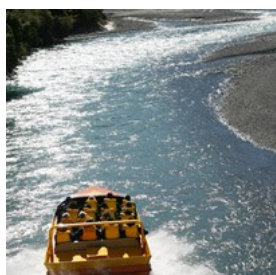
### Kaikoura District



Kaikoura is an area rich in Maori culture & history, where majestic mountains plunge into the Pacific Ocean and whales, dolphins, seals and sea birds flourish. It is an internationally renowned whale watching hot spot, and one of the only places in the world where Sperm whales can be seen almost every day. Feast on fresh local crayfish at a roadside stall to top off a truly world class nature experience.

Photo: [Konrad Mostert/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Internet: [www.kaikoura.co.nz](#)

### Waimakariri District



Just 20 minutes north of Christchurch, discover the quaint rural lifestyle towns, including Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Oxford and Pegasus Town. Enjoy a taste of country life with boutique shops, farmers markets, cooking schools, arts & crafts, river adventures and secluded beaches.

Photo: [Darren Baker/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Internet: [visitwaimakariri.co.nz](#)

### Mackenzie District



Rich golden landscapes, powder blue canals and bright turquoise glacial lakes form the tapestry of the Mackenzie District. At the heart of it all towers

New Zealand's highest mountain peak, Aoraki Mount Cook at 3,754 metres. Travel the well-worn paths of New Zealand's mountain climbing pioneers, explore the Tasman Glacier by air or boat and in the evening count the stars in the clearest of night skies.

Photo: [KAMRUL ARIFIN/Shutterstock.com](#)  
Internet: [www.mackenzienz.com](#)

### DINING



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Once known mainly for its superb lamb, Canterbury and Christchurch are now gaining a reputation for a wide range of food and wine. Local meat produce includes venison, emu and ostrich. There is fresh seafood readily available including scallops, crayfish and Mount Cook Salmon, all which are recommended. Canterbury is also a large wine producing region, specialising in Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc.

### Tramway Restaurant



Combine an evening tour around the city with a three-course meal onboard the unique and historic setting of a Christchurch tram. The only restaurant tram in New Zealand, this will for sure be a unique dining experience. Enjoy fine service, cuisine and beverages while sightseeing around the inner city.

Photo: Bernard Spragg/public domain/Flickr

Address: Departure from Tram Stop number 1, Cathedral Junction, 109 Worcester Street

Opening hours: March to October: daily departures at 7pm.

November to February: daily departures at 7:30pm

Phone: +64 3 366 7830

Internet: [www.christchurchattractions.nz/christchurch-tramway-restaurant](http://www.christchurchattractions.nz/christchurch-tramway-restaurant)

Email: [office@christchurchattractions.nz](mailto:office@christchurchattractions.nz).

More Info: This is a very popular tour, so reservations are needed.

### Curators House Restaurant



This converted historic house in the Botanic Gardens serves authentic Spanish Cuisine and boasts the most picturesque outdoor

dining area in the city. An elegant restaurant serving dishes such as Spanish paella and tapas including lamb and fish dishes.

Photo: stockcreations/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch

Phone: +64 3 379 2252

Internet: [www.curatorshouse.co.nz](http://www.curatorshouse.co.nz)

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

### Cook 'N' With Gas



Cook 'N' With Gas is a renowned and multi-award winning restaurant serving top quality modern New Zealand cuisine in a heritage listed 1860s villa. Local produce is cooked with flair and the drinks menu contains more than 200 beers and wines.

Photo: rocharibeiro/Shutterstock.com

Address: 23 Worcester Street, Christchurch

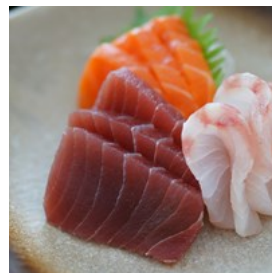
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5pm-10pm, Sun closed

Phone: +64 3 377 9166

Internet: [cooknwithgas.co.nz](http://cooknwithgas.co.nz)

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

### Kinji Japanese Restaurant



Friendly staff and delicious dishes made from the freshest local ingredients has made this restaurant to one of the most popular Japanese

restaurants in Christchurch. On the menu, you will find dishes such as sushi, sashimi, oysters, chicken and tempura dishes. To be safe to get a seat, make a reservation in advance.

Photo: TY Lim/Shutterstock.com

Address: 279b Greers Road, Christchurch

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5pm-9:30pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +64 3 359 4697

Internet: [kinjirestaurant.com](http://kinjirestaurant.com)

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

### Costas Taverna



For four generations, the Lakakis family have had the passion for cooking unforgettable food. At Costas Taverna you can order their traditional

Greek dishes made to perfection, prepared only with the freshest local and imported ingredients. Don't forget to pair the delicacies with one (or more) of their many Ouzos.

Photo: ARENA Creative/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3/478 Cranford Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-10pm

Phone: +64 3 352 3232

Internet: [costastaverna.co.nz](http://costastaverna.co.nz)

Email: [cranford@costastaverna.co.nz](mailto:cranford@costastaverna.co.nz)

### Strawberry Fare



Strawberry Fare is keeping it simple but still scrumptious with the best ingredients. This family-run restaurant tries to use only organic

and free range products in their cooking. The menu holds an array of international dishes and don't miss their popular desserts.

Photo: S\_Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hotel Carlton Mill, 19 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-10pm, Sat 8:30am-11pm, Sun 8:30am-10pm

Phone: +64 3 365 4665

Internet: [www.strawberryfare.com](http://www.strawberryfare.com)

Email: [liz@strawberryfare.com](mailto:liz@strawberryfare.com)

### Spice Paragon



Spice Paragon invites you on a culinary journey through Thai cuisine — with a twist. Their chefs marry traditional dishes with modern cooking

techniques to add a dash of innovation. The dining room, adorned with wood panelling, offers a complete experience, enhanced by the amiable staff. Savour spicy fresh tuna salad, pad Thai, Thai red curry tofu, or wok-fried spicy jungle pork among their delectable offerings.

Photo: homelesscuisine/Shutterstock.com

Address: 76 Victoria Street, Christchurch

Phone: +64 3 379 0306

Internet: [www.spiceparagon.co.nz](http://www.spiceparagon.co.nz)

### Winnie Bagoes City



Winnie Bagoes City is the perfect place for a get-together over a gourmet pizza. With 21 creative variations on offer, there's bound to be

a pizza to tickle everyone's fancy. And if pizza isn't quite your thing — no worries, the menu boasts an array of tempting pastas and fresh salads, too.

Established in 1989, this Canterbury icon takes pride in its innovative yet time-tested pizza recipes. They cater to the traditionalists and the adventurous, with flavours reflecting the diverse nature of New Zealand culture.

