

# Explore Christchurch

Ōtautahi Christchurch is New Zealand's second largest city, and the main urban centre of Te Waipounamu, our beautiful South Island. It is a city of transformation and exploration, a place where change and innovation are embraced, where people challenge the status quo. The city's approach to lifestyle and business have created a sustainable and strong economy, a vibrant visitor destination and an exceptional place to live.

This city has undergone massive changes in the last decade. New buildings sit alongside revamped public spaces. Restored heritage and natural landscapes have been given their due respect as important city landmarks. A spirit of exploration has shaped this place and continues to define this unique corner of the world.

Central Christchurch is filled with cutting-edge architecture and large-scale developments. The Ōtakaro Avon River precinct brings soft nature to the strong urban environment. The Botanic Gardens offer a relaxing inner-city escape, and the Arts Centre of Christchurch is one of the most significant heritage collections in the country. Classic stone buildings are nestled alongside modern infrastructure and city amenities.

The next substantial infrastructure project set for completion is Te Pae Christchurch, opening in 2021. This large-scale central city facility will shake up the Australasian business events market and put Ōtautahi Christchurch back on the map as a capable and attractive host city.

Our newly built infrastructure and our beautiful heritage buildings, stories of growth and innovation, and our manaakitanga - the welcome and hospitality visitors receive - make Ōtautahi Christchurch the obvious yet understated choice for business events.

## Venues

Ōtautahi Christchurch will soon be home to New Zealand's premium convention centre - Te Pae Christchurch. This world-class venue was carefully designed and purpose-built to cater to the full range of event requirements. The main auditorium seats 1,400, the exhibition hall can accommodate over 200 booths and the banquet hall can comfortably seat 1,000.

Combined with smaller meeting rooms and generous pre-function space, Te Pae Christchurch will allow Christchurch to host large international conferences in the heart of the city.

Located 10 minutes from the CBD, Horncastle Arena boasts 4,000sqm suited to a wide range of events. It is the city's largest indoor venue.

The Air Force Museum of New Zealand is 15 minutes from the CBD and provides a variety of spaces ideal for memorable conferences and gala dinners.

Other key venues include:

- The newly restored Christchurch Town Hall - a premium performing arts and conference venue. The Douglas Lilburn Auditorium seats 2,250 people and the James Hay Theatre 750 people - as well as a mix of other smaller spaces and foyer areas for meetings, exhibition and catering.
- The Arts Centre of Christchurch is ideal for bespoke events in stunning heritage architecture.
- The Christchurch Art Gallery offers organisers contemporary spaces with an impressive glass façade.
- The Piano: Centre for Music and the Arts offers auditorium space, as well as a boutique range of rooms and spaces.
- The University of Canterbury has spaces, meeting rooms, and auditoriums suited to a range of events



## Access

Christchurch International Airport is New Zealand's second largest airport, with 12 partner airlines and connections to 25 destinations. The airport has direct international connections to Singapore, China, Australia and Fiji, and from October 2020 will have direct flights to Los Angeles.

The airport is ten kilometres from the CBD, with reliable roading and public transport in place to get visitors where they need to go. State Highway 1 is less than a kilometre from the airport, and driving to the CBD takes 15 minutes, catered by taxis, hire cars, shuttles, rideshares and electric car shares – all readily available to transport delegates to their accommodation.

## Getting around

Often referred to as the 20-minute city, Ōtautahi Christchurch's compact layout means within easy walking distance are conference facilities, riverside retail and hospitality venues, the Botanic Gardens, art galleries, health retreats and stylish accommodation.

A short car ride can have you at the beach looking out at the vast Pacific Ocean, ziplining down the Port Hills at the Christchurch Adventure Park, sampling the best locally produced wines or taking in the wild beauty of Banks Peninsula.

## Accommodation

Ōtautahi Christchurch has more than 5,500 rooms across the city, with something for every level of comfort and budget. From luxury and boutique, to hotels, motels and apartments – many brand-new or totally refurbished with conference facilities on site.

For those wishing to stay outside of Christchurch, a wide selection of quality accommodation is available throughout the Canterbury region.

## Riverside Market



## Te Pae Christchurch



## Christchurch Town Hall



## Quick facts

- + **10km Airport to City**
- + **Accommodation: 5,500 rooms**
- + **New Zealand's second largest city**
- + **International gateway to the scenic South Island**
- + **Beautiful city centre intersected by a river, with public spaces and bustling urban amenities**
- + **Close to 800 parks and green spaces**

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