

EXPLORE CANTERBURY BUSINESS EVENTS

Canterbury is the largest and most location-diverse region in New Zealand, bordered to the east by an expansive and accessible coastline, to the west by the world-famous Southern Alps.

At its heart is Ōtautahi Christchurch, the country's second largest city and the main urban centre of Te Waipounamu, the beautiful South Island. Other regional destination gems include Hanmer Springs, Kaikoura, Akaroa, and the Mackenzie Country.

The region has long been a place of exploration. From early Māori explorers to the first European settlers, Canterbury is home to a people willing to shake things up and challenge the status quo. Kate Sheppard started the international women's suffrage movement from Christchurch, Ernest Rutherford began his studies at the University of Canterbury, and many heroic and modern-day Antarctic expeditions began in the port town of Lyttelton. A spirit of exploration remains strong in the Canterbury population.



Access

Christchurch International Airport is New Zealand's second largest airport with excellent connections to domestic and international destinations.

It is located just 10 kilometres from Christchurch CBD and serves as a basecamp to kick off explorations across Canterbury and the South Island.

Venues

Christchurch and Canterbury are home to a variety of modern event venues, from arenas and convention centres, to performing arts auditoriums and unique meeting spaces.



Te Pae Christchurch sits at the heart of the city. Set to open in 2021, Te Pae will allow Christchurch to host large international conferences in the central city. This world-class venue was carefully designed and purpose-built to cater to the full range of event requirements.

Complementing Te Pae, the city and region have a diverse range of other quality conference, meeting and function venues to suit all your

event requirements, as well as a network of experienced and locally based event service providers who will partner with you to look after specialist aspects of your event. The wider Canterbury region is home to a range of small to medium sized conference, meeting and event venues.

Most regional locations are within easy access of Christchurch and offer a diverse range of venue options for business events groups wanting to meet in unique and special locations.

Our warm South Island welcome ensures visitors choose to come back time and again.

QUICKFACTS

- New Zealand's second largest airport
- New Zealand's largest and most diverse geographical region
- Unique incentive options
- Explore mountains to sea, all in one day
- Spectacular in every season



Explore

For business events visitors, the Canterbury region has much to offer. Christchurch is the basecamp for South Island exploration, with the stunning Southern Alps and famed Canterbury Plains, glacier-fed rivers and vast coastline.

The **North Canterbury** Wine Region is emerging as an exciting collection of wineries, restaurants and attractions, perfect for incentive groups and partner programmes.

Akaroa sits at the heart of Banks Peninsula; groups can explore its delightful French flavour and natural beauty, and see the Hector's Dolphin, the world's smallest dolphin, as well as a variety of coastal wildlife.

Escape to **Hanmer Springs** for adventure activities and a thermal soak, or north to **Kaikōura** to encounter the local wildlife. See a diversity of species from giant sperm whales to pilot whales, orca and humpbacks as well as the delightful Dusky dolphins.

The **Mackenzie** region is a jewel in the Canterbury offering, boasting New Zealand's highest mountain – Aoraki Mt Cook, and its largest glacier – The Tasman. There are multiple adventure activities here based around the spectacular scenery this region has to offer, along with the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve – the largest of its kind in the world.

There are numerous options for partner programmes and pre and post-conference touring for those attending large conferences in Christchurch city.

The Canterbury region is also an exceptional option for incentive travel – bespoke itineraries can be created to suit group requirements, and will leave a lasting impression on those experiencing the magic of Canterbury.



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