Photo: Jyliana/Shutterstock.com

Address: 40 Welles Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Wed 4pm-late, Thu-Sun noon-late, Mon closed

Phone: +64 3 366 6315

Internet: [www.winniebagoes.co.nz](http://www.winniebagoes.co.nz)



### King of Snake



Imagine a space bathed in sensual, dark red tones — a space that serves up a tantalising fusion of Asian and New Zealand cuisine. That's this hidden gem for you. The ambiance is chic, yet relaxed, and the entire restaurant resonates with thoughtful design. There's even a beautiful outdoor balcony overlooking the Avon river. It's a bustling place, but worry not — the service is always swift and friendly. When you visit, don't miss out on the deep-fried ice cream!

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 79 Cashel Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily noon-late

Phone: +64 3 365 7363

Internet: [www.kingofsnake.co.nz](http://www.kingofsnake.co.nz)

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

### Burgers & Beers



Looking for the most sought after chips in town? Scoop a seat at Christchurch's most popular burger bar, Burgers & Beers, where you will be well looked after by the run-off-their-feet (but cheery) staff. "Bloody good" burgers guaranteed!

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Colombo, 355 Colombo Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 11am-late

Phone: +64 3 366 3339

Internet: [www.burgersandbeersinc.co.nz](http://www.burgersandbeersinc.co.nz)

Email: [burgersandbeersinc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:burgersandbeersinc@xtra.co.nz)

More Info: Burgers & Beers has a second location in Redwood at 478 Cranford Street

### Fiddlesticks Restaurant & Bar



Fiddlesticks is a stylish and relaxed bar and restaurant. Take to the sheltered courtyard on a sunny day or warm up in front of a roaring outdoor fire. Fiddlesticks serve sensational, in-season local fare for breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner.

Photo: ESB Professional/Shutterstock.com

Address: 48 Worcester Boulevard, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 9am-late

Phone: +64 3 365 0533

Internet: [fiddlesticksbar.co.nz](http://fiddlesticksbar.co.nz)

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

More Info: Corner of Worcester Boulevard & Montreal Streets

### CAFES



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There is no shortage of great cafes in Christchurch and the inner city is bustling with good places to have a relaxing break with a cup of coffee or tea. Many new outlets have emerged alongside old favourites, many of which are used as social hubs for the Christchurch locals.

### Underground Coffee



Musical coffee bar specialising in organic and Fair Trade coffee and tea. A spot where you can get coffee made with the finest green beans from around the world. Just kick back and enjoy the laid-back atmosphere and the Kiwiana friendly vibe.

Photo: anon\_tae/Shutterstock.com

Address: 359 Colombo Street, Christchurch

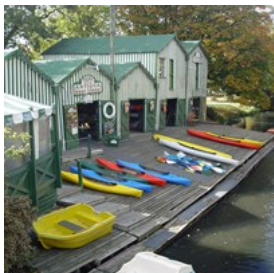
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-5:30pm, Sat 8:30am-5:30pm, Sun 9:30am-5pm

Phone: +643 943 7360

Internet: [www.undergroundcoffee.co.nz](http://www.undergroundcoffee.co.nz)

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

### Boat Shed Café



Picturesque riverside café serving breakfast, lunch, BBQ and picnic menus. Seating can be found both indoors and outdoors and you can sit

back and relax while watching the beautiful banks of the Avon river. When in the area, why not rent a kayak or row boat after regaining some energy after the coffee break.

Photo: Neil Bates/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch

Opening hours: Summer: Mon-Fri 6:30am-5:30pm, Sat & Sun: 7am-5:30pm. Winter: Mon-Fri 6:30am-5pm, Sat & Sun 7am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 366 6768

Internet: [www.boatsheds.co.nz](http://www.boatsheds.co.nz)

Email: [kitchen@boatsheds.co.nz](mailto:kitchen@boatsheds.co.nz)

### Under the Red Verandah



Established in 1997, this family run business has an outside courtyard where to spend a lovely lunchtime. This café is a definite must for brunch - remember to try the delicious poached eggs on bruschetta.

A busy café so booking in advance is recommended.

Photo: BlueOrange Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 29 Tancred Street, Christchurch

Phone: +64 3 381 1109

Internet: [www.utrv.co.nz](http://www.utrv.co.nz)

Email: [mandy@utrv.co.nz](mailto:mandy@utrv.co.nz)

### Cafe Metro



Lighter food, perfect coffee and drinks are served at this small bustling café close to Merivale Mall. This is a perfect place to pop in for a quick bite or for home baked scones, pies and other yummy treats and it is all served by the friendly staff.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 121 Papanui Road, Christchurch

Phone: +64 3 355 4462

### Black Betty Cafe



Black Betty is a busy café where students hang during the week and young families spend their time during the weekend. It has a combination of great coffee, interesting decor and a warm atmosphere. If you like strong

coffee, they serve some of the city's finest espresso.

Photo: Olena Yakobchuk/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 165 Madras Street, Christchurch  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-4pm, Sat & Sun 8am-4pm  
Phone: +64 3 365 8522  
Internet: [www.blackbetty.co.nz](http://www.blackbetty.co.nz)  
Email: [manager@blackbetty.co.nz](mailto:manager@blackbetty.co.nz)

### Addington Coffee Co-op



What used to be an old mechanics workshop was transformed into the much loved Addington Coffee Co-op in 2008. A big point of difference is their commitment to using Fair Trade products. While you are having your coffee, why not wash some clothes, they offer coin-operated laundromat.

Photo: StudioByTheSea/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 297 Lincoln Road, Christchurch  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-4pm, Sat & Sun 9am-4pm  
Phone: +64 3 943 1662  
Internet: [www.addingtoncoffee.org.nz](http://www.addingtoncoffee.org.nz)  
Email: [info@addingtonstore.org.nz](mailto:info@addingtonstore.org.nz)

### Crafted Coffee Company



Founded by Carl Sara, four times New Zealand barista winner, Crafted Coffee Company really knows how to make quality coffee. They source their tasty coffee from around the world, from farmers, small Co-ops and friends. If hungry, they have a breakfast and lunch menu too.

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 121 Blenheim Road, Christchurch  
Phone: +64 3 348 4833

Internet: [www.craftedcoffeecompany.co.nz](http://www.craftedcoffeecompany.co.nz)  
Email: [carl@craftedcoffeecompany.co.nz](mailto:carl@craftedcoffeecompany.co.nz)

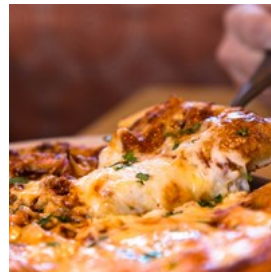
### Aikman's



If you're looking for a place where afternoon coffees turn into evening cocktails then Aikman's is a great place to try. Seamless indoor outdoor flow makes this a great year round venue, with cosy outdoor fire and courtyard seating to complement the plush interiors.

