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Christchurch, located in the province (region) of Canterbury, is the largest city on the South Island, yet remains a friendly and welcoming city compact enough to easily explore on foot or bicycle.

Following the 2010-2011 earthquakes, Christchurch has re-emerged as a lively, ever-changing city and it is better than ever. A unique destination where creativity and innovation flow and where city's hospitality and arts scenes have really taken off. Christchurch, a city like no other, is an inspiring city in transition making it an exciting place to explore.



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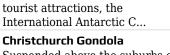


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# **CHRISTCHURCH CITY**



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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 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.

Known traditionally as "The Garden City", 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 has been rebuilding and revitalizing 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 sustainable and envionmental issues, Christchurch is embracing it's 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, bungy 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 Café overlooking the beautiful Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

Photo: Tupungato/Shutterstock.com Address: Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch Opening hours: Open everyday except Christmas Day. April -September: 9am - 5pm, October - March: 9am - 5.30pm Phone: +64 3 366 5000 Internet: www.canterburymuseum.com Email: info@canterburymuseum.com More Info: Canterbury Museum is located next to the Christchurch Botanic Gardens and opposite the Arts Centre on Worcester Boulevard. Free entrance.

#### 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, 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: Creativa Images/Shutterstock.com Address: 2 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch Opening hours: Summer: 9am – 6pm (1st October to 31st March) Winter: 10am – 4pm (1st April to 30th September) Phone: +64 3 366 0337 Internet: www.punting.co.nz Email: 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: Open every day of the year from 9am-5.30pm Phone: +64 3 357 0519 Internet: www.iceberg.co.nz Email: info@iceberg.co.nz More Info: Next to Christchurch Airport

# **Christchurch Gondola**



Suspended above the suburbs of Christchurch, the Gondola (otherwise known as a cable car) whisks you nearly a kilometer to the Crater

Rim of the Port Hills. See in the extinct volcano which exploded six million years ago, sheltering Lyttelton's sparkling harbor 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 Café.



Photo: Sergey Tarasenko/Shutterstock.com Address: 10 Bridle Path Rd Heathcote Valley, Christchurch Opening hours: The Gondola Shuttle operates daily Phone: +64 3 384 0310 Internet: www.gondola.co.nz Email: 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.

There are several different operators offering transfer between Christchuch and Akaroa.

Photo: Ludmila Ruzickova/Shutterstock.com Address: Akaroa Main Wharf, Akaroa Phone: +64 3 304 7641 Internet: www.blackcat.co.nz Email: akaroa@blackcat.co.nz

# **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 17 stops along the route. Photo: Tupungato/Shutterstock.com Address: New Regent Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Summer: 9am - 6pm daily (September -March), Winter: 10am - 5pm daily (April - August) Phone: +64 3 366 7830 Internet: www.tram.co.nz More Info: You can get on and off with your ticket throughout the day.

#### Ko Tâne



Enjoy an authentic Maori experience, where you will be greeted with a traditional powhiri (greeting), treated to a cultural performance and

where you will be able to explore the living village and wildlife reserve. Enjoy an interactive, educational and entertaining day at Ko Tâne.

Photo: Patricia Hofmeester/Shutterstock.com Address: 60 Hussey Road, Christchurch Phone: +64 3 359 6226 Internet: www.kotane.co.nz More Info: Willowbank Wildlife Reserve

#### **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: 7 Rolleston Ave, Christchurch Phone: +64 3 941 8999 Internet: www.ccc.govt.nz More Info: Christchurch Central

# **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: 105 A Heyders road, Spencerville, Christchurch Opening hours: Summer Period (1 October – 19 April): 10am – 2.30pm (last start) Open every day except Christmas, Winter Period (20 April – 30 September): 10am–2.00pm (last start) Closed Mondays and Tuesdays, except during school and public holidays.

Phone: +64 3 329 8717 Internet: www.adrenalin-forest.co.nz Email: christchurch@adrenalin-forest.co.nz More Info: Located 15 to 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: Bernard Street, Christchurch Phone: +64 3 963 0870 Internet: www.courttheatre.org.nz Email: communications@courttheatre.org.nz More Info: Located at the end of Bernard Street, off the Hagley Park end of Lincoln Road in Addington.

# Hiking and 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 offers breath-taking views, so be ready with the camera.

