

Christchurch & Canterbury

5 day discovery

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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: Early bird gets the view

Rise early this morning for the trip of a lifetime with a hot air balloon ride with Ballooning Canterbury, taking you over the Canterbury Plains and looking out across the mighty Southern Alps.

Travel south to the stunning region of Mackenzie, home to some of New Zealand's most breathtaking scenery. Stop for a classic South Island pie at the famous Fairlie Bakehouse before spending the afternoon exploring Lake Tekapo on foot, by paddle board or jet boat.

Take in the spectacular view over the lake with a sunset pop up dinner on Mt John and then relax into the Tekapo Springs hot pools and enjoy the world renowned dark sky above. Rest easy for the night in your comfortable lakeview accommodation at Peppers Bluewater Resort.





Days three & four: Mackenzie magic

After a leisurely breakfast overlooking Lake Tekapo take to the skies with a magical scenic flight in the Aoraki Mt Cook Mackenzie region.

Activity options are numerous depending on what you love the most! Spend the next two days exploring this beautiful area; try kayaking on the Tasman Glacier Lake or heli hiking, show shoeing or skiing on the Tasman Glacier (New Zealand's largest glacier). Take a walk through the awe-inspiring Hooker Valley with view of Aoraki Mt Cook, Mueller Glacier and Hooker Lake or a 4WD tour of the Tasman Valley.

Travel to your nearby luxury lodge, Mt Cook Lakeside Retreat, and indulge in a pampering experience of your choice. In the evenings, enjoy stupendous views and sumptuous dining followed by a unique experience at Pukaki Wine Cellar and Observatory and relaxing in private hot tubs.



Day five: Fly into wine country

Start your day with a relaxed breakfast overlooking beautiful Lake Pukaki before your scenic flight back to Christchurch.

Spend your final day in Canterbury exploring the exquisite food and wine of North Canterbury. Be sure to 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 wine making knowledge with a guided vineyard tour at Greystone then finish your afternoon with the ultimate truffle experience at Kings Truffles.

Head back to the city and enjoy dinner at one of Christchurch's top restaurants. With a thriving hospitality scene it is easy to discover delicious food and drinks all over the city.

