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More than 50 reasons why you should come to Christchurch for the Nationals in October 2019

- 1 Museum. Canterbury Museum is housed in a splendid pseudo-gothic structure build of grey basalt with rhyolite (and trachyte) facings quarried from local quarries, and with animal faces carved in Oamaru stone. Named in honour of the building's original architect – Benjamin Mountfort - the Mountfort gallery is supported by heart kauri columns. Originally housed in the Canterbury Provincial Council Buildings and first opened to the public in 1867 under the curatorship of Dr.Julius von Haast, the collection soon moved in 1870 to the new purpose-built building. World-renown for its natural and human history collections, it houses some extraordinary collections as well as holding regular displays from other places. Google Canterbury Museum to find the website.



- 2 Art Gallery. The new Christchurch Art Gallery –Te Puna Waiwhetu - was opened in 2003, before the Christchurch earthquakes of 2010 and 2011. It is a spectacular glass fronted building which is a work of art in itself. The building was used as Civil Defence headquarters for Christchurch following the 2010 earthquake, and again after the February 2011 earthquake. The gallery was designed to deal with seismic events. The gallery's foundation, a concrete raft slab that sits on the surface of the ground, evenly distributes earthquake forces. However, it sustained some damage in the 2011 earthquake. The gallery did not reopen until 19 December 2015 due to the need for extensive refurbishments and improvements. The gallery houses an extensive permanent collection as well as hosting numerous short term displays from other sources. Google Christchurch Art Gallery to find the website.



- 3 Christchurch Arts Centre. Based on Benjamin Mountfort's Gothic Revival style of architecture and dating from 1877, the Arts Centre complex of 23 buildings once housed two of the city's high schools as well as Canterbury University (originally known as Canterbury College) before it moved out to its current site at Ilam.



- 4 The Christchurch Arts Centre is one of the most significant collection of heritage buildings in New Zealand. Most of the buildings making up the Arts Centre were extensively damaged by the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes. Restoration of the buildings to their original splendour (and indeed, better than immediately prior to the earthquakes) is proceeding, and much of the Arts Centre has now been reopened to the

public. As well as arts-related activities, visitors can enjoy shopping, eating, galleries or just simply spend time in the stunning outdoor areas exploring the quadrangles and cloisters of these old stone buildings. The Great Hall is especially worth a visit – it won an award for the quality of the restoration work. The \$40 million restoration of the Great Hall and Clock Tower building has earned an award of merit in the UNESCO Asia-Pacific awards for cultural heritage conservation, and the top prize in the Canterbury Heritage Awards. Google Christchurch Arts Centre to find the website.



- 5 Turanga, the new Christchurch Public Library built on a new site in Cathedral Square after the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes destroyed the old central library building, opened in October 2018 and supports the latest technology in searching for information, reading and learning. Google Christchurch City Libraries to find the website.



- 6 Riding 'The Tram'. The Christchurch Tramway system provides a chance for you to take a leisurely view of the city centre without the hassle of driving yourself. Hop aboard a vintage tram for a leisurely tour of central Christchurch. It's the most relaxing, fun way to get your bearings and see the city's attractions and landmarks. The trams leave from Cathedral Square in downtown Christchurch. The route then crosses Worcester Bridge over the River Avon, loops past the Botanic Gardens and travels along past the shops of Armagh Street. All trams have an informative on-board commentary. Google Christchurch Tramway to find the website .



- 7 Punting on the Avon. What could be more "Christchurch" than punting on the Avon River? This is an iconic Christchurch activity not to be missed. Admire the beautiful Christchurch Botanic Gardens or the changing face of the city centre as you are expertly guided gently along the Avon River on our authentic Edwardian Punting tours. Glide along the tranquil Avon River, as a skilled Punter in traditional Edwardian attire propels you slowly along the water. Our Avon River Punting tours are set aboard handcrafted flat-bottomed boats, poled along by your Punter from the platformed till at the rear end of the boat. An ideal group or family activity, Punting on the Avon is an eco-friendly way to relax and enjoy Christchurch from a different perspective. Google Punting on Avon River Christchurch to find the website.



- 8 Cycling. There are six new dedicated cycleways that connect the suburbs with the central city via local attractions. It is the Christchurch City Council's idea to make the centre of the city more accessible to people by favouring transport with low



emissions, restricting the inner city speed limit to 30 km/h, and enhancing the bus system.

- 9 Lime scooters. These are the latest craze in Auckland and Christchurch. If you haven't tried one yet, just strengthen your insurance policy and have a go. After all, what's the worse that can happen?????

