Hurunui Wine, Wellness & Adventure - Pre TRENZ

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Welcome to the Hurunui: Wine, Wellness and Adventure

Kia ora and welcome to the Hurunui! Just 90 minutes from Christchurch, Hurunui is a place where great wine & food, adventure and genuine relaxation sit side by side.
Your journey begins with the adrenaline rush of Jet Boating on the Hurunui River before taking time to slow down and relax in the alpine village of Hanmer Springs.
While enjoying everything on offer, you'll also get time to visit accommodation providers, the famous Thermal Pools and Spa, including our NEW products, Elemental - a premium wellness experience featuring NZ's first Snow room and YourWave Hanmer Springs. You'll get to unwind and relax allowing you to start the week at TRENZ feeling your best!

We can’t wait to welcome you and show you why we are Quietly Extraordinary.

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Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools

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MK Restaurant, 24 Conical Hill Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

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Manuka Skies Stargazing

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Travel back to Christchurch

Day 1

Travel from Christchurch to Tawanui Farm



Head north out of Christchurch and let the city fall away behind you. You'll drive through the stunning North Canterbury wine region of Waipara (don't worry, you'll be stopping here on your way back), the sky gets bigger, and you can relax into what the Hurunui is known for. The 90-minute scenic drive takes you to Tawanui Farm, which sits near the mouth of the Hurunui River with views of rolling farmland and the Inland Kaikōura Ranges. By the time you step out of the car, the only sounds are birdsong and, on a good morning, the distant ocean. The city feels a long way away, and the adventure is only just beginning.

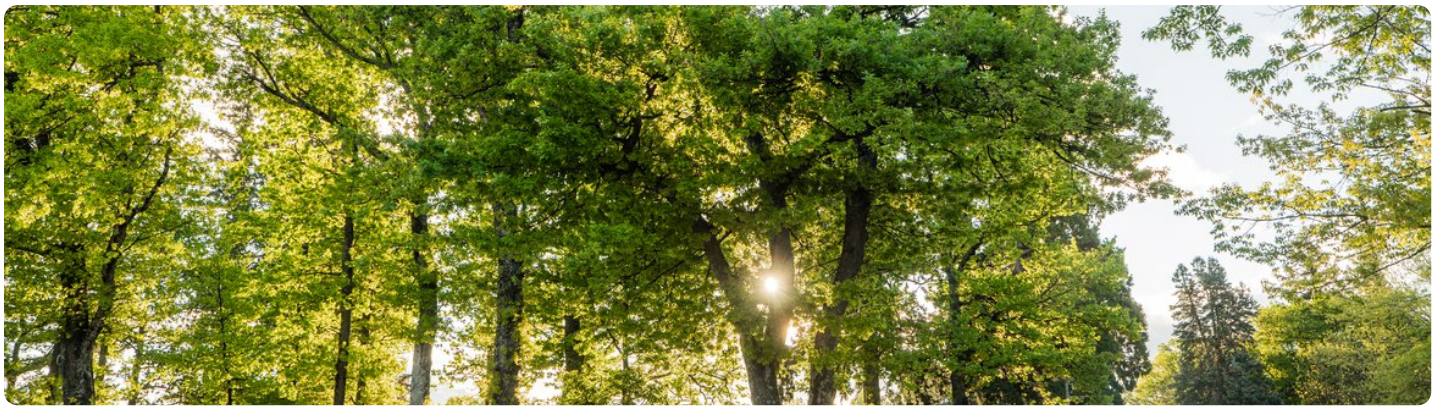
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Tawanui Farm: Jetboat, Accommodation Tour & Lunch Visit
A family-run, fifth-generation working sheep and beef farm near Cheviot, about 90 minutes from Christchurch and 15 minutes from the town. The Loughnan family has diversified into agritourism, and this visit gives you a taste of everything they offer. Jetboat: Take a return jet blast up the Hurunui River with Energy Jet, the only jetboat operator on the river, driven by owner Tim. You'll ride between the rugged river terraces, with the inland Kaikōura ranges as a backdrop. Accommodation tour: See the glamping options on the farm, including two geodesic domes with big clear windows framing the sunrise or night sky, a central camp kitchen, and a large hot tub looking down over the river, plus the beautiful self-catering A-frame cabin. It's a good chance to see what accommodation could suit your clients, from couples to groups of up to eight. Lunch: Enjoy a Kiwi styled BBQ lunch on a secluded riverside beach. Dietary requirements need to be flagged in advance so the family can cater for them.

