



Commonwealth Veteran Fencing – Partner Day Trips

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/parks-and-gardens/christchurch-botanic-gardens/



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

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



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 \$81 for more information visit the link below.

www.christchurchnz.com/contact-us/christchurch-i-site-visitor-centre/christchurch-i-site-visitor-centre-deals/#christchurchpass

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

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's 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 Balquerie

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

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



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



Akaroa back to Christchurch

HANMER SPRINGS

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 Waiu 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





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

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



Drive Hanmer Springs 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.boatsheds.co.nz
- **Christchurch bike or walking tours** www.chchbiketours.co.nz
- **Quake City** www.canterburymuseum.com/quakecity
- **Canterbury Museum** www.canterburymuseum.com
- **Tram** www.welcomeaboard.co.nz/christchurch-tram
- **Gondola** www.welcomeaboard.co.nz/gondola
- **Willowbank and Ko Tane** for a Maori culture experience and hangi www.willowbank.co.nz
- **Orana Wildlife Park** – Lion feeding www.oranawildlifepark.co.nz
- **Adrenalin Forest** www.adrenalin-forest.co.nz/christchurch
- **Jellie Park** <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/rec-and-sport/fitness-centres/jelliepark/>
- **Antarctic Centre** <http://www.iceberg.co.nz>
- **Artisan Market** – Riccarton House <http://www.christchurchnz.com/what-to-see-and-do/farmers-markets/>
- **Boulevard Artisans Market** <http://findchch.com/places/2194-boulevard-artisans-market>
- **Walking trails** - <http://www.christchurchnz.com/walk-canterbury>