- 10 Walking the new Riverside Promenade. Recently opened after 5 years of work costing \$120 million, the 2 kilometre-long shared walking, cycling and scooting path runs alongside Oxford Terrace from the Christchurch Earthquake Memorial Wall near the Christchurch Public Hospital, to the Margaret Mahy playground. The promenade includes paths, gardens and grassed areas and runs through the Avon River Precinct. You will pass the fully restored Bridge of Remembrance on Cashel Street, you may be delayed as you negotiate past the street bars along "The Terrace", you will see the giant steps leading down to the river, you will pass through the recently restored Victoria Square gardens and Bowker Fountain.



- 11 Hagley Park. Hagley Park has been at the heart of Christchurch since the 1850s when it was set aside for the enjoyment of Christchurch residents. Today, Hagley Park is the most significant central city park and offers a diverse range of entertainment and recreational facilities close to the city centre. Hagley Park is renowned for its extensive area of 165 hectares (407 acres), its wide-open spaces and mature woodlands. It comprises North and South Hagley Park which are separated by Riccarton Avenue and bordered by Deans, Hagley, Rolleston and Harper Avenues.



- 12 Botanic Gardens. Nestled in the eastern part of Hagley Park are the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. The Christchurch Botanic Gardens were founded in 1863 when an English oak was planted to commemorate the solemnisation of the marriage of Prince Albert and Princess Alexandra of Denmark. The Gardens sprawl over an area of 21 hectares and lie adjacent to the loop of the Avon River next to Hagley Park. The Christchurch Botanic Gardens have a variety of collection of exotic and local plants of New Zealand. Some of the many attractions of these beautiful Gardens include:



- The Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre,[3] which opened in April 2014, has a café, gift shop and an interactive permanent exhibition featuring the history of plants and gardening in Canterbury, New Zealand.
- The Herb Garden, located by the Curator's House, (started in 1986) has several plants of culinary and medicinal value (see Herbalism).
- The Central Rose Garden has more than 250 varieties of modern cultivar roses.



- The Heritage Rose Garden has a selection of rambling heritage roses that delight in the summer months.
- Collections of plants from all around the world including Asia, North America, Europe, South America and South Africa.

13 Ferrymead Heritage Park. Ferrymead Park features an early 1900s (Edwardian) township and the park has a variety of restored cottages plus a school house, church and businesses which reflect the period and allow visitors to experience life for the early residents of Christchurch including the smell of a coal range and the sounds of a tram rattling past the door. There are a large array of heritage exhibitions and displays that are open for viewing, particularly on Sundays. These displays are owned and operated by individual societies and manned by their volunteers. They have restored and displayed their collections for you to enjoy and these include tractors, fire engines, aeroplanes, trams, trains, cars, printing, post and telegraph, model railway, photography and much much more. Trams run on weekends and throughout the School Holidays. Tram rides are not included in the admission price but can still be purchased at a small fee. Steam trains run on the second Sunday of the month and you can enjoy unlimited rides along the route as part of your entry fee. Google Ferrymead Heritage Park to find the website.



14 Gondola. Take a gondola ride to the top of the Port Hills for stunning views over Christchurch, the Canterbury Plains, and port Lyttleton from the (extinct) crater rim. The Gondola offers a unique Christchurch sightseeing experience that you'll never forget. Google Christchurch Gondola to find the website.

15 Air Force Museum. The Air Force Museum of New Zealand is the national museum for the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) and New Zealand military aviation, and stands on the site of the former air base at Wigram, Christchurch. It had its origins in the RNZAF Historical Centre, established at RNZAF Base Wigram in 1976. This was a small-scale, part-time venture, until 1981 when a formal Air Force Order established the RNZAF Museum as an official Air Force unit, staffed by uniformed Air Force personnel. Today, the Museum is situated on 37 hectares of land and is accommodated in six buildings onsite with a total of approximately 5,000m² of display area and 14,000m² of storage and workshop space. It is a world class cultural institution, employing a team of over 30 professional staff, and attracting around 120,000 visitors per year. Google Air Force Museum of New Zealand to find the website.



