

Ōtautahi Christchurch

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Ōtautahi Christchurch is Waitaha Canterbury's thriving urban heart and the basecamp for exploring Te Waipounamu, our beautiful South Island.

The city probably looks a little

different to the last time you visited, with street art splashed on walls, swanky eateries overlooking the Ōtākaro Avon River and safe modern architecture nestled alongside retained heritage buildings.

Explore the city centre for the South Island's best shopping and foodie gems like Riverside Market. Seek out Christchurch Adventure Park for NZ's longest zipline and endless mountain bike trails. Head to New Brighton to soak in sea-side hot pools.

Visitors are well-served for CBD accommodation within easy reach of the city's numerous activities and

amenities. Ride the heritage tram as it winds through city streets and laneways, or the punting boats and waka offer a new perspective from the river.

Take a cycling tour or guided walk and learn about this ever-evolving city. There's even a street art tour – the city has been named a global street art capital!

On the city's doorstep, discover the thermal alpine village of Hanmer Springs, the natural wildlife sanctuary of Kaikōura, and the wineries of North Canterbury Wine Region.

It's all here, and Ōtautahi Christchurch is just the beginning.

TOP 10 MUST DOS

1. Riverside Market – a 7-day indoor market and foodie destination
2. The Crossing – your premier laneway shopping experience
3. Christchurch Tram and Gondola – Christchurch's must-do classics
4. SALT District – a hip food, drink, and shopping destination
5. He Puna Taimoana – seaside hot pools literally on the beach
6. Canterbury Trails Akaroa tour – dolphins, big views, luxury travel
7. North Canterbury Wine Region – wineries and boutique stays
8. Mount Hutt Ski Area – voted New Zealand's best
9. Clearwater Resort – Golf & luxury accommodation near the city
10. Electric Ave – one of NZ's biggest one-day music festivals

TOP 5 for FAMILY ADVENTURES

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Willowbank Wildlife Reserve and Ko Tāne Māori experience
2. International Antarctic Centre – wildlife and discovery
3. Waka on Avon – paddle down the Ōtākaro Avon River
4. Orana Wildlife Park – home to the famous Lion Encounter
5. Shamarra Alpaca farm tour – pat fluffy alpacas

TOP 5 for ADVENTURE SEEKERS

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Ride with Ballooning Canterbury – a bucket list must!
2. Christchurch Adventure Park – NZ's longest zipline
3. Alpine Jet Thrills – jet boat in the home of jet engines
4. Hassle-Free tours – Lord of the Rings landscapes from a 4WD
5. Skydiving Kiwis – skydive from a helicopter onto a beach

Getting There

Ōtautahi Christchurch is one of the best-connected cities in New Zealand.

Regular domestic flights and the second largest number of international flights behind Auckland make it easy to get here – plus the airport is only 20 minutes from the CBD.

Numerous road links, including State Highway 1, connect the South Island to the city, as do Great Journeys of NZ's TranzAlpine and Coastal Pacific train routes.

A great range of hire cars are available at the airport and the CBD. Intercity buses operate scheduled departures from the Christchurch Bus Exchange.

TOP 5 for COUPLES

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Punting on Avon – a romantic glide down the city river
2. City to Sea + Soak – an e-bike tour to seaside hot pools
3. Heli Winery Lunch – flight to North Canterbury winery for lunch
4. Tramway Restaurant dinner and night at Heritage Hotel
5. TranzAlpine – train ride through the mountains to the West Coast



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