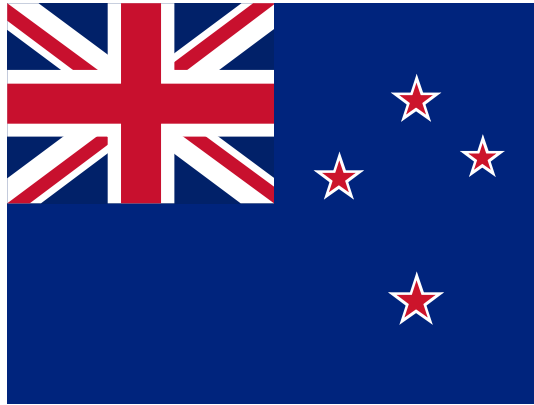




# 2-day Christchurch Itinerary



Christchurch



# Christchurch: A Revival of Nature and Culture

Welcome to Christchurch, New Zealand's garden city, where resilience meets renovation. This comprehensive 2-day guide will immerse you in the city's inspiring renewal, stunning gardens, and unique blend of historical and contemporary architecture.

## Historical Overview

Christchurch, named after Christ Church, Oxford, has a rich colonial history dating back to its establishment in 1848. The city has demonstrated remarkable resilience, particularly in its recovery and rebuilding efforts following the 2010-2011 earthquakes, which have created a unique architectural landscape blending historic charm with innovative modern design.

## Cultural Treasures

The Canterbury Museum showcases the region's rich natural and cultural heritage, while the innovative Cardboard Cathedral stands as a symbol of the city's creativity and resilience. The Arts Centre, housed in neo-gothic buildings, represents the city's commitment to preserving its architectural heritage while fostering contemporary arts and culture.

## Natural Beauty

Christchurch is renowned for its stunning natural spaces. The Christchurch Botanic Gardens offer a peaceful retreat with native and exotic plants, while Hagley Park provides vast green spaces for recreation and relaxation. The Christchurch Gondola offers breathtaking views of the Canterbury Plains, the Southern Alps, and the Banks Peninsula.

## Urban Innovation

The city's post-earthquake renewal has given birth to unique attractions like the Riverside Market, a vibrant indoor farmers' market, and New Regent Street, with its distinctive Spanish Mission architecture. The International Antarctic Centre provides an immersive experience into Antarctic life and research.

## Christchurch Lifestyle

- Cuisine: From fresh local produce at the Riverside Market to innovative restaurants and cafes
- Shopping: Explore boutique shops in The Tannery and along New Regent

Street

- Entertainment: Enjoy performances at The Court Theatre or relax at historic pubs like Pomeroy's Old Brewery Inn

### **Green Spaces**

- Hagley Park: The city's largest urban park, perfect for recreation and relaxation
- Victoria Park: Offering panoramic views and excellent walking trails
- The Avon River: Meander through the city center, perfect for punting activities

### **Practical Travel Tips**

- Transportation: The city is easily walkable, with efficient bus services and bike-friendly infrastructure
- Best Times to Visit: December to February (Summer) for warm weather, or March to May (Autumn) for beautiful fall colors
- Weather: Pack layers as weather can be variable
- Safety: Christchurch is generally safe, but take normal precautions in tourist areas

### **2-Day Itinerary Highlights**

Day 1: Canterbury Museum, Christchurch Botanic Gardens, Christchurch Cathedral, Cardboard Cathedral

Day 2: International Antarctic Centre, Christchurch Gondola, Hagley Park, Riverside Market

This guide presents a curated selection of over 20 locations, allowing you to customize your Christchurch experience. Each destination offers insight into the city's remarkable journey of renewal and its enduring charm.

Christchurch is more than just a destination; it's a testament to human resilience and creativity. As you explore the rebuilt city center, wander through gorgeous gardens, and experience the warm hospitality of its residents, you'll discover why Christchurch remains one of New Zealand's most captivating cities.

Let this garden city inspire you with its blend of history, innovation, and natural beauty. Enjoy your adventure in Christchurch!



# Itinerary Preview

2 days

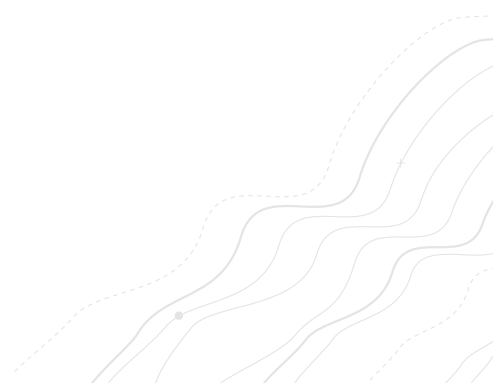
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Canterbury Museum  
Christchurch Botanic Gardens  
Cathedral Square Christchurch  
Cardboard Cathedral

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**DAY**  
02

International Antarctic Centre  
Christchurch Gondola  
Hagley Park North  
Riverside Market