Travel Tawanui Farm to Hanmer Springs



Leave the farm behind and head inland, where the coastal hills slowly give way to wide open valleys and the mountains start to rise ahead of you. It's a relaxed drive of just over an hour, with big skies, quiet country roads and hardly another car in sight. Before long, the alpine peaks wrap around you, and you know you're nearly there.

Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa complex tour, and swim.

Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools



Take a guided tour of the thermal pool complex that has drawn visitors to Hanmer Springs for generations.
You'll see the full complex up close, starting with the 23 outdoor thermal pools, our Oasis Zone with rock, sulphur and cascade pools. From there, the tour moves to the Play Zone with thrill rides, including Conical Thrill, New Zealand's largest aquatic thrill ride, and the children's activity area. You'll also visit YourWave, where we've brought surfing to life in 28-degree geothermal water in the middle of an alpine setting.
It's a chance to see how the whole operation works and what you can offer your clients, all set against the alpine backdrop of the village.
Following your tour you get time to take a soak, relax and unwind.
Don't forget your togs.

MK Restaurant - Dinner

MK Restaurant • MK Restaurant, 24 Conical Hill Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



MK Restaurant Ranked #1 of restaurants in Hanmer Springs and a Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Best of the Best, MK Restaurant is a small, unassuming gem. The kitchen puts a modern spin on Eastern European classics fused with Japanese influence, think handmade pelmeni and pierogi dumplings, borscht, gyoza, and spinach and ricotta ravioli, all beautifully plated and personally overseen by the husband-and-wife team who own the restaurant.
Diners consistently rave about the warm, funny, deeply personal service and the artistry of each dish, with dessert an absolute must-order. A genuine hidden gem drawing visitors from across the country. Best described as a Dining Experience you will always remember.

Stargazing tour with Manuka Skies

Manuka Skies Stargazing



Manuka Skies:
Step away from the village lights for an unforgettable night under some of the clearest skies in the country. Surrounded by native bush, the Manuka Skies' passionate owner operator guides begin your star gazing tour using just the naked eye, pointing out stars and constellations and teaching you to navigate the night sky. From there, you will move on to quality electronically guided telescopes, which bring deep sky objects into view that the naked eye can't see, such as the Omega Cluster and the Sombrero Galaxy. You can also watch items being photographed and processed in real time with the astrophotography equipment, then enjoy a free-roam session with manual telescopes and astro binoculars, ideally from one of the lounges where you can lie back and gaze up. An interactive star finder lets you test your navigation skills, and photos are supplied after every tour to share with friends and family. Dress warmly, as nights in the mountains get cold. Complimentary hot chocolate and snacks are provided to help warm you up.

Day 2

Tease Restaurant - Breakfast

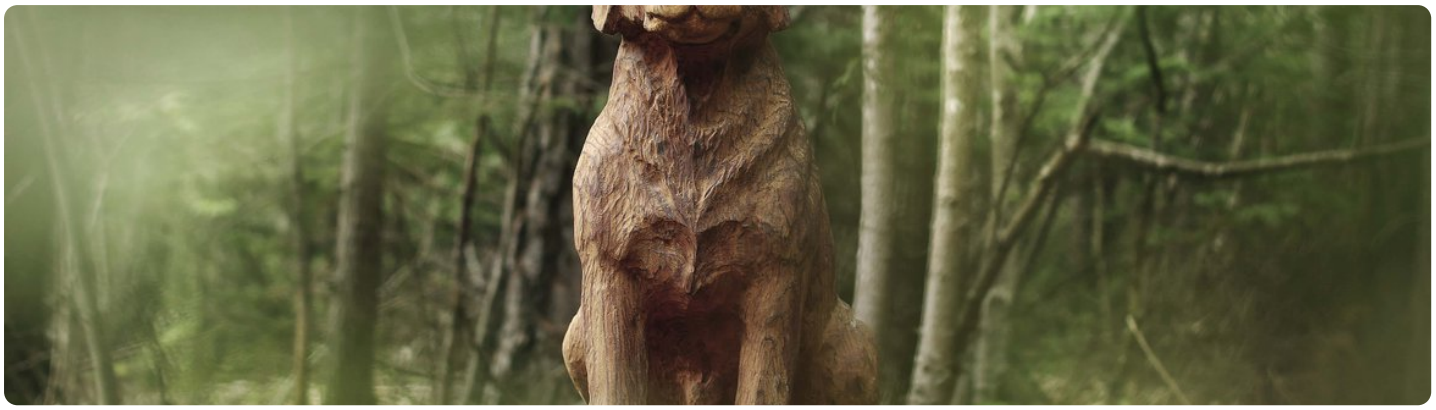
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Tease Bar & Eatery: Breakfast start your day at, Tease, a playful Kiwi-Asian fusion eatery, expect breakfast here to be relaxed, creative, and fun.