Photo: loreanto/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 154 Aikmans Road, Merivale  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-late  
Phone: +64 3 961 6545  
Internet: [www.aikmans.nz](http://www.aikmans.nz)  
Email: [aikmans@jdvgroup.co.nz](mailto:aikmans@jdvgroup.co.nz)

### Joe's Garage Sumner



Joe's Garage is a casual café with good food and excellent all day breakfasts. Open from 7am until late in the evening, all are welcome to enjoy a meal or a beverage in one of their outdoor areas. Pop by on a Sunday when they have two for one pizza night from 5pm.

Photo: thanasarn/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 19 Marriner Street, Christchurch  
Opening hours: Mon & Tue 7am-4:30pm, Wed-Sun 7am-10pm  
Phone: +64 3 962 2233  
Internet: [www.joes.co.nz/restaurants/christchurch-sumner](http://www.joes.co.nz/restaurants/christchurch-sumner)



### Passengers & Co



Close proximity to Christchurch Airport, this café is located at the Airport Business Park. Open daily this is a funky new café and bar offering delicious and fresh cabinet and menu items. Well worth checking out if you are staying on that side of town.

Photo: 3523studio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 92 Russley Road, Christchurch  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-3pm  
Phone: +64 3 342 9490  
Internet: [www.passengersandco.co.nz](http://www.passengersandco.co.nz)  
Email: [info@passengersandco.co.nz](mailto:info@passengersandco.co.nz)

### Local at Riccarton House



Local at Riccarton House is set in the tranquil garden setting of the original Deans homestead. Open for lunch and afternoon teas with fresh produce sourced from Christchurch Farmers' Market held on the grounds every Saturday. Great food, great wine, great service in a beautiful setting!

Photo: REDPIXEL.PL/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 16 Kahu Road, Christchurch  
Phone: +64 3 348 6190  
Internet: [www.riccartonhouse.co.nz](http://www.riccartonhouse.co.nz)  
Email: [info@localatriccartonhouse.co.nz](mailto:info@localatriccartonhouse.co.nz)

### Untouched World Kitchen

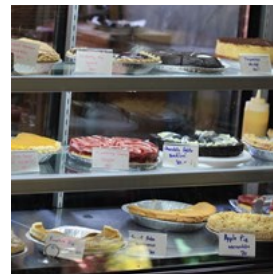


Untouched World Kitchen is one of the country's leading organic eateries. The food is prepared with the freshest seasonal produce and organic

when possible. Besides the outstanding food, diners can enjoy the courtyard garden, which is inspired by the New Zealand countryside with running water, ferns and native trees.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 155 Roydvale Avenue, Christchurch  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-4pm, Sat & Sun 9am-4pm  
Phone: +64 3 357 9499  
Internet: [www.untouchedworld.com/cafe](http://www.untouchedworld.com/cafe)  
Email: [info@untouchedworld.com](mailto:info@untouchedworld.com)

### The Raspberry Cafe



Located 25 minutes drive south of Christchurch this is the place to satisfy your sweet tooth. With a brilliant local reputation this is the perfect place to relax, have a leisurely lunch and in the summer time you can pick raspberries, strawberries and blueberries from the fields behind the café.

Photo: aodaodaodaod/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 40 Rhodes Road, Selwyn  
Opening hours: November to February: daily 9am-4:30pm.  
March to October: Wed-Sun 9am-4:30pm, Mon & Tue closed  
Phone: +64 3 329 6979  
Internet: [www.raspberrycafe.co.nz](http://www.raspberrycafe.co.nz)  
Email: [theraspberrycafe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:theraspberrycafe@xtra.co.nz)

### Dunsandel Café & Store



The perfect place to stop on your way south of Christchurch. Situated 40km south on Main South Road is a must stop. It combines an old-fashioned country store with a much acclaimed and loved café. The deli counter is loaded with house-made savoury food, cakes and slices while the seasonal café menu features simple yet sophisticated food.

Photo: Barbara Dudzinska/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Kanes Road, Dunsandel

Opening hours: Daily 7am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 325 4037

Internet: [www.dunsandelstore.co.nz](http://www.dunsandelstore.co.nz)

### She Chocolaterie



She Chocolaterie serves up an impressive selection of chocolate desserts and drinks, and has earned a spot in the Lonely Planet Top 10

culinary guide. You can watch the Chocolate Alchemists crafting their sweet delights on-site — or you could opt for the popular weekly Chocolate and Culinary Tour. The signature Chocolate Elixir is strong, rich, and exactly as stated on the menu. Pair that with a chocolate raspberry ball that isn't too sweet, and you've got a treat that truly hits the spot.

Photo: Happy Together/Shutterstock.com

Address: 84 Cashel Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 22 590 3350

Internet: [sheuniverse.co.nz](http://sheuniverse.co.nz)

### Nor'Wester Cafe



The multi award winning Nor' Wester - restaurant, wine bar & café, situated in the heart of rural town Amberley, creates an opportunity to indulge all

your senses. Less than an hour drive from Christchurch it has been serving beautiful food, fine wine and good coffee since 1997.

Photo: tongcom photographer/Shutterstock.com

Address: 95 Carters Road, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily from 9am

Phone: +64 3 314 9411

Internet: [www.norwestercafe.co.nz](http://www.norwestercafe.co.nz)

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

### C1 Espresso



Finding its home in Christchurch's old post office building from the 1930s, this cafe has become a Christchurch institution. If hungry, try

one of the mouth-watering dishes such as pan fried prawns or chicken Caesar salad. Portion size permitting, your order will be delivered in a playfully retro manner — via pneumatic tubes! A place full of character, excellent coffee, friendly staff and welcoming atmosphere.

Photo: Stockforlife/Shutterstock.com

Address: 185 High Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-9pm, Sat & Sun 7am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 379 1917

Internet: [coffee.c1espresso.co.nz](http://coffee.c1espresso.co.nz)

Email: [hello@c1espresso.co.nz](mailto:hello@c1espresso.co.nz)

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Visitors to this evolving city are spoiled for choice! From refurbished shipping containers to casino and music venues, Christchurch has a great range of bars and an exciting nightlife. Enjoy a quiet cocktail or dance the night away, you will for sure find your favourite place in the CBD or in the surrounding suburbs.

### Belgian Beer Café Torenhof



It's in a brand new spot, but the Belgian Beer Café Torenhof is bringing back great things! The owners have managed to create a lovely atmosphere inside,

thanks to wood panelling recovered from the original bar, along with glasses and the odd fixture.