Photo: Tobin Akehurst/Shutterstock.com Address: Summit Road, Christchurch Phone: +64 3 326 7330 Internet: www.ccc.govt.nz

# 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 1940's 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: Sascha Burkard/Shutterstock.com Address: 45 Harvard Ave, Wigram, Christchurch Opening hours: Daily: 10am - 5pm Phone: +64 3 343 9532 Tickets: Free entrance Internet: www.airforcemuseum.co.nz Email: 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: Winter (May-September): 9.30am - 5pm, Summer (October-April): 9.30am - 7pm Phone: +64 3 359 6226 Internet: www.willowbank.co.nz Email: 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 Rd, Christchurch Opening hours: Daily: 10am - 5pm Phone: +64 3 359 7109 Internet: www.oranawildlifepark.co.nz Email: info@oranawildlifepark.co.nz

# Hassle Free – Discover Christchurch Tour



Step on board to the classic 1960's 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.

A Hop-on, Hop-off option is available at Sumner Beach and The Tannery Retail Emporium.

Photo: LuckyImages/Shutterstock.com Address: Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch Opening hours: 9am - 4pm Phone: +64 3 385 5775 Internet: www.hasslefreetours.co.nz Email: info@hasslefree.co.nz More Info: Departs from outside the Canterbury Museum

# **Re: START Container Mall**



Re:START is a shopping experience like no other, the unique shipping container retail area is brightly coloured and stunningly landscaped

and is the heart of the "Pop Up City" concept.

Re:START provides a range of quality retailers located in a cool funky city environment. Anchored by Ballantynes department store,



Re:START house many businesses previously located in the central city including Johnson's Grocery Store, Scorpio Bookstore, Cosmic, Hunters & Collectors and many others, it also has great cafés, a range of specialty gifts stores and a selection of fashion boutiques not found elsewhere.

Photo: ChameleonsEye/Shutterstock.com Address: Cashel Mall, Christchurch Opening hours: Re:Start Trading Hours Mon - Fri: 10am -5.30pm, Sat - Sun: 10am - 5.00pm, Public Holidays: 10am -5.00pm

Internet: www.restart.org.nz

# Quake City



Quake City is an attraction that uses large-scale imagery, sound and film among other features to tell the stories of the Canterbury

earthquakes with a strong emphasis on the future.

At Quake City people can see the events through large-scale imagery, view iconic objects like the top of the Christ Church Cathedral Spire and learn about the science of earthquakes.

Photo: Lakeview Images/Shutterstock.com Address: 299 Durham Street North, Christchurch Opening hours: Daily:10.00am - 5.00pm, except Christmas. Phone: +64 3 366 5000 Internet: www.canterburymuseum.com/quakecity More Info: Corner Armagh Street

#### **Christchurch Segway Tours - Urban Wheels**



The Tour begins with tuition on riding a Segaway before gliding through the Cultural Precinct which includes the Art Gallery, the Arts

Centre, the Botanic Gardens and the Museum.

Continue through Hagley Park, in use year around for Rugby, Tennis, Cricket, Golf, Netball & Jogging before heading out to the suberb of Fendalton and the historic Mona Vale Homestead and then onto Riccarton House & The Deans Cottage. This is a fun and active way of seeing the city!

Photo: Novikov Aleksey/Shutterstock.com Address: Christchurch Central, Christchurch Phone: +642 754 21887 Internet: www.urbanwheels.co.nz Email: urbanwheelsnz@gmail.com More Info: Hagley Ave.

# **Caterpillar Garden Tours**



Established in 1863, the Botanic Gardens 75 acres 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-tours 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: Bernard Spragg. NZ/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 234 Hereford St, Christchurch Internet: cardboardcathedral.org.nz More Info: Services do occur and varied times.

# THE CANTERBURY REGION – DAY & MULTI-DAY TRIPS



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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

# 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



# Arthur's Pass & Selwyn



Enjoy 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

#### Hanmer Springs & Hurunui



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.

 $Photo:\ simonharry collins/Shutterstock.com$ 

#### Kaikoura



Discover an area rich in Maori culture & history, where majestic mountains plunge into the Pacific Ocean and whales, dolphins, seals and sea birds flourish. Kaikoura 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

#### Waimakariri



20 minutes north of Christchurch discover 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

#### Mackenzie



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

towers New Zealand's highest mountain peak, Aoraki Mount Cook at 3754 meters. 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.

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# 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.

This is a very popular tour so reservations are needed.

Photo: Nanisimova/Shutterstock.com Address: 7 Tramway Lane, Christchurch Phone: +64 3 366 7830 Internet: www.christchurchattractions.nz/christchurch-tram/ christchurch-tramway-restaurant Email: office@christchurchattractions.nz. More Info: Departs daily from Tram Stop number 1, Cathedral Junction

#### **Pescatore Restaurant**



Part of the luxury hotel, The George, Pescatore translated ´fisherman´ in Italian serves equally luxurious seafood and Pacific-rim cuisine in

modern, chic surroundings. The menu is prepared according to season and with sustainable sourced ingredients by a passionate team who have gained outstanding recognition.

