

Family Travel

Otautahi Christchurch has a great range of activities, accommodation and dining that can be included in family travel itineraries.

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Cruise the City on the **Christchurch Tram**

Always popular with the kids the Christchurch Tram is a perfect way to see the city if tired legs (both big and small!) can't keep up. The all-day hop-on hop-off tickets allow you to visit the best of the central city at your own pace.

The drivers are always super friendly and knowledgeable about the city. Enjoy a mini-history lesson about all the key sights and locations. If you're lucky, you can even ring the tram bell

- Hop on hop off all day ticket
- 17 stops on the route
- Live commentary
- Combo passes available through Christchurch Attractions



20mins drive from the city is the **Christchurch Gondola**

The Gondola offers stunning panoramic views of the city, Lyttelton Harbour and beyond from our summit station situated atop the Port Hills. See the snow-capped Southern Alps, sprawling Canterbury Plains and the sparkling waters of Pegasus Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

Explore the many walking tracks amid fresh mountain air, learn about the history of the area on a Time Tunnel ride (free with your Gondola ticket or Annual Pass) and indulge in a spot of shopping at the Shop at the Top gift store. Sit back and relax with a snack from the Red Rock Cafe and take in the spectacular views

- Panoramic views from the top station
- Café, shop & Christchurch Discovery Ride (formally known as the Time Tunnel) at the top
- Great walking tracks ranging from 5 mins – a few hours



Set in 80 hectares, Orana Wildlife Park is New Zealand's only open range zoo. It is within 15 minutes drive from Christchurch airport. The Park provides amazing animal encounters: hand feed giraffe, meet rhino up close, see New Zealand's only gorillas, view kiwi and travel through the lion habitat

Scheduled presentations occur daily. Visitors can enjoy the antics of cheetah, Tasmanian devils, monkeys, meerkats and more. An extensive New Zealand section features kiwi, a wide range of birds and reptiles plus two walk-through aviaries (giving the chance to meet the mischievous kea). Guided tours operate daily. A cafe and fantastic wildlife gift shop are on-site.



International Antarctic Centre is located 20 minutes from the city centre and a short walk from the Christchurch International Airport

Journey through modern day Antarctica and experience a taste of this unique and breathtaking continent. Learn about the human impact on the continent, the wildlife and ecosystems and Antarctica's effect on the globe. Brave an Antarctic storm, go off-road in a Hägglund, befriend a husky, mingle with the penguins, experience Antarctica from all four dimensions and leave with a head full of knowledge, a heart full of love and an inspiration to take action.

Key highlights:

- Hägglund Field Trip
- Husky Zone
- Storm Dome
- Penguin Rescue
- HD Theatre and 4D Theatre



Willowbank Wildlife Reserve Located 15mins from the city centre and 10mins from the Christchurch International Airport

Close encounters of the 'wildlife kind' are a Willowbank trademark. Meet New Zealand's Big 5 with the Kiwi, the cheeky Kea, the ancient Tuatara, our bush parrot the Kaka and the very rare Takahe. Feed the wild eels and make friends with the livestock breeds unique to New Zealand. Listen to the kiwi as it forages by your feet.

Embark on a journey through the history of New Zealand. See the impact of introduced species in 'Wild NZ' and meet old livestock breeds in 'Heritage NZ'. Experience native wildlife in 'Natural NZ' and share our hope for their future. Relax and enjoy your experience in conservation. Willowbank is a place close to both Christchurch city and the airport where culture and conservation combine.



Shamarra Alpaca Farm located 1 hour 20mins from Christchurch city and 20mins from Akaroa Village

Wander through herds of grazing alpacas, marvel at their exquisite fleece, feed an alpaca and enjoy breathtaking views of Akaroa Harbour. Shamarra Alpaca Farm is home to over 160 alpacas.



Black Cat Cruises – Nature Cruise Departs daily from Akaroa Wharf, located 1 hour 30mins from Christchurch City

Depart the charming historic French township of Akaroa, just 90 minutes from Christchurch, aboard the large modern catamaran, Black Cat, into the sweeping scenic splendour of Akaroa Harbour. Enjoy your skipper’s fascinating commentary as you discover playful, rare New Zealand Hector’s dolphins, fur seals, penguins and many other sea birds.

Visit the startling volcanic formation of Cathedral Cave, and see everything from relics of the area’s Maori and colonial past to a modern working salmon farm of today. Two hour cruises depart daily from the Main Wharf.

Places to explore as a family

Some local tips...

- Margaret Mahy Playground
- Try out the #ChchSwing
- Explore the Botanic Gardens
- Turanga Library
- Canterbury Museum
- Visit Akaroa village on the Banks Peninsula



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Margaret Mahy Family Playground is an all-ages, all-abilities playground. **Waka on Avon** depart from the Avon river in the vicinity. There's plenty of top coffee options nearby for the adults too, from mobile coffee carts in the playground and New Regent Street just around the corner.