16 The Antarctic Centre. Christchurch has capitalised on its long association with exploration of Antarctica by setting up the International Antarctic Centre in 1992. Located on the International Antarctic Programme's working campus at Christchurch Airport, the centre has become renowned as one of New Zealand's most diverse and dynamic tourist attractions. The range of interactive experiences here provides fun, education and excitement for visitors of all ages. Here you'll experience real snow and ice and you'll survive an indoor Antarctic storm. You'll learn



about life at Scott Base and see what it takes to work on the ice. You'll hang out with Little Blue Penguins and snuggle in with huskies. There's also the exciting Hægglund ride, an awesome 4D theatre, a massive HD screen and lots, lots more. With tributes to Roald Amundsen, Robert Falcon Scott, Ernest Shackleton, Edmund Hillary and other explorers of the frozen continent, this is an experience you won't want to miss.

- 17 Mountain biking. Christchurch is renowned across the country for its stunning mountain bike trails. From the gentle rides at Bottle Lake and McLean's Island, to the more extreme tracks on the Port Hills and Banks Peninsula, there's outdoor adventure to suit every level. In addition to the tracks and trails provided by the CCC and ECAN, the commercial provider Christchurch Adventure Park offers a thrilling experience on a mountain bike. "Your base for epic adventures and chilled out down-time set in Christchurch's Port Hills. Race through the valley on the dual zip-line tour. Take in the stunning views from the chairlift or walking track. Be totally stoked out by the stunning machine and hand-built mountain bike trails or just chill out on the large deck of our Café nestled in the Pine forest. The Adventure Park experience is yours for the making and we can't wait to share it with you." Google Mountain Biking Christchurch to find the websites.



- 18 Casino. If you are into a bit of a flutter, the Christchurch Sky Casino is a great place to increase (or decrease) your wealth in a pleasant atmosphere with the choice of three restaurants at very reasonable prices.

- 19 New Brighton Pier. Once a penny slot machine pleasure parlour along the lines of the much more splendid Eastbourne and Brighton Piers in England, the old pier rotted away but was eventually replaced by a nice new concrete pier. This was damaged by the earthquakes in 2010 and 2011, and has recently been repaired and is open again to the public and is awesome for a stroll out into the ocean without getting your feet wet. A great place to catch fish and paddle crabs, it also sports a fine restaurant and café call "Salt on the Pier".



- 20 Golf. There is plenty of choice. Fifteen golf courses in Christchurch and another 15 within one hour's drive. Google Christchurch Golf to find out more.
- 21 Speedway. Ruapuna Speedway offers a great range of entertaining races and trials. Google Christchurch Speedway to find out more.
- 22 Trots and Races. The NZ Metropolitan Trotting Club has regular evening harness race meetings at Addington Raceway during October, and the Canterbury Jockey Club will be having a day meeting at the Riccarton Race Course during October 2019. If you are a serious punter, why not stay over (or come back) to the famous Cup (NZ Trotting Cup) and Show (Christchurch A&P Show) week which is held on the 13-16th November 2019
- 23 Rugby. NZ plays Italy in the last of the Pool B World Cup playoffs in Japan on Saturday 12th October. Mitre 10 Cup games will be being played during October 2019 with the finals being later in the month. Come and see Canterbury in action against whichever team they are scheduled to play.

- 24 Shows. There are shows and regular features such as The Court Theatre and Christchurch Symphony Orchestra which are always well worth attending. Google Court Theatre and Christchurch Symphony Orchestra to see what's on.
- 25 Rebuild progress. Drive or bus into town and walk your way around the inner city, stopping to enjoy the shopping and eating opportunities as you go. There are some real architectural gems being created, and the city is far from being a monotonous run of boxes.
- 26 Shopping downtown or at malls. I am sure that Christchurch has more retail opportunities per head of population than any other city in the world. Come and take advantage of some of the spare capacity.
- 27 Breweries. We have many micro or boutique or craft breweries. Most have tasting rooms. Come and try some of them out. First and foremost for us is Wigram Brewery, based at Sockburn. Then there is Three Boys Brewery on Ferry Road, Woolston. There must be something in the water at Woolston because Cassels and Sons Brewery is in the refurbished Wool Scour buildings in the same suburb. Then we have Eagle Brewery – now shifted to Rangiora but still with its outlet at The Volstead Trading Company in Riccarton. Don't miss Two Thumb Brewing Company in Manchester Street, and if all else fails to inspire you, call in to Pomeroy's Old Brewery Inn in Kilmore Street for the widest selection of craft beers in Christchurch.
- 28 Wineries. The largest concentration of first class wineries close to Christchurch is in the North Canterbury district of Waipara/Glenmark, but there are wineries scattered around many parts of Canterbury. The most notable wineries at Waipara/Glenmark are Terrace Edge Vineyard and Olive Grove, Pegasus Bay Winery and Restaurant, Black Estate Winery and Restaurant, Greystone Vineyard, Waipara Springs Winery and Café, Dancing Waters Vineyard, Torlese Winery, Waipara Hills Winery and Restaurant, and many others where you can visit and sample the local vintage.
- 29 Cheese makers. The most well-known are at Barry's Bay (Barry's Bay Cheese), on the road to Akaroa, and Karikaas Cheese, at Loburn near Rangiora.
- 30 Markets. There are several Farmers Markets operating in the greater Christchurch area, including Lyttleton Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings, Christchurch Farmers' Market at Riccarton House (Deans Bush) on Saturday mornings, Lincoln Farmers' and Craft Market on Saturday mornings, Saturday Seaside Market at New Brighton on Saturday mornings, Mt Pleasant Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings, Opawa Farmers' Market on Sundays, and the Riccarton Sunday Market on Sundays
- 31 Restaurants. How many Restaurants make up a city? I don't know, but there are too many for you to sample in just one short visit to Christchurch. Go to your favourite website and ask them to recommend according to your taste and style.
- 32 Bars. Again, Bars Galor, especially around the inner city, but some good ones are to be found in the suburbs too.
- 33 Tranz Alpine and Coastal Pacific. These world class railway trips are not to be missed. Booking a long way ahead is essential.
- 34 Weka Pass Railway. This is an excursion vintage railway on its own branch line. It features a steam train, but only on Sundays.
- 35 Pleasant Point Vintage Railway.