The Torenhof's selection of beers is impressive, with two dozen varieties on offer. There is also a good selection of Kiwi wines, but with this much beer on offer, you don't need wine.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com

Address: 20 Durham Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Tue-Fri noon-late, Sat & Sun 11am-late

Phone: +64 3 377 1007

Internet: [www.belgianbeercafe.net.nz](http://www.belgianbeercafe.net.nz)

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

### Wunderbar



Take a journey to nearby Lyttleton to view the eccentric decor of the Wunderbar and soak in the atmosphere of this unique venue. The

Wunderbar prides itself on oddity and is one of the most unique bars in New Zealand. People come from afar to see the infamous dollheads and other strange items and antiques scattered throughout.

Photo: iDStock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19 London Street, Lyttleton

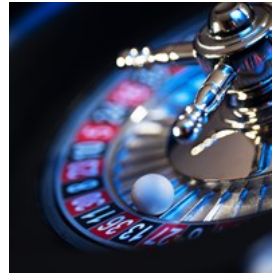
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5pm-late, Sat & Sun 1pm-late

Phone: +64 3 328 8818

Internet: [www.wunderbar.co.nz](http://www.wunderbar.co.nz)

Email: [wunderbar.lyttelton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wunderbar.lyttelton@xtra.co.nz)

### Christchurch Casino



36 game tables, 500 slot machines, beautiful lounge areas and friendly, service minded staff, these are just a few of the things you can look

forward to when visiting the Christchurch Casino.

When you get tired of playing games, you can sit down and have a fancy cocktail at the Diamond Bar, under the glow of 3,500 overhead shimmering crystals. When hunger and the need for sport strike, head upstairs to the Monza Sports bar!

Filled with dark wood, leather booths, giant flat screens including a 140+” LCD Wall, enormous 1/2 metre pizzas, tasty BBQ ribs and a full bar, it's no surprise that this is Christchurch's hottest sports venue!

Photo: Chodyra Mike/Shutterstock.com

Address: 30 Victoria Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-3am, non-stop from Fri 11am until Mon 3am

Phone: +64 3 365 9999

Internet: [www.chchcasino.co.nz](http://www.chchcasino.co.nz)

### No.4 Bar



No4 is a bar located in a 1920's villa in a friendly neighbourhood with a lively ambience. This friendly neighbourhood gastropub boasts a lively

atmosphere throughout the week and into the weekend.

They offer great indoor/outdoor areas for catching up with friends and family, or groups



will enjoy one of our many function areas. A fantastic venue for both summer and winter, you can relax in a candlelit corner of the restaurant, pull up the couch in the snug library or celebrate with friends in one of our outdoor heated courtyards.

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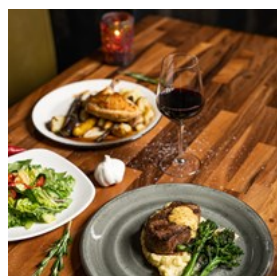
Address: 4 Mansfield Avenue, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-late, Sat & Sun 9am-late

Phone: +64 3 355 3720

Internet: [www.no4bar.co.nz](http://www.no4bar.co.nz)

### Carlton Bar & Steakhouse



As one of Christchurch's most beloved bars, Carlton never fails to deliver on great food, top-notch entertainment and live music. Steeped

in a rich history that stretches back 160 years, today's Carlton offers a taste of Canterbury's past. It's a tribute to the early farmers, stockmen and colourful characters who pioneered the Christchurch and Canterbury region.

This eclectic, modern outpost dishes up more than just drinks — expect a meat-lover's paradise, from premium steaks to a fine selection of charcuterie and wings.

Photo: Hybrid Storytellers/unsplash

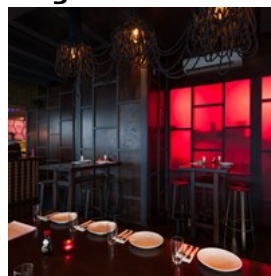
Address: 1 Papanui Road, Merivale, Christchurch

Phone: +64 3 355 9543

Internet: [carltonbar.co.nz](http://carltonbar.co.nz)

Email: [foodandbeverage@carltonbar.co.nz](mailto:foodandbeverage@carltonbar.co.nz)

### King of Snake



Cool, dark interior, interesting wallpaper, various seating options, great bar and terrific food, King of Snake is pumping most nights!

King of Snake titillates Christchurch's Victoria Street precinct with a timeless paean to Southeast Asian sensuality.

Mirrors frame the walls to create an illusion of space, with skulls featuring heavily in the form of wallpaper and business card holders. The owners have also made excellent use of texture and colour in both the restaurant and bar.

Best you go see for yourself!

Photo: King of Snake

Address: 145 Victoria Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily noon-late

Phone: +64 3 365 7363

Internet: [www.kingofsnake.co.nz](http://www.kingofsnake.co.nz)

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

### Aikmans Bar & Eatery



One of the hottest spots in Christchurch, Aikman's is a local favourite and is the ideal venue for a relaxed catch up with friends at the bar.

Seamless indoor outdoor flow makes this a great year round venue, with cosy outdoor fire and courtyard seating to complement the plush interiors.

Photo: Tsuguliev/Shutterstock.com

Address: 154 Aikmans Road, Merivale, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 10am-late

Phone: +46 3 961 6545

Internet: [www.aikmans.nz](http://www.aikmans.nz)

Email: aikmans@jdvgroup.co.nz

### The Fox — Riccarton



Looking for a big night out? Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights regularly feature live entertainment and events. If you like to sing, then pop in on a Thursday when they have karaoke nights. During the week, The Fox is a great chill out bar with delicious food and a great place to watch the rugby.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: 28 Rotherham Street, Riccarton, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 11am-late

Phone: +46 3 348 6677

Internet: [www.instagram.com/foxricc](https://www.instagram.com/foxricc)

Email: [office@foxriccarton.co.nz](mailto:office@foxriccarton.co.nz)

More Info: Also known as The Fox & Ferret

### The Fox & Ferret — The Palms



Welcome to The Fox & Ferret — a modern gastro pub tucked away in The Palms shopping mall. This pub takes pride in serving up hearty food and a

selection of fine local and international ales. But it doesn't stop there: every Friday and Saturday, the pub comes alive with live music. So, make sure to swing by before 10pm and dance the night away. And for the sports enthusiasts out there, they've got live sport on the TV to keep you in the loop.

Photo: Nestor Rizhniak/Shutterstock.com

Address: Palms Shopping Centre, 1 New Brighton Road, Shirley, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 11am-late

Phone: +46 3 385 9955

Internet: [www.foxpalms.co.nz](http://www.foxpalms.co.nz)

Email: [palms@foxandferret.co.nz](mailto:palms@foxandferret.co.nz)

### Pomeroy's Historic Brewery Inn



Even as you step in the door you can already tell that there is a story to be told. Vases of fresh flowers and the smell of home cooking add to the

atmosphere of a cosy lounge that keeps you coming back for more. Recently declared a No.1 heritage site, inner city history is alive and well at Pomeroy's.

Pomeroy's takes joy from presenting patrons with over 31 taps of prize-winning beers and wines of local and international suppliers.

