

# Christchurch & Canterbury

7 day exploration

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# Day one: Explore Christchurch

Christchurch has achieved international acclaim for its creative and clever urban design. As you explore the city you will discover amazing street art, innovative projects and state-of-the-art architecture nestled between restored historic buildings. A booming hospitality scene means your options for great food and wine are endless.



Experience the city by vintage bike with a bespoke Urban Bike Tour stopping for a private high tea and punting experience at the historic Mona Vale Homestead. Relax into an afternoon of central city shopping with great local and boutique retailers, built central city farmers market, high end and international brands.

Get ready for an unforgettable evening starting with champagne and canapes onboard an exclusive city tram taking you to one of Christchurch's many spectacular dinner venues.



## Day two: Beyond the CBD

Travel out of the centre and explore the wider city, just a short drive will have you taking in views of Banks Peninsula from the top of the gondola, or in mid-air with ziplining at the Christchurch Adventure Park or for the less adventurous head to the beautiful Governor's Bay for a bespoke chocolate experience with She Universe.

Be treated to a scenic helicopter flight over Banks Peninsula and the stunning Canterbury Plains and then experience Canterbury's famous braided rivers with Alpine Jet Thrills making a surprise stop deep in the Waimakariri Gorge for lunch.

Take to the air again and head back towards the city stopping off for half a round of golf or chipping on to the pontoon at Clearwater Resort before enjoying a sunset dinner over Lake Kaikainui.





## Day three: Banks Peninsula glory

Travel from Christchurch over the beautiful Banks Peninsula and across to the charming French-inspired settlement of Akaroa. Stop and take in the views along the way or for a tour and tasting at Barry's Bay Cheese. Once in Akaroa spend some time exploring the quaint township before partaking in your own private cooking experience followed by lunch at the renowned Akaroa Cooking School.



Spend the afternoon aboard an award-winning Black Cat Cruise, for a nature cruise around Akaroa Harbour or dive right in to a once in a lifetime experience swimming with the Hector's dolphins.

By night, be amazed by the serenity at Annandale, your stunning private bay retreat for the evening. Enjoy a relaxed al fresco dinner cooked by your private chef on the lawn of The Homestead complete with entertainment and lawn games.





## Day four: Escape to wine country

Helicopter to Christchurch Airport then head to North Canterbury, New Zealand's fastest growing wine region and home to over 80 wineries. Strong family connections, deep respect for the land and simple winemaking principles are highlighted in this boutique region.

Visit The Boneline deep in the Waipara Valley with their very own Fossil Mentor, and Terrace Edge, New Zealand's Organic Vineyard of the Year 2018 that also produces stunning olive oil. Enjoy lunch with the best view in the region at Black Estate or with some of the region's pioneers at Pegasus Bay. Enrich your winemaking knowledge with a guided vineyard tour at Greystone then finish your day with the ultimate truffle experience at Kings Truffles.

Continue on from Waipara to the village of Hanmer Springs, where relaxation or adventure awaits.





## Day five: Hurunui magic

Just 90 minutes north of Christchurch you'll find the alpine spa village of Hanmer Springs. Your time in Hanmer Springs will be the perfect mix of adventure and relaxation.

Venture just a few minutes out of the township for a morning full of adventure with the range of activities on offer with Hanmer Springs Attractions including jet boating, bungy, quad biking and rafting.

Head out to Waiau River Estate for a beautiful lunch and wine-tasting, explore the estate and take in the views while learning about their award-winning wine and honey.

Finish your day with a relaxing soak or spa treatment at the world-renowned Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa then head up to Braemar Lodge for an alpine dining experience featuring impressive local produce.





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## Days six & seven: Kaikoura – naturally

Take a scenic costal train ride to discover the incredible scenery and wildlife of Kaikoura. First stop and located a short drive north of Kaikoura, is Canterbury's best spot for kai moana (seafood), Nin's Bin. Enjoy your crayfish lunch overlooking the stunning scenery of costal Kaikoura.

See the spectacular marine wildlife of the area with two of New Zealand's leading marine experience operators – Whale Watch and Encounter Kaikoura. Spend the rest of the afternoon walking amongst the seal colony or around the boutique shops and cafes in the township.

Stay the night up in the tree canopy at Hapuka Lodge and Tree houses or at Sudima Kaikoura. Travel back to Christchurch the following afternoon to complete your seven days in Christchurch and Canterbury.

