## Canterbury Trails PERSONALLY GUIDED TOURS

## CHRISTCHURCH CITY & BANKS PENINSULA TOUR

Stunning scenic drive, Christchurch City with cafe lunch

Akaroa - Christchurch - Akaroa

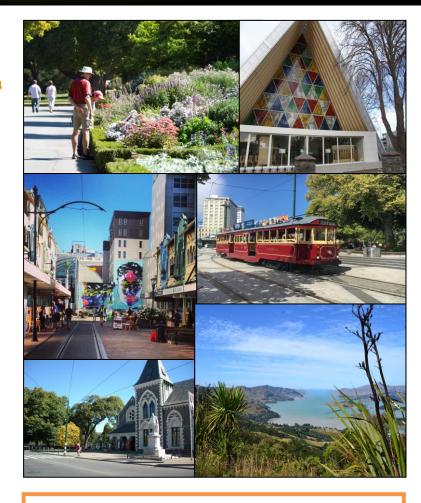
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Discover Banks Peninsula, Christchurch and Lyttelton harbour. Find out about Maori and early European settler's history.

Having picked you up we drive to Christchurch along the Summit Road where there are plenty of places to stop and take photographs of the volcanic area. Before we leave Banks Peninsula there is an opportunity for a short walk at Montgomery reserve to view one of the last remaining ancient Totora trees in the area before stopping at Little River Art Gallery to check out the local artists and grab a coffee. Continue over Gebbies Pass via Lake Forsyth and Lake Ellesmere (third largest body of water in New Zealand) for stunning views of Lyttelton Harbour, Port Hills, Pacific Ocean, Canterbury Plains and Southern Alps.

Continue to the city centre. Here you can assess the progress of the rebuild following the 2010/2011 earthquakes. We will discuss the reasons for the event, its impact and the exciting plans for the future. There will be time to stop at Cathedral Square, The River precinct, The Botanical gardens, Transitional Cathedral (Cardboard Cathedral), and the Tannery Shopping Precinct. After lunch if time permits we will visit a winery for tastings which will demonstrate why New Zealand's wine and its makers are so highly regarded around the world. Canterbury also prides itself in being serious about food and promoting local produce. The time required to drive from Akaroa to Christchurch takes 1.5 hours and we plan to return you to Akaroa by 4.30pm, this will give you the opportunity for some local shopping before returning to your ship.

Please note the order of activities will be dependent on pick up/drop off points and weather



## **Tour Inclusions:**

- Stunning scenic drive
- City sights including, Transitional Cathedral and the Tannery Shopping Precinct
- Walks at Montgomery Reserve, and Riccarton Bush if time permits
- Cafe style lunch
- Travel by deluxe mini-van with a maximum of 8 passengers
- Fully escorted with informative commentary and stunning scenery
- Other Christchurch City attractions can be included at extra cost

Departure time: 9-9.30am Return time: 4.30pm