



Ōtūwharekai: Hakatere heritage

Junction of Ashburton Gorge Road and Heron Road, Hakatere



The Tohu Whenua story

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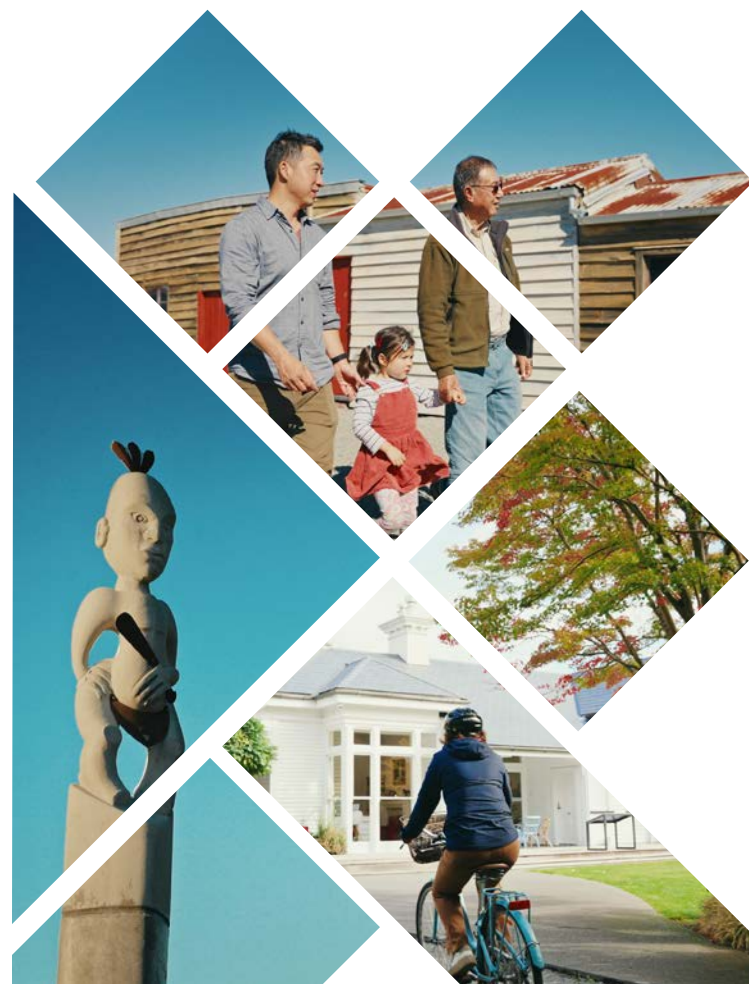


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Fyffe House at Wai o puka

62 Avoca St, Kaikōura

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Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre

2 Worcester Boulevard, Christchurch

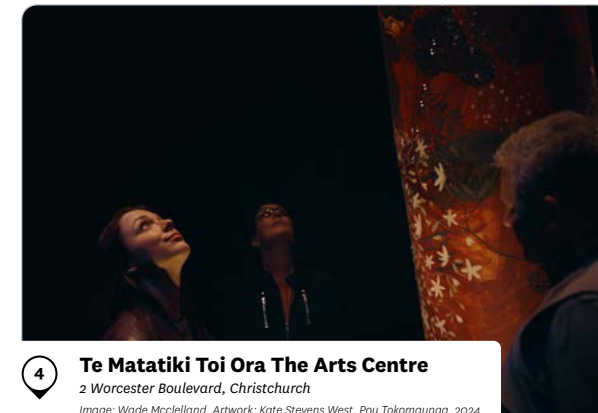
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Lyttelton Timeball

2 Reserve Terrace, Lyttelton

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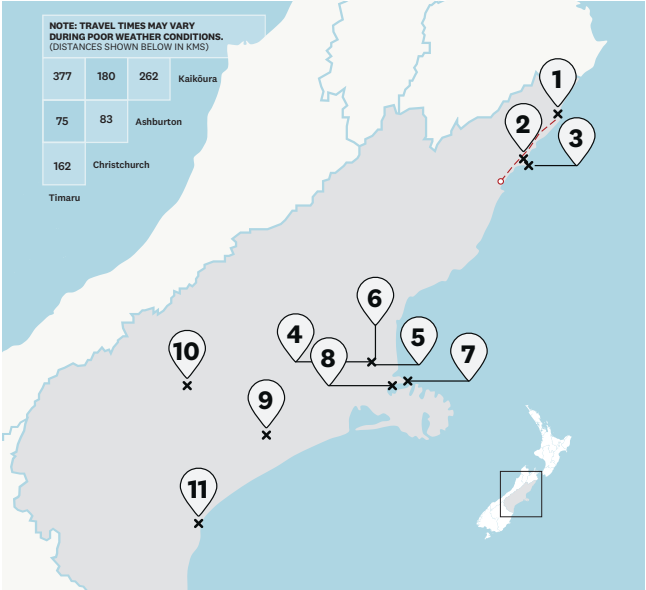


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The Waitaha Canterbury story

Ancient art galleries, coastal walks and architectural landmarks are just some of the must-dos you’ll find in our Waitaha Canterbury itinerary. Immerse yourself in early Māori history and explore the places where trailblazing Cantabrians made their homes, fed their communities and created social change as you visit Tohu Whenua in this region.