Photo: Lyudvig Aristarhovich/Shutterstock.com

Address: 292 Kilmore Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon 3pm-10pm, Tue-Thu 3pm-11pm, Fri & Sat noon-11pm, Sun noon-10pm

Phone: +46 3 365 1523

Internet: [www.pomeroysonkilmore.co.nz](http://www.pomeroysonkilmore.co.nz)

### Morrell & Co.



It all started with a cherished childhood memory — homemade meatballs, the Friday night staple on the farm. Fast forward a few years,

and this love for meatballs combined with an unshakeable passion for cold beer and hearty banter with mates. This winning trio forms the heart of Morrell & Co., encapsulated in their ethos — 'Cold beer, hot food, good times'.

Morrell & Co. isn't just a bar — it's a relaxed haven for beer lovers. Plus, its prime location near the Court Theatre and Rugby Stadium adds an extra layer of convenience to your visit.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 280 Lincoln Road, Christchurch  
Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-late  
Phone: +46 3 423 1440  
Internet: [www.morrellandco.co.nz](http://www.morrellandco.co.nz)  
Email: [events@morrellandco.co.nz](mailto:events@morrellandco.co.nz)

### The Pedal Pusher



The Pedal Pusher is a nod to the good ol' days of cycling and escaping the rat race. This bar sets out to help you relax and have a good time! Come in for a drink and some delicious nibbles and take in the interesting decor of the place.

Photo: DisobeyArt/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 284 Lincoln Road, Christchurch  
Opening hours: Daily 9am-late  
Phone: +46 3 335 0095  
Internet: [www.thepedalpusher.co.nz](http://www.thepedalpusher.co.nz)  
Email: [manager@thepedalpusher.co.nz](mailto:manager@thepedalpusher.co.nz)

### The Craic Irish Bar



The Craic Irish Bar is a great little niche for you to make yourself comfortable and have a big night out. The Greatest little Pub in Christchurch, inspired by the Irish tradition of live music and a warm friendly atmosphere. The Craic will root itself in your mind as a great little place to come and relax with entertainment five nights a week.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 84B Riccarton Road, Christchurch  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-late, Sat & Sun 11am-late  
Phone: +46 3 343 4657  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/the\\_craic\\_riccarton](https://www.instagram.com/the_craic_riccarton)  
Email: [info@thecraicirishbar.co.nz](mailto:info@thecraicirishbar.co.nz)

### Cocopelli



One of the many bars that makes up The Palms nightlife is Cocopelli! Try one of their renowned cocktails such as the Mango Daiquiri and just hang around to enjoy a good night. Also known for their generously topped gourmet pizzas, perfect if you are feeling hungry.

Photo: AlessandroBiascioli/Shutterstock.com  
Address: New Brighton Road, Christchurch  
Opening hours: Daily 11am-late  
Phone: +46 3 386 2220  
Internet: [www.cocopelli.co.nz](http://www.cocopelli.co.nz)  
Email: [info@cocopelli.co.nz](mailto:info@cocopelli.co.nz)

### Darkroom Bar



Christchurch's cool crowd is flocking to the Darkroom. Its incognito location makes you feel like you're part of a secret society and, as the name suggests, the place is a little on the dark side.

The owners have made good use of the small space with free gigs happening every weekend. There is a great selection of New Zealand craft beers, wine and cocktails.

Photo: Talita Nicolielo/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 336 St Asaph Street, Christchurch  
Opening hours: Thu-Sat 7pm-late  
Phone: +46 3 974 2425  
Internet: [www.darkroombar.co.nz](http://www.darkroombar.co.nz)  
Email: [info@darkroom.bar](mailto:info@darkroom.bar)



### Bailies Bar



Bailies isn't just a bar — it's a lively meeting place serving up tasty fare. Whether you're catching up with friends, kicking off a day or evening out,

or savouring a leisurely meal, Bailies hits the mark. Expect a wide array of top-brand ales and a curated selection of wines to complement your food. This easygoing watering hole exudes a relaxed vibe, offering elevated pub grub and a brunch menu.

Photo: David Prah/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1066 Colombo Street, St Albans, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 11am-late

Phone: +46 3 366 5159

Internet: [bailiesbar.co.nz](http://bailiesbar.co.nz)

### The Last Word



The Last Word is an intimate whiskey and cocktail lounge in historic New Regent Street, a beautiful 1930s street of Spanish Mission-style

buildings. This is the perfect place for a really, really good drink and the most chilled atmosphere in Christchurch.

Photo: IVASHstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 31 New Regent Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 4pm-11pm, Thu & Fri 4pm-late, Sat 4pm-2am, Sun flexible

Phone: +64 22 094 7445

Internet: [www.lastword.co.nz](http://www.lastword.co.nz)

Email: [hello@lastword.nz](mailto:hello@lastword.nz)

More Info: Strictly seated service only. The bar cannot accommodate large groups in their limited space.

## SHOPPING



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Pedestrianised streets, outdoor markets and indoor shopping malls mean Christchurch is an ideal shopping destination, where you can find everything from traditional New Zealand arts and crafts to the latest designer fashions.

Innovative and modern shopping hubs like The Tannery and The Colombo are Christchurch's main shopping centres. The cobbled street of New Regent is also home to a great mix of boutique shops.

Individual shopping highlights include Ballantynes Department Store. This historic store dates from 1854, and is still a popular one-stop shopping destination for designer fashions and luxury goods. The Artisan Market is a weekly highlight held every Sunday at Riccarton Bush, you'll find a range of jewellery, arts, crafts and culinary delights.

The large, indoor shopping malls are located in the city suburbs, and are all connected with the Orbiter and Metro bus services. Westfield Mall, in Riccarton, is the largest mall in the South Island with 200 stores, and Merivale Mall is home to a range of excellent boutique shops with high-quality jewellery and gifts.

### Stencil



Located in the container mall, The Colombo, Stencil boasts fine apparel, footwear and design classics. Stocking the best of national and

international brands in Christchurch for as long as one can remember. Brands such as Nudie, Nike, Adidas, New Balance, Puma, Vans, Converse and Happy Socks to name a few, are all here.

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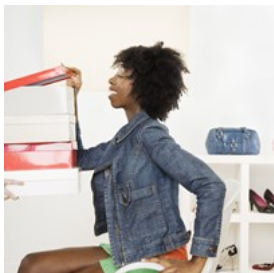
Address: 363 Colombo Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm, Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 374 6134

Internet: stencil.co.nz

### Andrea Biani



With a large variety of quality European, Californian and Australian footwear, you will for sure find a favourite pair. Andrea

Biani is always ahead when it comes to fashion for both women and men. The brands you will find here are Django & Juliette, Diesel, Rolli, Senso, Superga, Mollini, Jeffrey Campbell to name a few.