# **Daily Events**



## Day 1

09:00

### **Canterbury Museum**

66 Gloucester Street, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch  
8013, New Zealand

11:00

11:45

### **Christchurch Botanic Gardens**

Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch  
8013, New Zealand

13:45

14:30

### **Cathedral Square Christchurch**

Cathedral Square, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch  
8011, New Zealand

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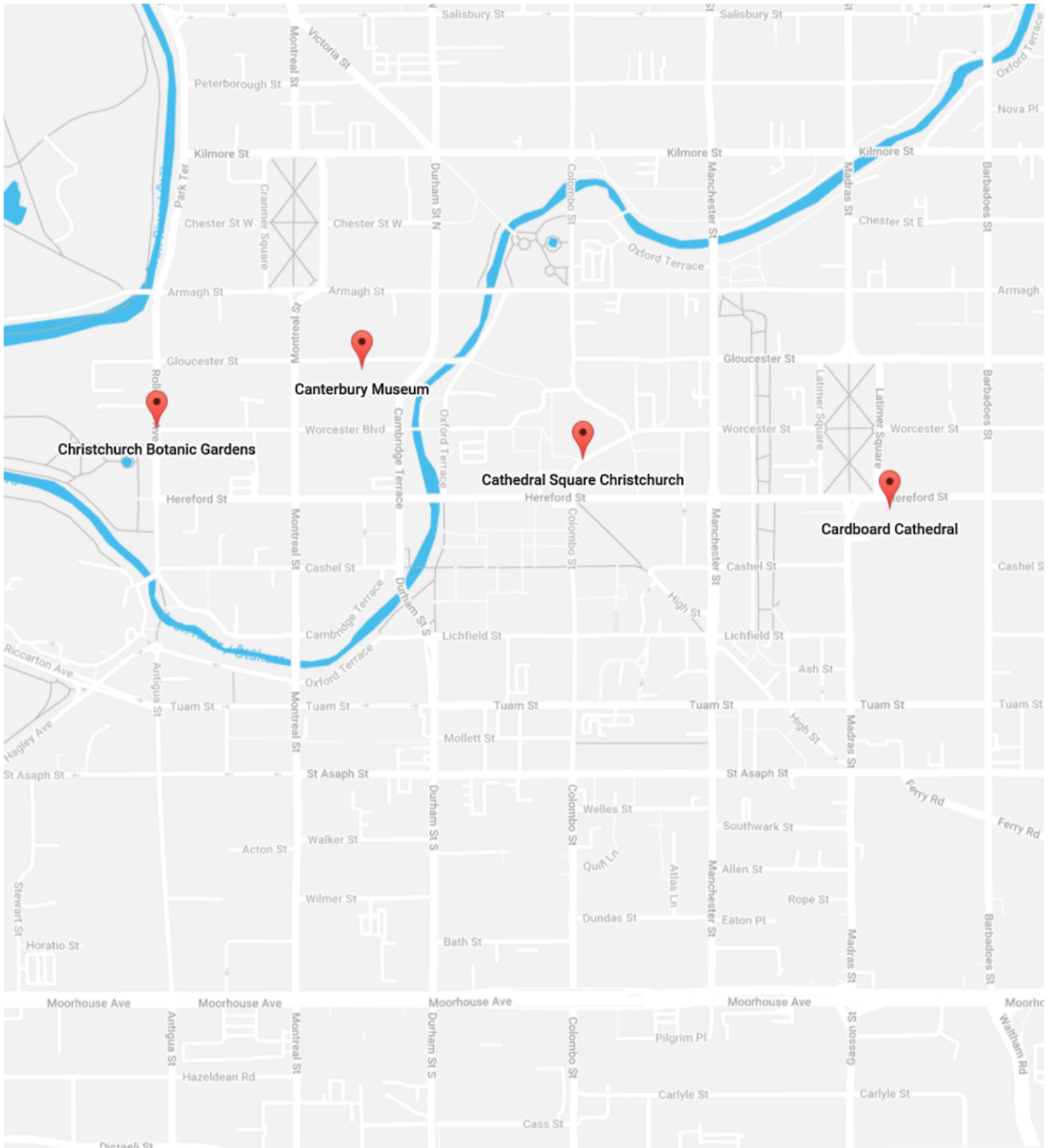
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### **Cardboard Cathedral**

234 Hereford Street, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch  
8011, New Zealand

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# Map for Day 1





## Day 2

09:00

### **International Antarctic Centre**

Corner Roy Place and, Orchard Road, Christchurch Airport,  
Christchurch 8052, New Zealand

11:00

11:45

### **Christchurch Gondola**

10 Bridle Path Road, Heathcote Valley, Christchurch 8022, New  
Zealand

13:45

14:30

### **Hagley Park North**

14 Riccarton Avenue, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch  
8011, New Zealand

16:30

17:15

### **Riverside Market**

96 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch  
8011, New Zealand

19:15

# Map for Day 2





# Spots



## Cathedral Square

Cathedral Square, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8011, New Zealand

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## The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora

Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8013, New Zealand

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### Summary:

Complex of 23 heritage buildings with shops, restaurants, art spaces & cultural events.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

