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A quick guide to  
the **Canterbury** region



## Canterbury

Canterbury is located on the East Coast of the South Island of New Zealand. It is characterised by grassy plains, clear lakes and snow-capped mountains. Canterbury has a large land area spreading over 45,000 square km and home to around 600,000 people. The region encompasses Kaikoura, Hanmer Springs, Timaru, Lake Tekapo, Methven, Akaroa, Darfield and Springfield.

Christchurch is one of the main cities in Canterbury with a population of around 380,000. It is known for its art scene, beautiful botanic gardens and cutting edge architecture. The Avon River intersects the land, bringing a natural landscape to the urban environment. The surrounding Canterbury region is diverse and



offers unforgettable journeys and picturesque towns, zen-like retreats and thrill-seeking opportunities. Escape to Hanmer Springs for a thermal soak, or north to Kaikoura to encounter the local wildlife. Everything New Zealand has to offer can be found here. We place close to 10% of our candidates in the Canterbury region.

In 2011, Christchurch was rocked by a massive earthquake. Although this was devastating and destroyed countless structures and landmarks, the damage has since been repaired, and Christchurch has been completely revitalised as a city.

## Things to do and see

Whether you enjoy exploring scenery and wildlife or tucking into a fantastic meal Canterbury has it all. Christchurch is the hub of Canterbury; its unique city has a bustling hospitality scene with an abundance of street art and innovative projects. Kaikoura is situated near Christchurch on the coastline and is frequently visited due to an abundance of rare hector dolphins, seals and sperm whales. If you want to unwind in relaxing hot pools head over to Hanmer Springs. Hanmer springs is a resort town known for its hot mineral waters and seasonal ski slopes. Canterbury is a large region with endless activities. Check out these websites for a more thorough list of things to do and see in Canterbury.



<https://www.christchurchnz.com/what-to-see-and-do/>

[https://www.tripadvisor.co.nz/Attractions-g657271-Activities-Canterbury\\_Region\\_South\\_Island.html](https://www.tripadvisor.co.nz/Attractions-g657271-Activities-Canterbury_Region_South_Island.html)

## Events

Throughout the year, Canterbury hosts numerous exciting events ranging from festivals to seasonal sport. Must see events to get excited about can be found [here](#).

## Education (Primary & Secondary)

Education options in Wellington are plentiful, depending on what location you decide to reside in you can search what schools are in the area with this easy to use Find A School

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website. In New Zealand, primary education starts at year 1 and goes to year 8 (around 5-12 years). Secondary education goes from year 9 and finishes at year 13 (around 13-17 years).

## Education (Tertiary)

If you are planning to commence or continue study after your move to Wellington, here is a list of well-regarded tertiary providers.

[University of Canterbury](#)

[Lincoln University](#)

[Ara Institute of Canterbury](#)

[Te Wananga o Aotearoa](#)

Their websites contain valuable information for international students as well as which courses are available.

## Healthcare

With regard to healthcare in New Zealand, you will need to enrol with a primary health care provider. You will be able to find a general practitioner through the [Canterbury District Health Board](#). For more serious situations the emergency department will be the best place to go. You can also find where to go on the District Health Board website. Health care in New Zealand is very accessible, and GP visits for children under 13 are generally free.

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District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

## Banks

Here is a list of New Zealand's main banks that will protect and support your financial needs. They will help set up your new life in New Zealand. Branches are scattered throughout Canterbury, click on the logos to view their easy to navigate websites.



## Sport

If you play sport and want to continue your lifestyle while living in Canterbury you can search for your desired sport and location [here](#).

This webpage is good for general sport news and events for all ages.

To learn more about Canterbury, try these pages:

<https://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/regions-nz/canterbury/information-advice>

<https://www.tourism.net.nz/new-zealand/about-new-zealand/regions/canterbury/regional-information.html>

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