



# The Pioneer – Partner Itineraries

## Christchurch

### DAY TRIP 1 - CHRISTCHURCH

Christchurch, located in the province (region) of Canterbury, is the largest city in 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 vibrant, ever-changing city that Lonely Planet has listed it as one of the top 10 cities to visit in 2013.

There is so much to see and do in the city, with new restaurants, bars, retail spaces and art popping up all the time. This is a great time to visit as the city changes shape almost every day – there’s always something new to discover!



### Breakfast - C1 Espresso

Start the day with a delicious breakfast at the unique **C1 Espresso**. Innovative in design and eco orientated, this quirky café is world famous in Christchurch for boasting the best coffee in town. Make sure to try one of their delicious juices, made by the café and produced in Christchurch.

Corner High & Tuam Streets  
<http://www.c1espresso.co.nz/>

*Continue the day exploring the city of Christchurch*

### Visit Re:Start Mall the colourful shipping container mall and Choose from the many lunch options here

This is an experience like no other – brightly coloured shipping containers, set in a funky landscaped area has become the icon of the Transitional City of Christchurch as we head towards a new future. With the “Harrods of Christchurch”, Ballantynes set as the anchor, there are quality retailers, delicious food outlets and entertainment a plenty.

<http://www.restart.org.nz/>





Visit the **Tannery Boutique Retail and Arts Emporium**, a building inspired by the Strand, Sydney. A site once home to a burgeoning tannery industry at the end of the 19th century, The Tannery is now transformed into the city's new shopping and entertainment destination with handmade, bespoke and locally made fashion, beauty, food and giftware.

3 Garlands Road, Woolston  
<http://thetannery.co.nz/>



### Visit the **Christchurch Botanic Gardens**

The Christchurch Botanic Gardens, one of the largest central city parks in the world, showcases the flora of New Zealand and afar. Founded in 1863 with the planting of an English Oak tree, the Gardens now features 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.

[www.ccc.govt.nz/cityleisure/parkswalkways/christchurchbotanicgardens](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/cityleisure/parkswalkways/christchurchbotanicgardens)



### **Punting on the Avon – Garden Tour**

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!

2 Cambridge Terrace  
[www.punting.co.nz](http://www.punting.co.nz)

*Dinner choose from the many options along Victoria Street.  
Our suggestion:*



### **King of Snake**

Dine at King of Snake, a timelessly inspired by Southeast Asia and situated within the nightlife hub of Christchurch's Victoria Street. The interior is warm and moody set in a casual, sophisticated atmosphere, serving a fusion of Asian and New Zealand dishes.

145 Victoria Street  
[www.kingofsnake.co.nz](http://www.kingofsnake.co.nz)



Other option for experiencing the traditional Christchurch activities is the **Welcome Aboard 4 Tour pass**, which includes: Gondola, Tram, Punt and Garden Tour all for \$60 for more information visit the link below.

<http://www.christchurchnz.com/contact-us/christchurch-i-site-visitor-centre/#welcomeaboard>

## Canterbury



### DAY TRIP 2 - CANTERBURY

#### Hassle Free – 4WD & Jet Boat Adventure

A great High Country experience in one day! Tour over the Canterbury Plains to the Waimak Gorge where you are in for an exciting 45 minute jetboat ride on one of New Zealand's most spectacular rivers. After this, board an off-road vehicle for a scenic 4WD adventure across Mt Torlesse Station, a 10,000 acre working sheep and cattle farm situated in the spectacular foothills of the Southern Alps. After an exciting morning, enjoy a stop at quaint country café for a delicious lunch before returning to Christchurch.

[www.hasslefreetours.co.nz](http://www.hasslefreetours.co.nz)

## Akaroa



### DAY TRIP 3 - AKAROA

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 par take in one of the many nature tours on offer, such as swimming or viewing the rare hector dolphins or kayaking through the penguin colony.

