



Christchurch/Canterbury – 3 Day Itinerary

The Canterbury region is composed of rolling plains that lead into the foothills of the great Southern Alps. Famous for quality produce and hospitality, the southern charms of Christchurch and the wider Canterbury region will ensure the memories of your trip stay with long after you leave.

Day one

Explore the Canterbury region

Survey the Canterbury plains from above on a helicopter tour to take in the area's breathtaking scenery.

For a more grounded experience visit Pegasus Town, 30 minutes' drive north of Christchurch. The new settlement on the shores of Pegasus Bay is designed to complement the conservation and cultural values of the surrounding area. It offers a range of bars and cafes and plenty of leisure activities, including New Zealand's newest championship golf course, Pegasus Golf & Sports Club. The town's beautiful purpose built lake is a great place for a walk and swim.

Day two

Outdoor adventure

Travel north towards [Hanmer Springs](#) to experience the thrill of jet boating through the spectacular Waiau Gorge - a beautiful craggy canyon spanned by wrought iron rail bridges. Afterwards, take a quad bike tour through forests, farm trails, and river crossings.

Alternatively, choose your adventure - white water rafting, bungee jumping, shooting, and games of paintball are all on offer in the area.

[Activity Hanmer](#) is another great option for adventure seekers. The wide range of activities available are designed to stretch your mind and challenge your skills, and include climbing, ropes courses, hiking, forest challenge orienteering, team training used by elite sport teams, and the epic 'Mission Impossible'.

After all the excitement, recharge your reserves with a meal at one of Hanmer Springs' local eateries. Finish the day with a relaxing dip in the hot pools under the stars.

Day three

Branch out in the Garden City

Treat yourself by starting the day with a facial or therapeutic massage from a specialist and a delicious brunch at one of Hanmer Springs wine bars or restaurants. Following this, transfer back to Christchurch for a beer tasting and sample what's on offer from the best of the South Island boutique breweries.

Hop on an authentic 1960s London double decker bus for a tour of Christchurch, and learn about the fascinating history of the city. Learn the history of Christchurch, view the Botanical Gardens, and see the earthquake recovery projects in action. Since the earthquake, the locals have been busy making some interesting changes, so keep your eye out for new innovations.

Complete your Canterbury journey in style by enjoying dinner and drinks at one of the city's upbeat restaurants and experiencing the city's nightlife first-hand.