Photo: Blend Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Crossing, 166 Cashel Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 377 8832

Internet: www.andreabianishop.co.nz

More Info: Andrea Biani has four shops in Christchurch

### HAPA



HAPA is a Design store that offers a range of carefully selected unique products, mostly handmade and locally produced in New

Zealand. Here you will find everything from gifts, jewellery to homewares, accessories, baby gear, men's gifts, watches and stationery — everything you need for any occasion (birthdays, weddings, baby showers, anniversaries, farewells, and more).

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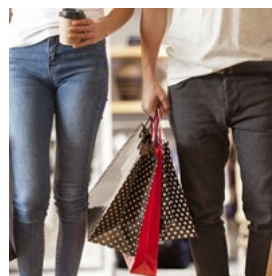
Address: The BNZ Centre, 111 Cashel Street, Christchurch

Phone: +64 3 260 0599

Internet: hapa.co.nz

Email: hello@hapa.co.nz

### Infinite Definite



Infinite Definite operates in the heart of Christchurch in the city's fashion quarter. The shop stocks the best designers from New Zealand and

across the globe for men and women. Here you will find a mix of hand sourced fashion, footwear and accessories. Fashion lovers can expect brands such as Twenty Seven Names, Meadowlark, Beau Coops, Kowtow, Wood Wood and much more.

Photo: sebra/Shutterstock.com

Address: 246 High Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5:30pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 371 7465

Internet: infinitedefinite.com

Email: info@infinitedefinite.com

## RUBY



RUBY collections are beloved for their effortless confidence, sense of fun and quirkiness. With streetwear origins, the label has matured rapidly under the direction of designer Deanna Didovich to become one of New Zealand's most exciting fashion brands.

Photo: Becca McHaffie/unsplash

Address: The Crossing, Shop 9, Market Lane, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5:30pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 365 1512

Internet: rubynz.com

Email: christchurch@rubynz.com

## Scorpio Books



Established over 40 years ago, this independent bookshop is a Christchurch institution. It is the place to go to browse and buy books.

With old-fashioned leather library chairs strategically placed around the shop, it is easy to spend hours here. Scorpio Books' collection ranges from quality fiction and crime to comprehensive and diverse topics.

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Address: 120 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 379 2882

Internet: scorpiobooks.co.nz

Email: enquiry@scorpiobooks.co.nz

## Simply New Zealand



The Simply New Zealand brand has a wide range of products catering for both locals and visitors, regional and international, to

Christchurch and this exciting store will offer a comprehensive selection of New Zealand giftware, jewellery, knitwear, T-shirts, clothing accessories and memorabilia. Find their products at The Gift Company shop and Explore store at Christchurch Airport.

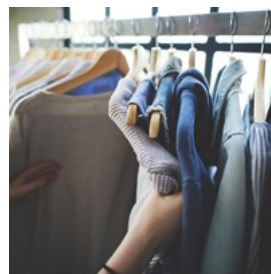
Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Christchurch Airport

Opening hours: Daily 4am-6pm

Internet: [www.simplynewzealand.com](http://www.simplynewzealand.com)

## STORM



New Zealand label Storm is famous for its trend-led, affordable styles and moody palette. Storm is a boutique label for women of all ages who

value their individuality — but not at any price. Here you will find both clothes and accessories for every occasion.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: Merivale Mall, Shop 16, 189 Papanui Road, Merivale, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Wed, Fri & Sat 9am-6pm; Thu 9am-7pm; Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 355 9788

Internet: [www.stormonline.com](http://www.stormonline.com)



### Contemporary Lounge



The Contemporary Lounge combines all that is great about fashion for men and women. This international fashion concept is a unique mix of

retail elements offering a shopping experience like no other, for those among us who demand the latest, hottest looks. Shop for high fashion, streetwear, the latest in footwear and accessories.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Ballantynes, 1st floor, 663 Colombo Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 379 7400

Internet: [www.ballantynes.co.nz/contemporary-lounge](http://www.ballantynes.co.nz/contemporary-lounge)

### Barkers



Since Ray Barker opened his first store in 1972, Barkers has become the go-to brand for effortlessly stylish men's clothing, footwear and accessories. Barkers has been operating in Christchurch for over 20 years and this is the store to head for when looking for quality items.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Crossing, 690 Colombo Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-6pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 260 3297

Internet: [www.barkersonline.co.nz](http://www.barkersonline.co.nz)

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

### Sergios



Stocking international brands, at Sergios you will find the latest men's suits, clothing, footwear, wedding suits, suit hire and accessories for men

in Christchurch. They offer a full made to measure service along with an expert tailoring service for clothing repairs and adjustments.

Photo: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 78 Cashel Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 375 4490

Internet: [www.sergios.co.nz](http://www.sergios.co.nz)

Email: [shop@sergios.co.nz](mailto:shop@sergios.co.nz)

### Photo & Video International



Located at Merivale Mall, Photo & Video

International stock and sell new and used photographic and video equipment to both

amateurs and professionals. They also stock a complete range of accessories and consumable items such as filters, film, paper and chemistry, etc. Stop by to get some film for your cinematic shots.

Photo: The Ian/unsplash

Address: Merivale Mall, Level 1, 189 Papanui Road, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 3 355 7534

Internet: [www.photo.co.nz](http://www.photo.co.nz)

Email: [teaboy@photo.co.nz](mailto:teaboy@photo.co.nz)

### The Tannery



Among Christchurch's post-quake triumphs stands The Tannery, boasting world-class beer and food, entertainment, and boutique shopping,

all in a uniquely atmospheric location. It's a place that anticipates your every desire, with over 50 outlets including shops, restaurants, bars, and even a cinema. Whether you're on the hunt for the latest fashion, unique homeware, glittering jewellery, or local crafts — The Tannery has you covered.

Photo: Genesis Buckley/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr (upscaled & cropped)

Address: 3 Garlands Road, Woolston, Christchurch

Opening hours: Daily 10am–5pm

Phone: +64 800 482 6637

Internet: [thetannery.co.nz](http://thetannery.co.nz)

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

### Ballantynes Department Store



Well known for being the place to go for leading brands and labels, Ballantynes has a long association in the Canterbury region as a

retailer of quality products for both women and men. At this department store you will find basically everything: they have clothes, accessories, lingerie, footwear, jewellery, beauty products, home items, including gifts and children wear.

Photo: plantic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Cashel Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9am–5:30pm, Sat 9am–5pm, Sun 10am–5pm

Phone: +64 3 379 7400

Internet: [www.ballantynes.co.nz](http://www.ballantynes.co.nz)

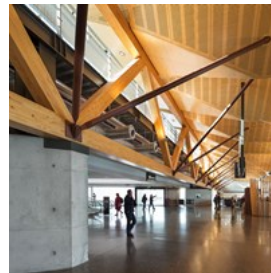
Email: [service@Ballantynes.co.nz](mailto:service@Ballantynes.co.nz)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Christchurch Airport (CHC)



Christchurch Airport is New Zealand's second largest airport.