Photo: IVASHstudio/Shutterstock.com Address: 50 Park Terrace, Christchurch Phone: +64 3 371 0257 Internet: www.thegeorge.com Email: info@thegeorge.com More Info: At The George Hotel

# **Curator's 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 Opening hours: Open 7 Days for Lunch, Dinner & Tapas Phone: +64 3 379 2252 Internet: www.curatorshouse.co.nz Email: info@curatorshouse.co.nz More Info: Botanic Gardens



#### Leinster Rd. Bistro



The Leinster Rd. Bistro in the middle of Merivale offers a dining experience of high standard for the whole family. Here, you dine on typical New

Zealand food in elegant leather booths with a soothing music in the background. Just relax and enjoy the well-presented food, which is served by a friendly staff.

Photo: Gorodenkoff/Shutterstock.com Address: 158 Leinster Rd, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - late, Sat - Sun: Open for dinner from 5 pm Phone: +64 3 355 3055 Internet: www.leinsterbistro.com More Info: There is gluten free options available at the restaurant.

# 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 1860's 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 Boulevard, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon – Sat: 6pm onwards Phone: +64 3 377 9166 Internet: www.cooknwithgas.co.nz Email: 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: Closed Sundays & Public Holidays Phone: +64 3 359 4697 Internet: www.kinjirestaurant.com Email: info@kinjirestaurant.com

#### St Germain



For a feeling of France and the culinary delicacies, head to St Germain. Since 2008, three French brothers have served the locals of

Christchurch perfect cuisine in an elegant and cosy atmosphere. A perfect place where to enjoy authentic French cuisine and wine with friends or family. Don't forget the dessert, like the chocolate and caramel fondant.

Photo: bonchan/Shutterstock.com Address: 255 St Asaph street, Christchurch Opening hours: Tue - Sun: 6pm until late Phone: +64 3 377 7008 Internet: www.saint-germain.co.nz Email: info@saint-germain.co.nz



#### Costas Taverna



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

traditional dishes made to perfection prepared only with the freshest local and imported ingredients. Don't forget to wash it all down with one of their many Ouzos.

Photo: ARENA Creative/Shutterstock.com Address: 3/478 Cranford Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Daily: 5pm until late Phone: +64 3 352 3232 Internet: www.costastaverna.co.nz Email: cranford@costastaverna.co.nz

#### **Strawberry Fare**



Strawberry Fare is keeping it simple but still scrumptious with the best ingredients. This family run restaurant try to only use 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: 19 Bealey Ave, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 7am - late, Sat: 8.30am - late, Sun: 8.30am - late Phone: +64 3 365 4897 Internet: www.strawberryfare.com Email: liz@strawberryfare.com

#### **Spice Paragon**



Spice Paragon gives you a culinary experience in Thai cuisine. The chefs use modern cooking procedures to give the traditional dishes a funky

edge. The wooden decorated dining room and the friendly staff makes the experience complete. Spicy fresh tuna salad, pad Thai, Thai red curry tofu and wok fried spicy jungle pork are some of the dishes served here.

Photo: homelesscuisine/Shutterstock.com Address: 76 Victoria Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Sun: Dinner 5pm till late Phone: +64 3 379 0306 Internet: www.spiceparagon.co.nz Email: vicmanager@spiceparagon.co.nz More Info: Located in the corner of Riccarton & Waimairi Rd. at Bush Inn Shopping Centre,

# Winnie Bagoes Pizza Bar



A perfect hang-out for sharing a gourmet pizza with your friends. There are 21 different creative pizzas to choose from so everyone should be able

to find one to suit their flavours. If pizza isn't your favourite you will find an array of pastas and salads on the menu too.

Photo: Jyliana/Shutterstock.com Address: 2 Waterman Place Ferrymead, Christchurch Opening hours: Tue - Sun: 11am - late, Mon: from 4pm Phone: +64 3 376 4900 Internet: www.winniebagoes.co.nz Email: ferrymead@winniebagoes.co.nz



#### The Cornershop Bistro



The bistro serves European inspired dishes including contemporary New Zealand dishes such as sirloin steak, lamb burger, Greek meatballs,

slow cooked lamb shoulders and its decor makes it perfect for both a romantic dinner or a relaxing brunch. The friendly service gives a welcoming feel to any visit.

Photo: NatashaPhoto/Shutterstock.com Address: 32 Nayland St, Christchurch Opening hours: Brunch Wed - Sun: 10 - 3pm, Dinner Mon -Sun: 5.30pm - 10pm Phone: +64 3 326 6720 Internet: www.cornershopbistro.co.nz Email: Thecornershopbistro@gmail.com More Info: Corner Wakefield Ave and Nayland Street

#### King of Snake



This gem with a sensual dark red coloured dining room serves a fusion of Asian and New Zealand dishes. The atmosphere is trendy but yet casual and

the whole restaurant is thoughtfully well-designed. It can get quite busy but the service is quick and friendly. When here, try the deep fried ice cream!