- Tohu Whenua**

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Information Key

Great for families

Entry fee

Bicycle friendly

Walking involved

Wheelchair access

Parking

Food and beverage available

Restrooms

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Kaikōura Cultural Artwork Trail

State Highway 1 north and south of Kaikōura

Toi Māori on the highway

Along the 60km scenic stretch of State Highway 1 from Waiau Toa (Clarence River) to Oaro, experience this unique art trail centred around seven safe stopping places. Pull over to see murals, pouwhenua and tekoteko (carved pillars), beautiful native planting and information panels that share the rich stories of the hapū of Kaikōura.

Image: Wade McClelland



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Kaikōura Peninsula Walkway

Walking loop with parking in Kaikōura township, Point Kean and South Bay

Life on the edge

Observe seals and seabirds, explore historic pā and whaling sites and enjoy clifftop views of the sea and mountains. Suitable for families, the whole walkway takes three hours, but you can also explore a range of shorter tracks.

Image: Wade McClelland



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Fyffe House at Wai o puka

62 Avoca St, Kaikōura

A sea change

Fyffe House sits within Wai o puka, an area with a long history of Māori settlement. Built on piles of whale vertebrae, this house is a rare remnant of the whaling industry and reveals the lives of early European families in the area. Explore the house, discover vivid stories of the people who have lived there and check out interactive stories gifted by Ngāti Kuri.

Image: Carmel Rowden



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Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre

2 Worcester Boulevard, Christchurch

Beating heart of the city

Explore an entire city block dedicated to arts, culture and education. The country's largest collection of Category 1 listed historic buildings is home to events, art galleries, museums, boutique retailers, a cinema, a weekly market, accommodation, eateries and bars. Get there on foot, by bike or on the historic tram, which stops right outside!

Image: Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre



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Pūtaringamotu Riccarton House & Bush

16 Kahu Road, Fendalton, Christchurch

Ancient trees, heritage homestead

Breathe in the history as you wander through Pūtaringamotu, a rare remnant of a centuries-old kahikatea swamp forest with deep connections to Ngāi Tūāhuriri. On the same site is Riccarton House, the grand home of early European settlers the Deans family, which is open for tours and hosts a charming on-site restaurant. Pop in on Saturday morning for the weekly Christchurch Farmers’ Market .

Image: Carmel Rowden



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Te Whare Waiutuutu Kate Sheppard House

83 Clyde Road, Ilam, Christchurch

Women’s fight to vote

Step into the home of Kate Sheppard, iconic leader of New Zealand’s women’s suffrage movement. Visit the museum to discover how Kate lived, worked, and campaigned, and enjoy the extensive peaceful gardens.

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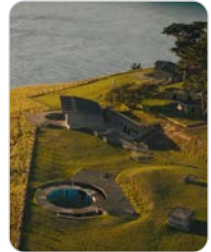
Awaroa Godley Head

Godley Head carpark, Summit Road, Banks Peninsula

Keeping watch

Awaroa Godley Head Battery is one of Aotearoa New Zealand’s most intact and extensive coastal defence systems built during World War II. Onsite interpretation, murals, walking tracks and stunning sunrise views add to the experience.

Image: Wade McClelland



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Lyttelton Timeball

2 Reserve Terrace, Lyttelton

Right on time

The Lyttelton Timeball overlooking Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour has marked Greenwich Mean Time since 1876. Māori and European maritime navigation systems are honoured here. The timeball itself drops at 1pm daily.

Image: Wade McClelland



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Ng King Bros Chinese Market Garden Settlement

128 Allens Road, Ashburton

A growing business

A rare example of an original twentieth-century Chinese market garden settlement site that reveals how Chinese migrants worked and lived together to find their place in the local community of Ashburton.

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Heart of the high country

Hakatere Station’s vernacular stone, cob and timber accommodation buildings bring to life the basic living conditions and communal lives of high-country farm workers in the early twentieth century. Set amidst the dramatic landscapes of Hakatere Conservation Park, this site is the gateway to Ōtūwharekai/Ashburton Lakes; an area of outstanding cultural importance to Ngāi Tahu.

Image: Wade McClelland



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Te Ana Ngāi Tahu Māori Rock Art Centre

Landing Services Building, 2 George Street, Timaru

The original art galleries of Aotearoa

Journey through the history and culture of Ngāi Tahu people at Te Ana, a state-of-the-art immersive cultural centre. From here book a guided tour to the Ōpihi limestone caves that reveal haunting images painted by Māori hundreds of years ago.

Image: Venture Timaru



Weather in Waitaha Canterbury can change unexpectedly.

Make sure you take appropriate warm clothing, a waterproof jacket, food and water when embarking on walks in the area.