Christchurch city is a short 15 minutes' drive (9.4 km) from the airport

and several transport options are available from outside the terminal including rental cars, taxis, shuttles and buses.

Regular Metro Red Bus services connect the airport to the city centre such as the Purple Line and the number 29 buses. You can buy tickets from the driver when boarding the bus. You can catch the bus from the northern end of the International Arrivals Hall (between the terminal and the long-term car park). The Purple Line and number 29 runs seven days a week.

Taxis and rental cars are also available at the airport. The major rental car brands are all situated within the International Arrivals Hall (close to the domestic baggage reclaim).

Photo: Daniel Elias/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Christchurch International Airport

Internet: [www.christchurchairport.co.nz](http://www.christchurchairport.co.nz)

## Passport/Visa



Citizens of Australia and the UK, as well as visa waiver countries, do not need to apply for a visa for short visitor stays, but may need to produce documented proof of onward travel.

Visa waiver countries include the USA and multiple countries across Europe and Asia, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, and Vatican City.

Since 2019, travellers that are visa waiver must request a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA) prior to travel. It is mandatory for all sea and air arrivals, including transit. The issued authorisation is valid for two years.

Citizens of other countries will need to apply for a visa in advance, which can be done online for solo travellers and in paper format for those travelling with a partner or as a group. The applicant's passport validity in this case will need to last 3 months after the planned departure date.

Photo: mana5280/unsplash

Internet: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa\\_policy\\_of\\_New\\_Zealand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_New_Zealand)

## Best Time to Visit



Christchurch is an all-year destination. During the summer season, December to February, Christchurch can get high

temperatures with an average temperature of 21–23°C (70°F). The daylight can last up until 9:30 pm during this period. December, February and March is the peak season, it is also in December and January many domestic travellers have their holiday since the schools are closed. If you decide to visit Christchurch during this season, you probably need to book in advance since it is not easy to find accommodation.

If you prefer the winter season, then June to August are good months to visit. Winter in Canterbury is beautiful and it becomes a true winter wonderland. With good ski areas and a wide range of après activities, you will find yourself busy during this season.

Photo: Karissa Best/unsplash

## Public Transport



Public transport in Christchurch consists of bus services operated by two bus companies supported by a ferry, all jointly marketed as

Metro.

The Orbiter service travels past all the major suburban shopping centres in Christchurch and other services can take you to the city arriving at Central Station and onto the seaside village of



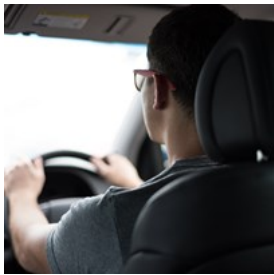
Sumner, surf beach at New Brighton, Sign of the Takahe in Cashmere and into the country to Lincoln and Rangiora as well as many other areas around Christchurch city.

Most hotels in the city also offer free rental bicycles for guests.

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Internet: [ccc.govt.nz/transport/getting-around/bus](http://ccc.govt.nz/transport/getting-around/bus)

### Taxi



Numerous taxi companies operate throughout Christchurch. Zoomy, Ola NZ and Uber rideshare apps are a convenient way to find a ride, too.

Photo: Art Markiv/unsplash

Address: Blue Star Taxis

Phone: +64 3 3799 799

Internet: [www.bluestartaxis.org.nz](http://www.bluestartaxis.org.nz)

### Post



Post offices in Christchurch are run by NZ Post, providing several services throughout the town. The offices have a red sign on the outside, with New Zealand Post written on.

One of the post offices in the city is South City PostShop where you can post parcels, letters and purchase postage.

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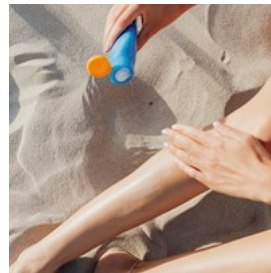
Address: NZ Post Centre Sydenham, 359 Colombo Street, Christchurch

Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 9am-5pm; Wed 9am-noon; Sat & Sun 10am-4pm

Phone: +64 3 983 1425

Internet: [www.nzpost.co.nz](http://www.nzpost.co.nz)

### Pharmacy



Pharmacies, often referred to as 'chemists' in New Zealand, are typically open during standard retail hours, generally 9 am to 5:30

pm on weekdays. However, hours can extend to late evenings and weekends in larger cities and shopping centres.

New Zealand's largest pharmacy chains are Unichem and Life Pharmacy, with stores spread nationwide. These pharmacies stock a wide range of over-the-counter medicines, healthcare products, and often provide additional services like flu vaccinations.

Photo: Karolina Grabowska/pexels

Address: Unichem, 3/111 Cashel Street, Christchurch

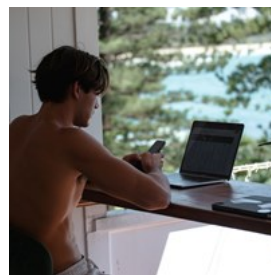
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5:30pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +46 3 595 1289

Internet: [www.cashelpharmacy.co.nz](http://www.cashelpharmacy.co.nz)

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

### Telephone



Country code: +64 Area code: 03

Photo: Mark Broadhead/unsplash

## Electricity



New Zealand operates on a 230/240V supply voltage and 50Hz frequency. The country uses Type I power plugs, which feature two flat

pins forming a 'V' shape, along with a grounding pin. This standard is also commonly used in Australia, Argentina, China, and several Pacific island nations. Remember to pack a universal adapter if your devices use a different plug type to ensure hassle-free charging.

Photo: Mitchell Luo/unsplash

## Population

377,900 (2022)

## Currency

New Zealand Dollar (NZD) = 100 cents

## Opening hours

Most shops are normally open from 9 am to 5 pm with bigger malls staying open till 6 pm Saturday to Wednesday and 9 pm on Thursday and Friday.