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com Address: 145 Victoria Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 11.30am - late, Sat - Sun: 4pm late Phone: +64 3 365 7363 Internet: www.kingofsnake.co.nz Email: 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. At Burgers & Beers they use local ingredients to create "bloody good" burgers!

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com Address: 355 – 357 Colombo Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Daily: 11am – late Phone: +64 3 366 3339 Internet: www.burgersandbeersinc.co.nz Email: burgersandbeersinc@xtra.co.nz

#### Saggio Di Vino



"Simple and elegant cuisine" is the perfect way to describe the combination of European fare with a hint of the modern at Saggio di Vino.

While the wine list is extensive in range and quality, the menu is compact, featuring a small number of entrees and mains - illustrating the chef's confidence in brilliant choices.

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 179 Victoria Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Daily: 5pm till late Phone: +64 3 379 4006 Internet: www.saggiodivino.co.nz Email: enquiries@saggiodivino.co.nz More Info: Carlton Butchery Building



#### Fiddlesticks Restaurant & Bar



Fiddlesticks is a stylish, sociable 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 provides in-season, sensational local fare and they serve breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner.

Photo: ESB Professional/Shutterstock.com Address: 48 Worcester Boulevard, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri - 8am till late, Sat, Sun & Public holidays - 9am till late Phone: +64 3 365 0533 Internet: www.fiddlesticksbar.co.nz Email: info@fiddlesticksbar.co.nz More Info: Corner of Worcester Boulevard & Montreal Streets

# CAFÉS



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There is no shortage of great cafés in Christchurch and the inner city is bustling with good options where to have relaxing breaks 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 St., Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 7am - 5.30pm, Sat: 8.30 - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30 - 5.00pm Phone: +643 943 7360 Internet: www.undergroundcoffee.co.nz Email: info@undergroundcoffee.co.nz More Info: Sydenham

## The Villas



Situated in Christchurch's central city this charming weatherboard villa has been transformed into a special place to meet with friends. Enjoy the

sunshine in their outdoor courtyard as your recharge yourself while wandering around the city. Pop in for breakfast, lunch, dinner or just for a coffee.

Photo: Farknot Architect/Shutterstock.com Address: 290-292 Montreal Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 7am - to late, Sat - Sun: 8am - to late Phone: +64 3 365 6066 Internet: www.thevillas.co.nz

Email: info@thevillas.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 Hours: Mon – Fri: 6.30am – 5.30pm, Sat - Sun: 7am – 5.30pm, Winter Hours: Mon – Fri: 6.30am – 5pm, Sat - Sun: 7am – 5pm Phone: +64 3 366 6768 Internet: www.boatsheds.co.nz Email: 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 Email: mandy@utrv.co.nz More Info: Corner Worcester and Tancred Streets Linwood, Christchurch

#### **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 Rd, Christchurch Phone: +64 3 355 4462 More Info: Corner of Merivale Lane and Papanui Road

#### **Black Betty**



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

Email: manager@blackbetty.co.nz

# Addington Coffee Co-op



What use 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 Email: info@addingtonstore.org.nz More Info: Addington

# **Crafted Coffee Company**



Founded by Carl Sara, four times New Zealand barista winner, Crafted Coffee Company really knows how to make quality coffee. They

sources 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 Email: 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 outoor

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 till late Phone: +64 3 961 6545 Internet: www.aikmans.nz Email: aikmans@jdvgroup.co.nz

#### Joe's Garage



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

#### 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 Email: info@passengersandco.co.nz More Info: Russley



#### 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 Email: info@localatriccartonhouse.co.nz More Info: Riccarton

# Untouched World's Native Garden Cafe



Untouched World's

Native Garden Café 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 Email: info@untouchedworld.com

#### **The Rasberry 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: aodaodaod/Shutterstock.com Address: 40 Rhodes Road, Selwyn Opening hours: Nov - Feb: Daily 9am - 4.30pm. Mar - Oct: Wed - Sun 9am - 4.30pm Phone: +64 3 329 6979 Internet: www.raspberrycafe.co.nz Email: theraspberrycafe@xtra.co.nz

#### The Dunsandel Store



The perfect place to stop on your way south of Christchurch. Situated 40k 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: Mon - Sun: 7am - 5pm Phone: +64 3 325 4037 Internet: www.dunsandelstore.co.nz



# SHE Chocolat



Nestled in the stunning surrounds of Governors Bay. SHE offers an impressive selections Chocolate desserts and drinks and was listed in

the Lonely Planet Top 10 culinary guide. Visitors can watch the Chocolate Alchemists at work creating onsite or book on the popular weekly Chocolate and Culinary Tour.