*Drive Christchurch to Akaroa – 90mins Enjoy the idyllic scenery of Banks Peninsula*

#### Stop at Little River Art Gallery



#### Visit The Giant's House

Created by artist Josie Martin, the historic Akaroa house has been decorated with terraced gardens crafted from mosaics, amazing sculptures and original artworks. This is a very unique experience set in a picturesque landscape – an inspiring and whimsical experience! The Giant's House is secluded and quiet, but only a few minutes' walk to the centre of Akaroa.

68 Rue Balguerie

[www.thegiantshouse.co.nz](http://www.thegiantshouse.co.nz)



#### Explore Akaroa

Wander around the beautiful seaside village of Akaroa. Picturesque vistas at every turn, a thriving artisan culture and a marine environment teaming with wildlife. Immerse yourself in the alluring French character of the Akaroa township. Here you will have lunch - choose from the many waterfront dining options. You can't go past the classic kiwi option of the famous Akaroa Fish and Chip shop overlooking the harbour.

<http://www.akaroa.com/akaroa-fish-chips>

*For the afternoon, choose from one of these amazing nature activity choices*



### **Black Cat Swimming with Dolphins**

With Black Cat Cruises you will enjoy an incredible experience, swimming with some of the world's smallest, friendliest and rarest dolphins. Hector's Dolphins are protected in Akaroa Harbour by a marine mammal sanctuary, and the cruise gives you the chance to see these beautiful marine mammals close up.

Akaroa Main Wharf  
[www.blackcat.co.nz](http://www.blackcat.co.nz)

**OR**

### **Akaroa Dolphins**

Akaroa Dolphin's stylish vessel, *Into the Blue*, offers guests an intimate and personal cruise experience. Akaroa Harbour is host to amazing bird life and sea mammals, including the world's rarest and smallest dolphin, the friendly Hector's dolphin (which you'll undoubtedly encounter on the cruise) as well as visiting spectacular sea caves, volcanic formations and high cliffs. Comprehensive commentary and complimentary wine, refreshments and fresh home-baking are served whilst on board.

65 Beach Road  
[www.akaroadolphins.co.nz](http://www.akaroadolphins.co.nz)



**OR**

### **Pohatu Penguin Colony**

Pohatu Penguins offers unique nature and sea kayak tours from Akaroa, New Zealand. The tour options all visit Pohatu Marine Reserve at a small coastal bay nestled between dramatic volcanic headlands on Banks Peninsula. Pohatu is home to the largest Little Penguin colony on mainland New Zealand. It is considered by some to be the largest colony of its kind in Australasia. Choose from taking a sea kayak tour or an evening 4WD tour to visit the colony.

8/2 Rue Balguerie  
[www.pohatu.co.nz](http://www.pohatu.co.nz)



### **Akaroa back to CHCH**

## **Hanmer**

### **DAY TRIP 4 - HANMER SPRINGS**

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.



### **Thrillseekers Jet Boat**

Jet the length of Hanmer's spectacular Waiiau Gorge, enjoying the spectacular scenery of narrow gorges, braided shallows and white water rapids. The Thrillseekers Jet has twin V8 engines that allow it to manoeuvre in the most unlikely manner. It can turn in its own length, instantly change direction and travel on ankle-deep water. Hold on while you experience the famous Hamilton jet spin.

839 Hanmer Springs Rd,  
[www.thrillseekers.co.nz](http://www.thrillseekers.co.nz)





### **Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa**

New Zealand's premier alpine spa destination, the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa Complex is better than ever with new pools and thrilling rides. Have fun, relax or indulge. Experience a wide range of activities, from soothing treatments to exciting family fun. Enjoy the rock and sulphur pools and the popular family activity area - complete with water slides.

42 Amuri Ave

[www.hanmersprings.co.nz](http://www.hanmersprings.co.nz)

### **AND/OR (time depending)**

#### **The Spa at Hanmer Springs**

When you walk through the doors to The Spa at Hanmer Springs you can immediately feel its soul. The Hanmer Springs Spa is a spacious and luxurious health and beauty spa that is the ultimate in personal pampering and relaxation. Bath in the thermal waters of the Pool complex next door before your Spa Treatment, which will pamper your skin, rejuvenate your body and give you time to relax and unwind.