Forest Amble Sculpture Walk

Hanmer Springs Heritage Forest ·
Forest Amble Sculpture Walk, Jollies Pass Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



The Forest Amble Sculpture Walk in Hanmer Springs is the perfect short walk, showcasing a striking collection of large wooden sculptures carved from the historic redwood trees that once stood in front of the Thermal Pools. Set within the Hanmer Springs Heritage Forest, it makes for a beautiful morning stroll as you search for the Big Friendly Giant, an orangutan, a tuatara, a falcon and a dog, to name just a few of the characters waiting along the way.

Accommodation site visits



Hanmer Springs Accommodation Site Visits

See where your clients could stay with a series of short site visits to Hanmer Springs accommodation, all within easy reach of the village centre. The visits give you a feel for the range on offer and a chance to meet the teams who look after guests. It's a good opportunity to see rooms, ask about trade rates and group capacity, and compare what suits different client types.

PJ Pies

PJ's Pies • PJ's Pies, 2 Conical Hill Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



PJ's Pies A beloved Hanmer Springs institution located on Conical Hill Road, right in the heart of the village near the thermal pools. Handcrafted by a team who cut their teeth as fine dining chefs in Swiss ski resorts, these are proudly gourmet pies — think butter chicken, venison, steak and cheese, or jackfruit with BBQ sauce, all wrapped in crisp, golden pastry. Consistently rated among the best pies in New Zealand, with outdoor seating among the trees, friendly service, and treats like chocolate brownies with your coffee. Grab one to go, or settle in at a picnic table for a well-earned bite between adventures.

YourWave Site visit

YourWave Hanmer Springs •
Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools, 42 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



YourWave Visit
Located at Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa, YourWave is our newest offering, opened in December 2026. This surf experience uses adjustable wave technology designed and built in New Zealand, so you can surf in 28-degree geothermal water with mountains all around.
Sessions run for one hour in small groups, with surfers taking turns and progressing at their own pace, whether they're first-timers or experienced riders. YourWave is also available for corporate groups, special occasions and private bookings.
For those feeling adventurous, this is your chance to ride the wave. From beginners to experts, don't miss the chance to surf in Hanmer Springs. Just remember to pack your togs!

Elemental - Contrast Therapy Experience

Elemental by Hanmer Springs • 42 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



Find your element at **Elemental Hanmer Springs**.
This 75 minute ritual inspired by fire, air, ice and water, and powered by Hanmer Springs' mineral rich geothermal waters, is designed to ease tension, sharpen the senses and restore a lasting sense of calm. Elemental is a contrast therapy experience that allows you to move through the Elements, concluding with time in your own private geothermal pool, enjoying a light platter and non-alcoholic drinks.
Ember. Awaken with Fires
Mist - Unwind in air
Glacial. Invigorate snow in New Zealand's first snow room
Thermal. Restore in water
Built for groups of a minimum of two Elemental is ideal for couples or close friends looking for a more intentional wellness experience.

Wellness is embedded in Hanmer Springs' DNA, woven through its history as one of New Zealand's original geothermal retreats — a heritage that continues to shape every experience on site today. Hanmer Springs offers a premier day spa, with treatments designed to leave guests floating out as a new version of themselves, mind and body rejuvenated - why not add a treatment for the ultimate in luxury wellness.
The full Elemental Suite is also available for private hire for up to 25 guests at one time, which may work particularly well for groups.
Experience this for yourself. Don't forget to pack your togs.

The Spa at Hanmer Springs - Spa treatment

The Spa at Hanmer Springs ·
Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools, 42 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



The Spa at Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools invites you to escape the everyday. Our premier day spa offers a curated selection of treatments for individuals or couples, including massages, facials, full body treatments and pedicures. Melt the outside world away in tranquil surroundings & leave refreshed, restored & rejuvenated. Where wellness is in our DNA.