Photo: Happy Together/Shutterstock.com Address: 79 Main Road, Christchurch Opening hours: Daily: 10am - 5pm Phone: +64 3 329 9825 Internet: www.shechocolat.com Email: enquiries@shechocolat.com More Info: Governors Bay

#### 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: Mon - Sun: from 9am Phone: +64 3 314 9411 Internet: www.norwestercafe.co.nz Email: info@norwestercafe.co.nz More Info: Amberley

#### C1 Espresso



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

one of the mouth-watering dishes such as pan fried prawns or chicken Caesar salad.

A place full of character, excellent coffee, friendly staff and welcoming atmosphere.

Photo: Stockforlife/Shutterstock.com Address: 185 High Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Daily: 7am - 10pm Phone: +64 3 379 1917 Internet: www.c1espresso.co.nz Email: c1@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 quite cocktail or dance the night away, you will for sure find your favourite place in the CBD or in the surrounding suburbs.



# The Last Word



The Last Word is a small, cosy bar where you can sit down for a drink in a mellow atmosphere. Located in New Regent Street it offers a delicious

selection of whiskeys and cocktails, all served by the passionate and knowledgeable staff. Pop by with some friends and enjoy a quiet drink.

Photo: donfiore/Shutterstock.com Address: 31 New Regent St, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Wed: 4pm till midnight, Thurs - Fri: 4pm till late, Saturday - 2pm till 2am, Sunday - Flexible Internet: www.lastword.co.nz Email: manager@lastword.co.nz

# 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: 12am - late, Sat: 11am - late, Sun: 11am - late Phone: +64 3 377 1007 Internet: www.belgianbeercafe.net.nz Email: info@bbcchch.co.nz More Info: Sydenham

#### 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 dolls heads and other strange items and antiques scattered throughout.

Photo: iDStock/Shutterstock.com Address: 19 London Street, Lyttleton Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 5pm to late, Sat - Sun: 1pm to late Phone: +64 3 328 8818 Internet: www.wunderbar.co.nz Email: wunderbar.lyttelton@xtra.co.nz

# **Christchurch Casino**



36 game table, 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 - Thurs: 11am - 3am, Fri: 11am open right through the weekend to Monday 3am Phone: +64 3 365 9999 Internet: 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.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 4 Mansfield Avenue, Christchurch Opening hours: Open till late Phone: +64 3 355 3720 Internet: www.no4bar.co.nz More Info: Merivale

#### **Carlton Bar and Eatery**



Carlton is one of the most popular bars in Christchurch. Carlton Bar and Eatery is the place to go for great food, great entertainment and live

music.

With a rich history that goes back 150 years, the

Carlton of today will remind you of the early days of Canterbury; the farmers, stock men and characters that were the early pioneers of the Christchurch and Canterbury region.

Photo: Danil Nevsky/Shutterstock.com Address: 1 Papanui Road, Christchurch Opening hours: Sun - Wed: 11am - 12am, Thurs - Sat: 11am -2am Phone: +64 3 355 9543 Internet: www.carltonbar.co.nz Email: office@carltonbar.co.nz More Info: Merivale

#### 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: Open till late Phone: +64 3 365 7363 Internet: www.kingofsnake.co.nz Email: info@kingofsnake.co.nz More Info: Keep an eye out, because King of Snake is tucked away.



#### Little Neighbourhood garden bar & eatery



Previously called Revival, the Little Neighbourhood Garden Bar & Eatery have recently undergone a bit of a face-lift. A great place where to catch up

with family and friends in a casual atmosphere. Not only serving local and international beers or other beverages but also serving hand crafted pizza if the hunger kicks in. Pop in on a Wednesday when they have pub quiz, or catch a live band. For a more detailed event program, see the site below.

Photo: Menna/Shutterstock.com Address: 94 Victoria Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Thurs: 4pm - late, Fri - Sun: 12pm late Phone: +46 3 379 9559 Internet: www.littleneighbourhood.co.nz Email: info@littleneighbourhood.co.nz

#### Baretta



Yet another new addition to the Christchurch nightlife, Baretta is sure to satisfy! From the moment you walk through the door you will feel like

you have stepped back to another time and place. From the exquisite interior and moody appearance, to the inviting terracotta paved courtyard – Baretta is our interpretation of a classic Italian trattoria with a Kiwi influence.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 174 St Asaph Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon – Sun: 11.30am – late Phone: +64 3 260 2600 Internet: www.baretta.co.nz Email: reservations@baretta.co.nz

#### **Aikmans Bar**



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

outoor 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 till late Phone: +46 3 961 6545 Internet: www.aikmans.nz Email: aikmans@jdvgroup.co.nz

# The Fox and Ferret - Riccarton



Looking for a big night out? Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights regularly feature live entertainment and events. If 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 St, Christchurch Opening hours: Daily: 11am - late Phone: +46 3 348 6677 Internet: www.foxriccarton.co.nz Email: office@foxriccarton.co.nz More Info: Riccarton



#### The Fox and Ferret - The Palms



A modern gastro pub, located at The Palms shopping mall, The Fox Palms proudly serves hearty pub food including a range of fine local and

international ales. Providing live music every Friday and Saturday so pop in by 10pm and dance the night away. If sport is your thing, then don't worry they have live sport on the TV.