42 Amuri Ave

[www.hanmersprings.co.nz](http://www.hanmersprings.co.nz)



### **Drive Hanmer to Christchurch 90mins**

**Sample one of the fine wines from the Waipara Valley on your way back – don't forget to take a bottle home to enjoy later**

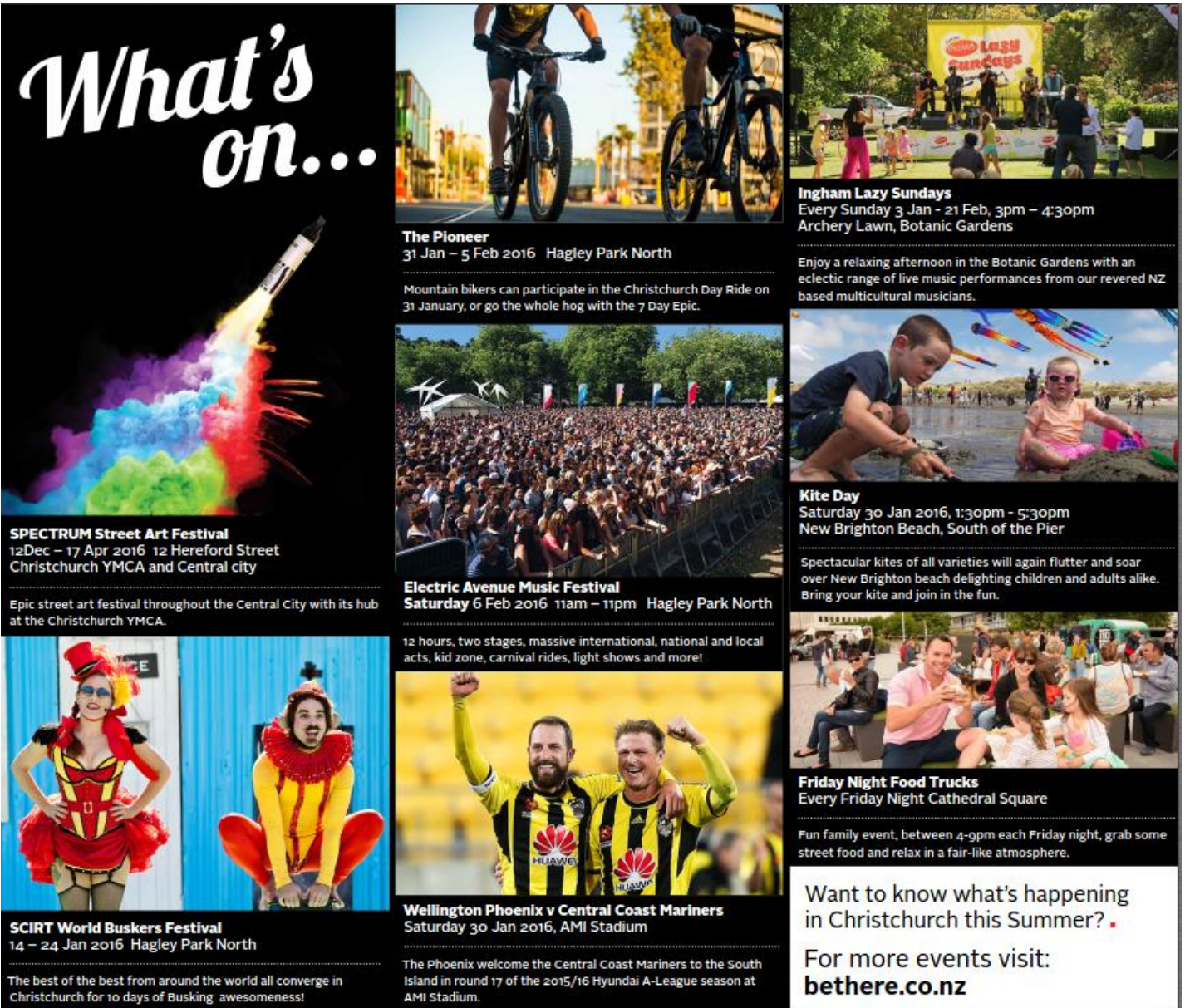
Black Estate <http://blackestate.co.nz/>