No.31 Restaurant - Dinner

No.31 Restaurant and Bar ·
No.31 Restaurant and Bar, 31 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



No.31 Restaurant & Bar
A highly regarded eatery right in the heart of Hanmer Springs village. The 2-3 course chef tasting menu changes weekly based on seasonal selections. Expect fresh surprises every time you visit, along with warm, attentive service.

Day 3

Powerhouse - Breakfast

Powerhouse Cafe & Restaurant ·
Powerhouse Cafe & Restaurant, 8 Jacks Pass Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



Situated in the heart of Hanmer Springs, the Powerhouse Cafe's historic building makes for a distinctive dining experience. Serving great coffee, breakfast, brunch and lunch. With a menu and service based on the principles of fresh, flavourful and friendly we welcome you to share our unique space and enjoy our hospitality.

Conical Hill Walking Track

Conical Hill Walk ·
Conical Hill Walking Track- start point, 88 Conical Hill Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



Conical Hill Walking Track
An iconic Hanmer Springs walk, this zigzagging track winds up through forest to a summit lookout. The return trip takes around 30 to 60 minutes depending on pace and conditions, with just enough effort to feel like a proper accomplishment. The reward at the top is sweeping views over the Hanmer Basin and the Hurunui region, with snow-capped mountains visible on a clear day. The track can be a little muddy in places, so sturdy footwear is a good idea, but it's a popular, well-loved local walk suitable for a range of fitness levels.

Farm Tour

Hurunui Hills Farm Tour •

Hurunui Hills - Merino Farm Experiences, 1038 Karaka Road, Hurunui 7385, New Zealand



Hurunui Hills Farm Tour. Hurunui Hills is a hill country Merino sheep and Angus cattle station, farmed by the same family since 1884. It's about 35 minutes from Hanmer Springs and an hour from Christchurch, the tour gives you a real taste of working farm life in North Canterbury. Your guide is a fourth or fifth generation family member (Scotty, Maria, or Terry), who shares the farm's history and how they farm today. You will be taken around the farm to see sheep and cattle grazing in the paddocks, and travel to the top of the farm for stunning panoramic hill top views over the Hurunui and Waitohi Rivers, along with views of the Southern Alps. Visit the woolshed to learn about shearing and touch award-winning fleeces. You'll also meet the working dogs and pet sheep, the tour finishes at the farmhouse with a walk around their gardens. Visitors can get involved in farm tasks if they like, and everyone is encouraged to take photos and ask questions.

Pegasus Bay Winery and Cellar Door - Lunch

Pegasus Bay Winery •

Pegasus Bay Winery, Vineyard and Events, Amberley 7482, New Zealand



Pegasus Bay Winery: Lunch

One of Waipara Valley's most celebrated wineries, Pegasus Bay is a family-owned estate known equally for its award-winning wines and its destination restaurant, set among sculptural gardens and mature trees. The kitchen focuses on modern New Zealand cuisine designed to complement the wine list, think seasonal, produce-driven dishes built for a long, relaxed lunch. With outdoor seating overlooking the gardens (weather permitting), it's a fitting way to settle into wine country and set the tone for the days ahead.

Wine Tasting

Georges Road Wines •
Georges Road Wines, 625 Mount Brown Road, Waipara 7482, New Zealand



Georges Road Wines is a picturesque winery and vineyard in Waipara, New Zealand, only 45 minutes north of Christchurch. Visit the winery and tasting room, taste the wines with the winemaker and look around the vineyard. Or stay in the WinePod, their beautiful boutique romantic getaway, set privately in the vineyard, with amazing views and hot tub too.

Travel back to Christchurch



Farewell from the Hurunui

Ngā mihi nui, and thank you for spending these last few days with us in the Hurunui. From sculpture and vineyards to thermal pools, starry skies, and long, easy meals, we hope you've seen how much North Canterbury has to offer for travellers looking to slow down and feel good.

We hope you leave with great content, new ideas for your clients, and a few moments you'll still be talking about long after you've left. The people behind each experience are passionate about sharing their corner of the world, and we're grateful for the time and energy you've brought to the journey.

Safe travels home, and please stay in touch. If you need anything to help bring the Hurunui to your clients, whether that's images, itineraries, or introductions, we're only a message away.

Haere rā, and we hope to see you again soon.