Photo: Nestor Rizhniak/Shutterstock.com Address: 1 New Brighton Rd, Christchurch Opening hours: Open till late Phone: +46 3 385 9955 Internet: www.foxpalms.co.nz Email: palms@foxandferret.co.nz More Info: Palms Shopping Centre, Shirley

#### **Pomeroys 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 and living at Pomeroy's.

Pomeroys 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 St, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon: Closed, Tue-Thurs: from 3pm, Fri - Sat: from 12pm, Sun: from 12pm Phone: +46 3 365 1523 Internet: www.pomeroysonkilmore.co.nz

#### **Morrell and Co**



It all started with a childhood love of homemade meatballs – a Friday night favourite on the farm. Fast forward a few years and the passion

for meatballs teamed up with a fairly healthy obsession with cold beer, and a good yarn with mates. This simple trifecta became the essence of Morrell & Co "Cold beer, hot food, good times".

Morrell and Co is a great, chilled out place to get a beer. It is also conveniently located near the Court Theatre and Rugby Stadium.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com Address: 280 Lincoln Road, Christchurch Opening hours: Open till late Phone: +46 3 423 1440 Internet: www.morrellandco.co.nz Email: events@morrellandco.co.nz More Info: Addington

# **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 helps 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 Rd, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Sun: 9am - late Phone: +46 3 335 0095 Internet: www.thepedalpusher.co.nz Email: manager@thepedalpusher.co.nz More Info: Addington



#### **Sullivans Irish Pub**



Sullivans Irish Pub is not like every other Irish pub...They are the home of the World's Largest Glass of Beer. After being situated in Manchester

Street, they are now in Addington in an awesome tin building. If dancing is your thing, then this where you need to be. If not, chill out on the mezzanine floor instead!

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com Address: 291 Lincoln Rd, Christchurch Opening hours: Open till late Phone: +46 3 338 8300 More Info: Addington

# 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 - Sun: until 3am Phone: +46 3 343 4657 Internet: www.thecraicirishbar.co.nz Email: info@thecraicirishbar.co.nz More Info: Riccarton

#### 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: Mon - Sun: 11am till late Phone: +46 3 386 2220 Internet: www.cocopelli.co.nz Email: info@cocopelli.co.nz More Info: The Palms Arena, Corner of Marshlands and New Brighton Road, Shirley,

#### **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 St, Christchurch Opening hours: Thurs - Sat: 7pm - late Phone: +46 3 974 2425 Internet: www.darkroombar.co.nz Email: info@darkroom.bar



# 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 Chrsitchurch.

Notes, that they are strictly seated service only and can't accommodate large groups in their limited space.

Photo: IVASHstudio/Shutterstock.com Address: 31 New Regent Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Wed :4pm till midnight, Thurs - Fri: 4pm till late, Sat: 2pm - 2am, Sun: Flexible Phone: +46 3 928 2381 Internet: www.lastword.co.nz Email: hello@lastword.nz

# 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 such as Re:Start, The Tannery and The Colombo are

Christchuch's main shopping centres. The cobbled street of New Regent is also home to a great mix of boutique shops.

Individual shopping highlights include Ballantyne's Department Store at Re:Start Mall. 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.

# Zip Me Up



Zip Me Up Offers the most sought after New Zealand and International designers in the forefront of the industry, each showcasing a range of

unique collections. Designers such as Alice McCall, Maurie & Eve, Finders Keepers and Keepsake fill this luxury boutique store. Walk away with quality pieces that you will love for a lifetime!

Photo: Karramba Production/Shutterstock.com Address: 363 Colombo Street, Christchurch Phone: +64 3 377 78110 Internet: www.zipmeup.co.nz Email: customercare@zipmeup.co.nz



#### Stencil



Located at the container mall, The Colombo, Stencil boats 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.

Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com Address: 363 Colombo Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 9am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9am - 5pm Phone: +64 3 374 6134 Email: stencil@ihug.co.nz More Info: The Colombo

# 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. Brands you will here are Django & Juliette, Diesel, Rollie, Senso, Superga, Mollini, Jeffrey Campbell to name a few.