Pegasus Bay <https://www.pegasusbay.com/>



## MORE ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

- Antiqua Boat Shed Punting, kayaking, paddleboat, row boat etc [www.welcomeboard.co.nz/punting](http://www.welcomeboard.co.nz/punting)
- Christchurch bike or walking tours [www.chchbiketours.co.nz](http://www.chchbiketours.co.nz)
- Quake City [www.canterburymuseum.com/quakecity](http://www.canterburymuseum.com/quakecity)
- Canterbury Museum [www.canterburymuseum.com](http://www.canterburymuseum.com)
- Tram [www.welcomeboard.co.nz/christchurch-tram](http://www.welcomeboard.co.nz/christchurch-tram)
- Spectrum Street Art exhibition at the YMCA <http://streetart.co.nz>
- Gondola [www.welcomeboard.co.nz/gondola](http://www.welcomeboard.co.nz/gondola)
- Willowbank and Ko Tane for a Maori culture experience and hangi [www.willowbank.co.nz](http://www.willowbank.co.nz)
- Orana Wildlife Park Lion feeding [www.oranawildlifepark.co.nz](http://www.oranawildlifepark.co.nz)
- Adrenalin Forest [www.adrenalin-forest.co.nz/christchurch](http://www.adrenalin-forest.co.nz/christchurch)
- Jellie Park [www.ccc.govt.nz/rec-and-sport/rec-and-sport-facilities/jellie-park](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/rec-and-sport/rec-and-sport-facilities/jellie-park)
- Antarctic Centre <http://www.iceberg.co.nz>
- Sunday Artisan Market Riccarton House [www.christchurchnz.com/what-to-see-and-do/farmers%E2%80%99-markets](http://www.christchurchnz.com/what-to-see-and-do/farmers%E2%80%99-markets)
- Boulevard Artisans Market An artisans market of quality, local and New Zealand made arts and crafts. Reflecting the essence of New Zealand creativity. Held on Wednesday to Sunday, across the road from The Arts Centre
- Walking trails - <http://www.christchurchnz.com/walk-canterbury>



# What's on...

**SPECTRUM Street Art Festival**  
12 Dec - 17 Apr 2016 | 12 Hereford Street  
Christchurch YMCA and Central city

Epic street art festival throughout the Central City with its hub at the Christchurch YMCA.

**The Pioneer**  
31 Jan - 5 Feb 2016 | Hagley Park North

Mountain bikers can participate in the Christchurch Day Ride on 31 January, or go the whole hog with the 7 Day Epic.

**Electric Avenue Music Festival**  
Saturday 6 Feb 2016 | 11am - 11pm | Hagley Park North

12 hours, two stages, massive international, national and local acts, kid zone, carnival rides, light shows and more!

**Wellington Phoenix v Central Coast Mariners**  
Saturday 30 Jan 2016, AMI Stadium

The Phoenix welcome the Central Coast Mariners to the South Island in round 17 of the 2015/16 Hyundai A-League season at AMI Stadium.

**Ingham Lazy Sundays**  
Every Sunday 3 Jan - 21 Feb, 3pm - 4:30pm  
Archery Lawn, Botanic Gardens

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in the Botanic Gardens with an eclectic range of live music performances from our revered NZ based multicultural musicians.

**Kite Day**  
Saturday 30 Jan 2016, 1:30pm - 5:30pm  
New Brighton Beach, South of the Pier

Spectacular kites of all varieties will again flutter and soar over New Brighton beach delighting children and adults alike. Bring your kite and join in the fun.

**Friday Night Food Trucks**  
Every Friday Night Cathedral Square

Fun family event, between 4-9pm each Friday night, grab some street food and relax in a fair-like atmosphere.

**SCIRT World Buskers Festival**  
14 - 24 Jan 2016 | Hagley Park North

The best of the best from around the world all converge in Christchurch for 10 days of Busking awesomeness!