- 36 Taieri Gorge Railway. This has become a world-renown vintage railway that winds its way from Dunedin up the Taieri Gorge to Middlemarch through some spectacular scenery. Runs every day.
- 37 Visit Gladfield Malt. Modestly billed as the producers of the World's Best Malt, this is a "must visit" for any self-respecting or budding brewer. Situated on the Dunsandel - Hororata Road, you will need to arrange your visit by ringing Co-Owner & Head of Sales and Marketing: Gabi Michael on Phone: +64 27 392 7543 / +64 3 3254 447 or Email: gabi@gladfieldmalt.co.nz
- 38 Visit Akaroa. Parlez vous francaise? Me neither. But this is a great little part of NZ where the sun is ALWAYS shining, and the bread and pastries are pretty good too. Its only an hour's drive from Christchurch, so a day trip is very do-able.
- 39 Visit Hanmer Springs. If it's a soak in a thermal hot pool after a sweaty ride on a mountain bike track, or a more leisurely stroll through one of the magnificent forest walks, then this is the place for you. An even greater experience is to lie back in the pools when it is snowing, but you will be there at the wrong time of the year, hopefully. Again, Hanmer is a place you can take in on a day trip from Christchurch.
- 40 Visit Kaikoura. Kaikourians know what it is like to be isolated, after the massive 7.8 quake in 2016 cut them off from the rest of NZ for several weeks until emergency repairs could be made to a back road. The main state highway access and railway routes were not restored until over a \$Billion was spent by our government to achieve a world acclaimed engineering feat. But that is not what Kaikoura is really famous for. The Whales, the Seals, the Dolphins, the Crayfish, and the stunning mountain to sea scenery are all must-see and must-do activities that make a visit there very well worth-while. Don't try to do it in a day trip – you will just end up disappointed and very tired.
- 41 Visit West Coast. Go on, lose yourself on the mighty West Coast of the South Island. Bet you didn't know that the road from Karamea in the north to Jacksons Bay in the south is longer than the road from Auckland to Wellington. So, don't try to do it in a day, or even in two days. And take your coat, even though coasties will try to tell you it only rains at night.
- 42 Visit Oamaru. If you stumble into old Oamaru, you could be excused for thinking that you have just travelled through one of Stephen Hawking's worm holes and ended up in the past, somehow. Richly glowing Oamaru stone facades shine forth on building after building after building in the historic precinct. The theme of the town is steam punk, which lends a quirky air to the place, leaving you wondering if you might have found Marty McFly and Doc Emmett Brown in one of their trips in Back to the Future, undoubtedly my favourite movie series ever.
- 43 Visit Dunedin. There ain't much wrong with Dunners, if you ask 20,814 Otago Uni students (2016) who come from all over to sample the place. It offers history in every aspect from medicine to law, from shipping to gold mining, from architecture to machinery. Don't forget to visit the Hocken Library and the Early Settlers Museum to name just two attractions, and then there is the Albatross colony at Tairua Head, and the tallest tree in NZ at Waitati.
- 44 Visit Aoraki Mt Cook. NZ's highest peak – the cloud piercer – spawns several glaciers including the Tasman, Hooker, Ball, Hochstetter, and many, many others. You can fly over them, land on them, or just admire them from a distance. Stay in the world class The Hermitage while you are there and visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre.