Photo: Blend Images/Shutterstock.com Address: 363 Colombo Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 9am - 5.30pm, Sun: 10am - 5pm Phone: +64 3 366 7979 Internet: www.andreabianishop.co.nz Email: colombo@abshoes.co.nz More Info: The Colombo

#### **HAPA ReStart**



HAPA is a Design store in a container, offering 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....).

Photo: VGstockstudio/Shutterstock.com Address: 96 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri:10am - 5.30pm, Sat - Sun: 10am -5pm Phone: +64 3 372 9335 Internet: www.hapa.co.nz Email: hello@hapa.co.nz More Info: City Mall

#### **Hunters & Collectors**



Hunters and Collectors has retailed in the Christchurch CBD for over 20 years. In this time it has seen and survived many changes in

fashion and its city retail environment. They hunt and collect the world's leading street wear labels such as G-Star, Wrangler, Lee, Diesel, Converse, Federation, Seduce, and Wish too name a few.

Starring the city's most impressive wall of jeans.

Photo: mongione/Shutterstock.com Address: Cashel St, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 10am - 5.30pm, Sat - Sun: 10am -5pm Phone: +64 3 365 3751 More Info: Re:Start Mall



# **Infinite Definite**



Operating in the heart of Christchurch in the city's fashion quarter. Stocking the best designers from New Zealand and across the globe for both 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: www.infinitedefinite.com Email: info@infinitedefinite.com

#### RUBY



RUBY collections are beloved for their effortless confidence, sense of fun and quirkiness. With street wear 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: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 6/166 Cashel St, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon-Wed: 9am - 6pm, Thurs: 9am - 8pm, Fri: 9am - 6pm, Sat-Sun: 10am - 5pm Phone: +64 3 377 3632 Internet: www.rubynz.com Email: christchurch@rubynz.com More Info: The Crossing, Shop 9, Market Lane

#### **Scorpio Books**



Established 32 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

Photo: LStockStudio/Shutterstock.com Address: 120 Hereford Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 9am - 6pm, Sat: 10am - 5pm, Sun: 10am - 5pm Phone: +64 3 379 2882 Internet: www.scorpiobooks.co.nz Email: enquiry@scorpiobooks.co.nz

#### Simply New Zealand



Simply New Zealand 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.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com Address: Cashel St, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 9am - 6pm, Sat - Sun: 9am -5.30pm Phone: +64 3 365 9776 Internet: www.simplynewzealand.com More Info: Re:Start Mall



#### 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: 263 High Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Wed: 9am - 6pm, Thurs: 9am - 8pm, Fri: 9am - 6pm, Sat: 10am - 6pm, Sun: 10am - 6pm Phone: +64 3 377 9899 Internet: www.stormonline.com/stores/christchurch-cbd

# **Comptemporary Lounge**



The Contemporary Lounge combines all that is great about fashion for both 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: 663 Colombo Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 5.30pm, Sat: 9am - 5pm, Sun: 10am - 5pm Phone: +64 3 378 1907 Internet: www.ballantynes.co.nz/contemporary-lounge-info More Info: 1st Floor Ballantynes

#### 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: 690 Colombo Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 6pm, Sat - Sun:10am - 5pm Phone: +64 3 260 3297 Internet: www.barkersonline.co.nz Email: 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: 189 Papanui Rd, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 6pm, Sat - Sun: 10am - 5pm Phone: +64 3 375 4490 Internet: www.sergios.co.nz Email: shop@sergios.co.nz More Info: 1st Floor Merivale Mall



#### 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.

Photo: AppleZoomZoom/Shutterstock.com Address: 189 Papanui Rd, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Wed: 9am - 6pm, Thurs: 9am - 7pm, Fri: 9am - 6pm, Sat: 9am-6pm, Sun: 10am - 5pm Phone: +64 3 355 7534 Internet: www.photo.co.nz Email: teaboy@photo.co.nz More Info: Merivale Mall

#### **The Tannery**



One of Christchurch's best post quake achievements the The Tannery boasts world-class beer and food, entertainment and

boutique shops on a unique and atmospheric location. They cater everyone's needs by providing more than 50 shops, restaurants, bars and a cinema and here you will find everything from fashion, homeware to jewellery and crafts.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 3 Garlands Rd, Christchurch Phone: +64 21 608 777 Internet: www.thetannery.co.nz Email: info@thetannery.co.nz More Info: Woolston

# **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 the department store you will basically find everything, they have clothes, accessories, lingerie, footwear, jewellery, beauty products, home items, including gifts and children wear.

Photo: plantic/Shutterstock.com Address: Cashel St, Christchurch Phone: +64 3 379 7400 Internet: www.ballantynes.com Email: service@Ballantynes.co.nz More Info: City Mall

# **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**



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#### **Christchurch International Airport**



Christchurch International 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 day 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: Juan Garces Address: Christchurch International Airport Internet: 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. Citizens of other countries will need to apply for a visa in advance, which can be done online for solo travelers 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.