## Internet

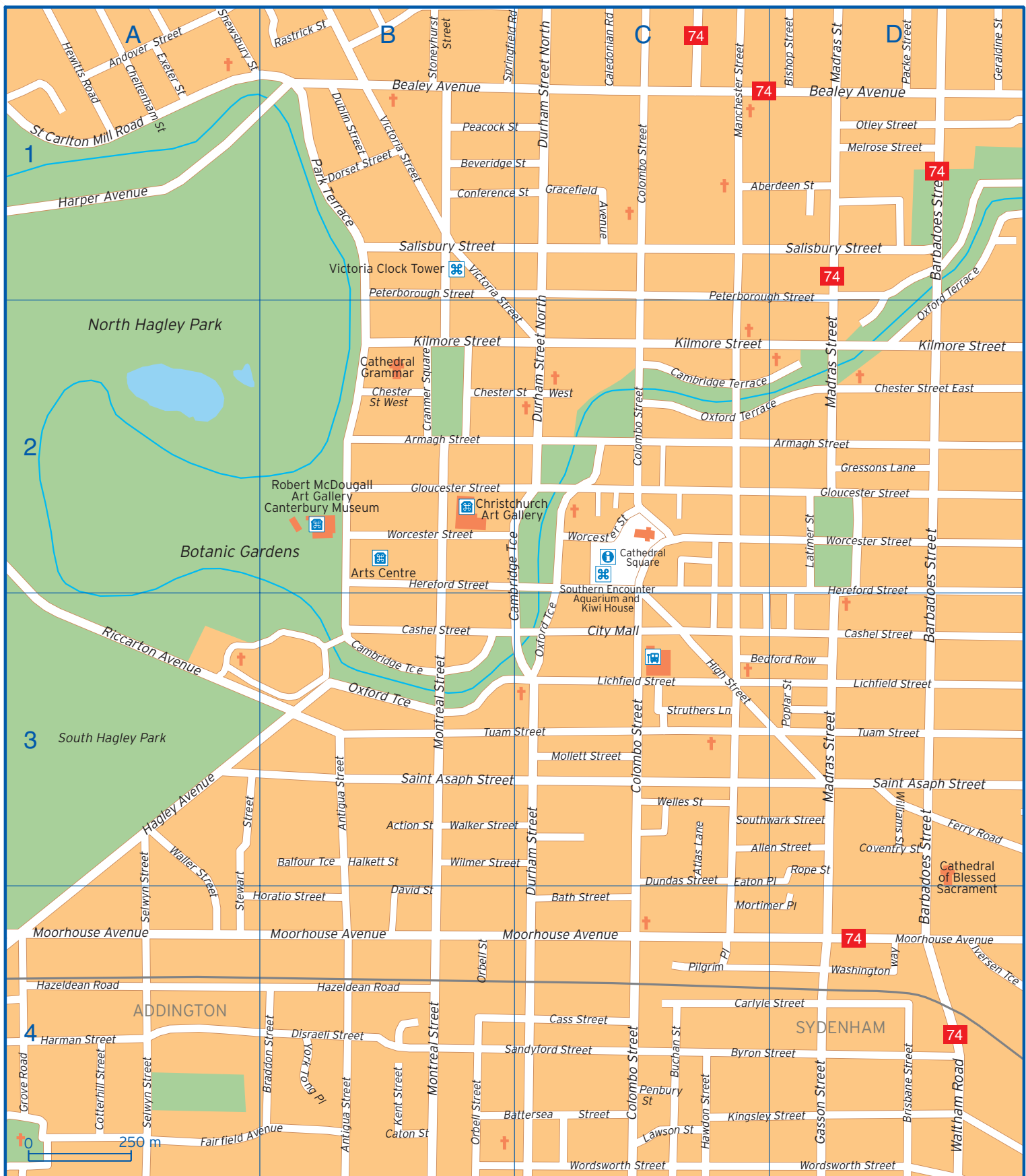
[www.christchurchnz.com](http://www.christchurchnz.com)  
[www.newzealand.com/int/christchurch](http://www.newzealand.com/int/christchurch)

## Newspapers

The Press (daily regional) — [www.thepress.co.nz](http://www.thepress.co.nz)  
New Zealand Herald (daily national) — [www.nzherald.co.nz](http://www.nzherald.co.nz)

## Emergency numbers

Police, Fire and Ambulance: 111





Aberdeen Street	C1 D1	Dublin Street	B1	Mortimer Place	C4 D4
Action Street	B3	Dundas Street	C3	Orbell Street	B4
Allen Street	C3 D3	Durham Street	C3 C4	Otley Street	D1
Andover Street	A1	Durham Street North	C1 C2	Oxford Terrace	C2 D1 D2
Antigua Street	B3 B4	Eaton Place	C3 D3	Packe Street	D1
Armagh Street	B2 D2	Exeter Street	A1	Park Terrace	B1
Atlas Lane	C3	Fairfield Avenue	A4 B4	Peacock Street	B1 C1
Balfour Terrace	B3	Ferry Road	D3	Penbury Street	C4
Barbadoes Street	D1 D2 D3 D4	Gasson Street	D4	Peterborough Street	B1 C1 D2
Bath Street	C4	Geraldine Street	D1	Pilgrim Place	C4
Battersea Street	B4 C4	Gloucester Street	B2 D2	Poplar Street	D3
Bealey Avenue	B1 D1	Gracefield Avenue	C1	Rastrick Street	B1
Bedford Row	C3 D3	Gressons Lane	D2	Riccarton Avenue	A3
Beveridge Street	B1 C1	Grove Road	A4	Rope Street	D3
Bishop Street	D1	Hagley Avenue	A3	Saint Asaph Street	B3 D3
Braddon Street	B4	Halkett Street	B3	Saint Carlton Mill Road	A1
Brisbane Street	D4	Harman Street	A4	Salisbury Street	B1 D1
Buchan Street	C4	Harper Avenue	A1	Sandyford Street	B4 C4
Byron Street	C4 D4	Hawdon Street	C4	Selwyn Street	A3 A4
Caledonian Road	C1	Hazeldean Road	A4 B4	Shewsbury Street	A1
Cambridge Terrace	B3 C2 C3	Hereford Street	B2 D3	Southwark Street	C3 D3
Carlyle Street	C4 D4	Hewitts Road	A1	Springfield Road	B1 C1
Cashel Street	B3 D3	High Street	C3	Stewart Street	A3 A4
Cass Street	C4	Horatio Street	A4 B4	Stoneyhurst Street	B1
Cathedral Square	C2	Iversen Terrace	D4	Struthers Lane	C3
Caton Street	B4	Kent Street	B4	Tuam Street	B3 C3 D3
Cheltenham Street	A1	Kilmore Street	B2 C2 D2	Victoria Street	B1 C2
Chester Street East	B2 C2 D2	Kingsley Street	C4 D4	Walker Street	B3 C3
City Mall	C3	Latimer Street	D2	Waller Street	A3 A4
Colombo Street	C1 C2 C3 C4	Lawson Street	C4	Waltham Road	D4
Conference Street	B1 C1	Lichfield Street	B3 C3 D3	Washington Way	D4
Cotterhill Street	A4	Madras Street	D1 D2 D3	Welles Street	C3
Coventry Street	D3	Manchester Street	C1	Williams Street	D3
Cranmer Square	B2	Melrose Street	D1	Wilmer Street	B3 C3
David Street	B4	Mollett Street	C3	Worcester Street	B2 C2 D2
Disraeli Street	B4	Montreal Street	B3 B4	Wordsworth Street	C4 D4
Dorset Street	B1	Moorhouse Avenue	A4 B4 C4 D4	York Tong Place	B4