



DAY TRIPS

Shopping Spectacular

With this day trip you can visit one, two or three shopping malls, see the University of Canterbury campus, cool off with a swim in Australasia's largest swimming complex, visit the beach and end up back in the city centre for a drink or meal in Christchurch's newest night spot or do more shopping!



- **If you want to start by visiting Westfield Mall or the University of Canterbury campus you catch the Number 3 Bus from platform C. Buses generally run every 15 minutes during the week and every half hour during the weekend.**
- **If you want to start your day trip at Merivale Mall catch Bus Number 10 or 12 from platform E. There should be a bus about every 15 minutes.**
- **If you wish to start your day trip with The Palms Mall and then go swimming at QEII catch bus number 70 from platform C. Buses generally run every 15 minutes during the week and every half hour during the weekend.**

(For more information on Bus times see the timetables at www.metroinfo.org.nz or pick up a timetable at the bus exchange. You may need timetables for: Metrostar, 3, 10, 12, 46, 70)

University of Canterbury

To see the University stay on the number 3 Bus past Westfield Mall. Check out the campus, then catch the Metrostar from the university back to Westfield Mall and then on to Merivale and the Palms.

The University of Canterbury was established in 1873 as Canterbury College. It was only the second university in New Zealand and started its life in graceful stone buildings on a central city block, which is now the Christchurch Arts Centre.

It was set up on the Oxbridge model with one major difference: women students were admitted from the start. Ernest Rutherford, Apirana Ngata of Ngati Porou, the first Maori graduate from a New Zealand university and Helen Connon, the first woman in the then British Empire to win honours, were all graduates of the University of Canterbury.

In 1975, the University completed its move to this spacious 76 hectare site in the suburb of Ilam, 7km from the old city site. It comprises a central complex of libraries, lecture theatres, laboratories and staff accommodation surrounded by playing fields and woodlands.

The University has retained links with the old town site, using it as the starting point for graduation processions each year.

Westfield Mall

Located in the suburb of Riccarton, Westfield has over 160 shops, a picture theatre and many cafés and restaurants to choose from. As well as a supermarket, Westfield boasts two department stores and a number of well known chain stores. All tastes are covered with over 50 fashion stores plus music, books, homeware, sports – Westfield has something for everyone.

Merivale Mall



Situated in one of Christchurch's more affluent suburbs, Merivale Mall is a boutique mall that concentrates on designer boutiques, lifestyle stores and up market restaurants & bars. If you are looking for something different this is the mall to visit.

To carry on with the Day Trip from Merivale get back on the Metrostar. If you wish to go back to the Central City from here catch the number 10 or 12.

The Palms Shopping Centre

The Palms claim a great picture theatre in 'Reading' and a fun place to have a night out in their outdoor 'Arena'. The Palms is in the suburb of Shirley and has over 112 stores to choose from ranging from fashion through to gifts, homewares, hair salons, cafés and a spacious food hall.

To carry on with the Day Trip from The Palms get back on the Metrostar. If you wish to go back to the Central City from here catch the number 46 or 70.



QEII

Queen Elizabeth II Leisure Centre is an impressive multi-sport and leisure complex, featuring Australasia's largest aquatic facility. The themed leisure pool is unrivalled water fun that includes a wave pool, lazy river, children's playzone, water slides, spa, sauna and café.



QEII Park was built specifically for the 1974 Commonwealth Games. Today the facility caters for family fun through to elite sport performance and development.

Entry costs are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. They also have family prices

To carry on with the Day Trip from QEII to New Brighton get back on the Metrostar. If you wish to go back to the Central City from here catch the number 83 or catch the Metrostar back to The Palm and transfer to the Number 46 or 70.

New Brighton



The original Waitaha name for the Brighton Spit area was Te Karoro Karoro (the seagulls chatter). Many stories are told by the descendants of early settlers about the naming of New Brighton probably after the famous English resort. However, most stories are linked with the inspection of the lower course of the Avon River by William G. Brittan in 1860. Brittan landed at a small jetty, in front of the Free's residence and chalked on a post nearby were the words 'New Brighton'. Brighton was also the birth place of J. E. Fitzgerald, first superintendent of Canterbury so some say the name springs from this.

New Brighton had its hay-day in the 1960's, when it was the only shopping area in Canterbury allowed to trade on Saturdays. With the advent of unlimited weekend trading, New Brighton's supremacy was undermined and its township now caters mainly for locals and beach goers.

The **New Brighton Beach** is a great place for a walk or a swim. Wander out on to the **Pier** and see great views back towards the City. The Pier is 300 metres long and opened in 1997. It is in the same site as the original pier built in 1894.

Te Kete Wānanga o Karoro - New Brighton Library

This must be the best library in the world. Housed in the Pier Buildings, the books have to compete hard to win a glance with the stunning views the ocean provides.

To return to the Central City catch the number 5, 40 or 51 (83 and 84 go back to town too but just not so direct)

Ballantynes

Now that you are back at the Bus Exchange no shopping trip would be complete without a visit to Ballantynes, Christchurch's most famous locally owned department store, just across Colombo St.

Ballantynes was established in 1854 and was originally named Dunstable House by its founders the Clarksons. They lived in a cottage in Cashel Street and the shop started with straw hats and other items being sold from the front room. Soon a small gabled shop was needed which extended out to Cashel Street.

At the end of 1856 a large two-storey extension to the shop opened. The business continued to grow and thrive. In 1864 it was bought by William Pratt and in 1872 it was bought by John Ballantyne

The Scottish born John Ballantyne had emigrated to Sydney in 1852 and joined the firm of Messrs McArthur Kingsbury & Co. He then established a branch in Adelaide and became a partner. He later established his own business in Adelaide but sold this



to Robin and Birks and emigrated to New Zealand.

After John Ballantyne retired, the business was carried on by a series of partnerships which included his three sons, eventually becoming a Company in 1920.

Today, J Ballantyne and Co is still the place to shop in Central Christchurch. It has kept its tradition of great service and also kept abreast of fashion and times with its nationwide mail order and web site operations.

South of Lichfield (SOL)



Also close by the Bus Exchange is SOL a new and thriving entertainment and retail precinct. The name of the area is an acronym for South of Lichfield. Lichfield Street is the street to the south of the Bus Exchange and you enter SOL from His Lordships Lane on the other side of the road. Up until a few years ago this area of town was all but dead. Owners bravely redeveloped it into a contemporary urban centre retaining much of the heritage and industrial feel of the area.

Be sure to also cross Manchester Street and check out High Street and the Lichfield Lanes area of Poplar and Ash Streets.

Red Bus hopes you have a great day.



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