Want to know what's happening in Christchurch this Summer? .  
For more events visit:  
**bethere.co.nz**

## TOP NIGHTLIFE & DINING EXPERIENCES

**DUX CENTRAL** Split over two levels, Dux Central boasts a Brew Bar focusing on beer, the wine bar style Emerald Room, and the Upper Dux offering an awesome space for live music with tasty cocktails and spirits on offer. The open air deck on the second level is the perfect place to enjoy a drink and take in the view of the surrounding High Street area. Check out The Poplar Social Club, a speakeasy-style cocktail lounge, next door. [www.facebook.com/DuxCentral](http://www.facebook.com/DuxCentral)

**KING OF SNAKE** Dine at King of Snake, a timelessly inspired by Southeast Asia and situated within the nightlife hub of Christchurch's Victoria Street. The interior is warm and moody set in a casual, sophisticated atmosphere, serving a fusion of Asian and New Zealand dishes. [www.kingofsnake.co.nz](http://www.kingofsnake.co.nz)

**ORLEANS** celebrates the culture and diversity of New Orleans, with its relaxed atmosphere and extraordinary value for money, it draws on the city's character, individuality and incredible sense of fun, with hearty creole cuisine and liquor. [www.orleans.co.nz](http://www.orleans.co.nz)

**CBD BAR** serves Cassels & Sons craft beer made in Christchurch along with delicious wood fired pizzas. Enjoy the sights of the central city from their outdoor courtyard, perfect on a sunny evening. [www.casselsbrewery.co.nz/cbd-bar-pizzeria](http://www.casselsbrewery.co.nz/cbd-bar-pizzeria)

**REVIVAL BAR** (beside Tequila Mockingbird) is a funky new bar on the Christchurch scene that radiates a heady mix of innovation and nostalgia. Recycled materials have been used in all facets of the décor and design of the bar. Shipping containers have been revived as the structures and suitcases into chairs. [www.revivalbar.co.nz](http://www.revivalbar.co.nz)

**CHINWAG EATHAI** is home of authentic, fresh Thai Cuisine. The menu ranges from open-grill street food to the elegance of Thailand's oldest traditions. [www.chinwageathai.co.nz](http://www.chinwageathai.co.nz)

**MEXICANO'S** is another addition to the bustling Victoria Street. From the creators of King of Snake (and previously Chingwag) this is an authentic Mexican bar/restaurant. Leave the car at home, you won't be able to stop at just one delicious margarita! <http://mexicanos.co.nz/>

**HARLEQUIN PUBLIC HOUSE** (restored Ironside House heritage building) is like stepping back in time to the Victoria era. With delicious hearty meals, and an Oyster and Champagne Bar, this is a must to try. Along with being a 50-seat bistro for dining, there is a 1920s style cocktail lounge and a private dining area for smaller occasions such as tastings and special degustation events. [www.hphchch.com](http://www.hphchch.com)

**TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD** (Latin fusion) experience the flavours of the Caribbean and South America in this Latin fusion bar and restaurant. Cocktails are based on the styles of 1950s Havana, Cuba, complemented by a comprehensive wine and beer range. [www.tequilamockingbird.co.nz](http://www.tequilamockingbird.co.nz)

Christchurch Casino brings you the hottest new nightclub **MASHINA LOUNGE**! You'll find it under ground in a converted car park, however it is anything but austere. With leading edge lighting and sound design, Mashina is guaranteed to satisfy even the most seasoned clubber. After dancing all night on the biggest dance floor in Christchurch, grab a drink from their delicious drink menu and lounge about in the lounge area.

[www.christchurchcasino.co.nz/restaurants-bars/mashina-lounge](http://www.christchurchcasino.co.nz/restaurants-bars/mashina-lounge)

**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 Christchurch. Notes, that they are strictly seated service only and can't accommodate large groups in their limited space. [www.lastword.co.nz](http://www.lastword.co.nz)

**GUSTAV'S KITCHEN AND WINE BAR** is a haven for wine lovers. With one of the largest wine lists in New Zealand you are sure to find the varietal you are looking for. Wines are paired with a beautiful shared plates menu and are a great way to start the night or wind down after dinner while listening to some of the best jazz in town. [www.gustavs.co.nz](http://www.gustavs.co.nz)