Swoop on a Giant Swing

Right next to Margaret Mahy Playground, you'll find one of the newest installations by Gap Filler, giant swings bringing squeals of joy to kids big and little.

The swing is part of Gap Filler's work to deliver creative and experimental installations. The pump track next to the #ChchSwing is their work too. Grab a scooter or bike and zoom through, or relax with a coffee in hand as the kids wear themselves out.

The Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Awash with magnolias, rhododendrons, camellias, and blossoms there's nowhere more beautiful to spend an afternoon. Grab an ice cream or bite at Ilex cafe and let the kids burn off some energy at the kids' playground.

The Canterbury Museum offers

- The world's largest collection of Moa bones

- The largest and most diverse collection of Antarctic memorabilia and photos in the world
 - The unique and quirky exhibition of Fred and Myrtle's Paua Shell House.
- With exhibitions, creative events and a discovery section, the Canterbury Museum attracts visitors of all ages.

Places to stay as a family

- Ramada Suites by Wyndham Christchurch City
- Rydges Latimer Christchurch
- Pavilions Hotel Christchurch
- Commodore Airport Hotel



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Ramada Suites Christchurch hosts 44 spacious apartment-style rooms, all of which contain a full kitchen with dishwasher, laundry, quality amenities and appliances, as well as free WIFI and complimentary onsite parking.

Located in the Salt District, it's the character-packed part of town where you'll find historical buildings rubbing shoulders with new office blocks and modern architecture. There are interesting shops, bars, and cafes dotted around every corner. This alternative inner-city quarter is a hive of activity and conveniently located near **Little High**

Rydges Latimer Christchurch is five levels high and offers 173 accommodation rooms including luxurious Family Two Bedroom rooms. These rooms are beautifully finished in the newly built wing, featuring the flexibility and space of two separate rooms, separate bathrooms, exclusive VIP amenities such as fresh milk, coffee pod machine, bathrobes, slippers and upgraded amenities Free WiFi is available throughout the hotel and complimentary on site car parking is available for all visitors and guests.

The Pavilions Hotel Christchurch is not only a hotel, but a glimpse into the history of New Zealand through the lens of the Horncastle family who have owned and

operated the Qualmark Gold 4-star property for the past 28 years. With artefacts and pieces of “Kiwiana” on display throughout the site, collected over three generations from the North and South Islands, the Horncastle’s have curated a hotel that offers relaxing accommodation, personable and attentive service, delicious regional fare and cultural immersion. All rooms have reverse cycle heat/air conditioning units, flat screen TVs with 50+ premium SKY channels, a microwave and mini fridge. Some units have kitchenette facilities and spa baths.

Commodore Airport Hotel is a home away from home. The hotel has many options to accommodate families off all size. The large rooms (36m²) can have either two double beds or a double bed with two singles. They also have a number of rooms that interconnect. The suites are also family friendly and can adjoin with a second bedroom and a lounge to create the ideal family accommodation. Each room also boasts established garden, hill or mountain views.

Places to dine as a family

Some local tips...

- The Riverside Market
- Little High Eatery
- Rollickin' Gelato
- Burger Burger
- Winnie Bagoes
- C1 Espresso



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The Riverside Market is a bustling hub of community, Riverside Market is the rejuvenated beating heart of the central city we've all been waiting for. This unique Christchurch establishment brings fresh produce, artisan bakeries, independent food stalls, bars and restaurants, high-class retail and eclectic market stalls all under one roof. Think of the humming market halls of Europe and beyond, this purpose built two-level establishment overlooking the Avon River will give you the same, if not a bigger, buzz

Little High Eatery, With an assortment of tasty cuisines, new businesses and much loved favourites, there's something for all tastes here. The name is slightly deceptive; 'Little High' (as it is more commonly known), is anything but little when it comes to choice ... Patrons can choose from eight different eateries; Bacon Brothers, A Mouse Called Bean, Eight Grains, Noodle Monk, Base Pizza, El Fogon, Caribe Latin Kitchen and Sushi Soldier, with options like a mixed Argentinian grill, Taiwanese braised pork rice bowl, and churros to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Handmade in store every morning from organic milk by Nature Matters, the creamy mc'dreamy products at Rollickin' Gelato are finger-lickin' good and have quickly proved a popular treat for New Regent Street wanderers.

Burger Burger is located in the dynamic neighbourhood of Welles Street and the perfect spot for family dinners. The space is respectful of its heritage whilst also celebrating the diversity of the extraordinary local creative community.

Winnie Bagoes - Topped with awesome local ingredients and innovative gourmet flavours, our distinctly 'New Zealand' pizzas have been loved by the young, old and peckish for over 20 years. With a huge and diverse menu there's something at Winnie Bagoes for everyone so get your laughing gear round a slice today.

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