- 45 Visit Central Otago. Pssst, don't tell the Aucklanders, this place IS the best kept secret in NZ. Stretching from Lee Stream in the east to Glenorchy in the west, and from Lawrence in the south to Hawea in the north – that's 11,500 square kilometres, larger than the whole of Northland Region - this is one hell of a place, and you won't find anything like it anywhere else in the world. In fact, it uses the motto "a world of difference". Don't take my word for it – go and discover it for yourself. But have plenty of time, like a year or two if can, because it will astound you at every corner.
- 46 Visit Queenstown. Without a shadow of a doubt, Queenstown is now NZ's premier tourist spot, with that many thrill-seeking adventures for the tourist to take part in that I cant even name them all. Also, one of NZ's fastest growing towns, Queenstown boast new shopping areas popping up as fast as their new housing subdivisions. When I started visiting Queenstown in the 1970's there was just one grocery store. Now there are four supermarkets as well as a few more "superettes". But if Queenstown doesn't grab you, then the wider area should. With Glenorchy nestled between the Humboldt Mountains and the Richardson Mountains, beside the Dart and Rees Rivers at the head of Lake Wakatipu, and with Mt Earnslaw pushing its glaciers down towards the town in the background, this is a no-to-be-missed place for you to visit. And then there is Skippers Canyon, a rugged four-wheel drive away from Queenstown into the heart of gold-bearing country fed by the appropriately named Mt Aurum into the mighty Shotover River, with swing bridges crossing the deeply gorged river. This is remote NZ hinterland at its best. And what about a trip up the Arrow River to the abandoned gold mining town of Macetown after visiting the living museum of Arrowtown, a picture postcard at any time of the year. I could go on and on.....
- 47 Visit Milford Sound. If you haven't yet been to Milford Sound, you have just enough time to do it before you shuffle off this mortal coil. Rising above stunning Milford Sound is Mitre Peak, rising 1692 m above sea level and adding awe to any photo, no matter what weather. The Milford Road journey will get you there. You will be in the heart of Fiordland National Park. With scenery to take your breath away - imagine standing high in the mountains, looking over a vast landscape of snow-capped peaks, glistening fiords, icy lakes in tussock and sheer, ice-carved valleys with rivers winding through the native forest - Fiordland National Park has international World Heritage status as part of Te Wāhipounamu - South West New Zealand World Heritage Area. Fiordland is home of the Takahē Recovery Programme. This unique bird, the largest living member of the rail family, was once thought to be extinct. After rediscovery of the takahē in the Murchison Mountains in 1948, a special area of 500 km² was set aside in Fiordland National Park for its conservation. Black coral is an underwater beauty and in Fiordland can be seen at shallower depths than elsewhere due to the freshwater layer. Sea lovers - check out the 10 Fiordland marine reserves. Experience a world-famous Great Walk - Fiordland National Park features three world class Great Walks tracks with stunning scenery: Kepler Track, Milford Track and Routeburn Track.
- 48 Visit the great southern lakes. There are more southern lakes than you can shake a stick at. The well-known natural ones include Monowai, Manapouri, Te Anau, Wakatipu, Wanaka, Hawea, Ohau, Pukaki and Tekapo, but there are many smaller lakes, often in less accessible places just waiting for you to visit. Have you been to Lake Hakapoua, Poteriteri, Hauroko, Monk, Mouat, Green, Rakatu, the Mavora lakes, Sylvan, Unknown, Diamond (at a place appropriately called Paradise), Moke, Hayes, etc, etc? And then there's the man-made lakes.....

- 49 Visit Stewart Island – Rakiura. New Zealand’s third Island, and hardly known to north islanders. Here’s your chance. Drive on Stewart Island’s 15 km of road network and you’re classed as a loopy – the Islander’s affectionate name for tourists, national or international – or a local.
- 50 Jet boating. Plenty of braided rivers and lakes, plenty of opportunity
- 51 Walking. Where do I start? There are many walking tracks and opportunities within the city, in the Port Hills, and in the wider Christchurch area.
- 52 Tramping. I’m getting writers block.
- 53 Trout and salmon fishing. Everywhere (except on the tar seal).
- 54 Mountain biking. Up hill and down dale.
- 55 Hunting. For bargains or for game, its up to you, but you need a gun licence for the latter, and a permit
- 56 The Nationals, of course.