03 366 0989



## Hagley Park North

14 Riccarton Avenue, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8011, New Zealand

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### Summary:

Sprawling urban park with botanical gardens, a small lake, tennis & other sports courts & a museum.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours  
Tuesday: Open 24 hours  
Wednesday: Open 24 hours  
Thursday: Open 24 hours  
Friday: Open 24 hours  
Saturday: Open 24 hours  
Sunday: Open 24 hours

### Phone:

03 941 8999



## The Tannery

3 Garlands Road, Woolston, Christchurch 8023, New Zealand

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### Summary:

Stylish retail hub with a glass atrium, featuring boutiques & restaurants with live music.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

0800 482 6637



## Little High Eatery

255 Saint Asaph Street, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8011, New Zealand

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### Summary:

Trendy food court featuring restaurants, cafes & bars serving international cuisine.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Thursday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Friday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Saturday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
Sunday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

### Phone:

0210 208 4444



## International Antarctic Centre

Corner Roy Place and, Orchard Road, Christchurch Airport, Christchurch 8052,  
New Zealand

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### Summary:

Simulated Antarctic environments, penguins, huskies & rides in amphibious Hägglund vehicles.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### Phone:

03 357 0519



## Riverside Market

96 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8011, New Zealand

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### Summary:

Buzzy indoor market with retailers selling locally sourced food, plus restaurants, cafes & bars.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

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## Cardboard Cathedral

234 Hereford Street, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8011, New Zealand

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### Summary:

Interim cathedral, constructed from cardboard to replace a church damaged in a 2011 earthquake.

### Phone:

03 366 0046



## Punting On The Avon (Antigua Boat Sheds)

2 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8013, New Zealand

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### Summary:

Sightseeing rides in a small, flat-bottomed boat poled by a guide dressed in Edwardian clothing.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



### Phone:

03 366 0337

## The Court Theatre

36 Clarence Street South, Addington, Christchurch 8024, New Zealand

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### Summary:

Home stage of the eponymous theater company, with shows ranging from classical plays to improv.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 1:00 - 9:00 PM

Tuesday: 1:00 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday: 1:00 - 9:00 PM

Thursday: 1:00 - 9:00 PM

Friday: 1:00 - 10:15 PM

Saturday: 1:00 - 9:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

### Phone:

0800 333 100





## Sumner Beach

Sumner Beach, Canterbury 8081, New Zealand



## Quake City

299 Durham Street North, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8013, New Zealand

### Summary:

Attraction recounting the 2010–2011 Canterbury earthquakes via personal stories & hands-on exhibits.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

03 365 8375



## Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8013, New Zealand

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### Summary:

These gardens in Hagley Park feature native & exotic plants outdoors & in several conservatories.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Thursday: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

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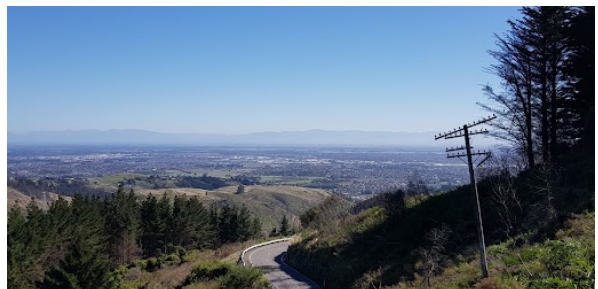
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## Victoria Park Road

Victoria Park Road, Cashmere, Christchurch 8022, New Zealand

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## Avon River Terraced Seating

124 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8011, New Zealand

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### Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours  
Tuesday: Open 24 hours  
Wednesday: Open 24 hours  
Thursday: Open 24 hours  
Friday: Open 24 hours  
Saturday: Open 24 hours  
Sunday: Open 24 hours

### Phone:

03 941 8999



## Christchurch Gondola

10 Bridle Path Road, Heathcote Valley, Christchurch 8022, New Zealand

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### Summary:

Iconic mountain cablecar offering panoramic views & a cafe & gift shop at the summit.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Phone:

03 384 0310



## Canterbury Museum

66 Gloucester Street, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8013, New Zealand

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### Summary:

Displays on Christchurch and Canterbury, including Maori and Antarctic discovery collections.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

03 366 5000



## Pomeroy's Old Brewery Inn

292 Kilmore Street, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8011, New Zealand

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### Summary:

Comfy tavern with a traditional, UK-style vibe offering a vast beer selection & inventive pub grub.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 3:00 - 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 3:00 - 11:00 PM

Wednesday: 3:00 - 11:00 PM

Thursday: 3:00 - 11:00 PM

Friday: 12:00 - 11:00 PM

Saturday: 12:00 - 11:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 - 10:00 PM

### Phone:

03 365 1523



## **Cathedral Square Christchurch**

Cathedral Square, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8011, New Zealand

### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours



## **Christchurch Adventure Park**

Christchurch Adventure Park, Ōtautahi 8022, New Zealand

**New Regent Street**

New Regent Street, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8011, New Zealand