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# 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°C - 23°C. The daylight can last up until 9:30pm 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.

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# **Public transport**



Public buses are a great way to get around while staying in Christchurch, the 3 Airport/ Sumner and 29 Airport / City bus services provide

transport to the city centre from the Airport every hour and the bus stop is right outside the international arrivals terminal.

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 sea side 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. If you need help planning your travel on the Metro public bus services once you have arrived give their friendly team a call.

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

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Phone: +64 3 366 8855 Internet: www.metroinfo.org.nz

Taxi



The taxi fare is based on the meter and should follow set standards. There are a wide range of different taxi companies to choose from. One of

them is Blue Star Taxis.

Phone: +64 3 3799 799 Internet: www.bluestartaxis.org.nz

#### Post



One of the post offices in the city is South City PostShop where you can post parcels, letters and purchase postage. The store can be found on:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 555 Colombo Street, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 8.45am - 5.45pm, Sat: 9am - 7pm, Sun: 10am - 4pm Phone: +64 3 379 2527 Internet: www.nzpost.co.nz

# Pharmacy



One of the pharmacies in Christchurch is Unichem. They gave several locations one of them is situated at:

Photo: Gemma Garner Address: 3/111 Cashel St, Christchurch Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 8am - 6pm, Sat: 9am - 5pm, Sun:10am - 5pm Phone: +46 3 595 1289 Internet: www.unichem.co.nz Email: info@cashelpharmacy.co.nz

#### Telephone

Country code: +64 Area code: 03



Photo: Jardson Almeida



# Electricity

220-240 volts, 50 Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

**Population** Approximately 381,500

**Currency** New Zealand Dollar (NZD) = 100 cents

#### **Opening hours**

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

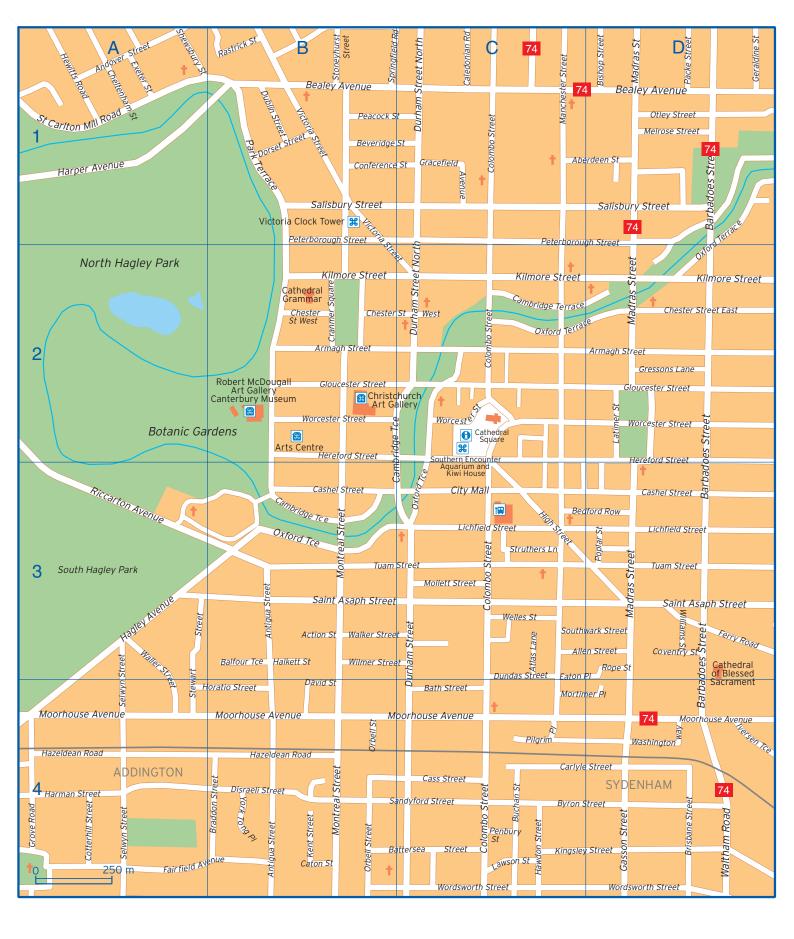
**Newspapers** The Press (daily regional) New Zealand Herald (daily national)

**Emergency numbers** Police, Fire and Ambulance: 111

#### **Tourist information**

Christchurch i-SITE Visitor Centre 28 Worcester Blvd, Christchurch Central, Christchurch 8013 (The Arts Centre)

Open 7 days from: 8.30am - 6.00pm +64 3 379 9629





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