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# TRENZ HOST REGION FAMIL OPTIONS

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# Introduction

## About Pre and Post TRENZ Familiarisation Trips

Pre and post TRENZ famils are organised by Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs). They are an opportunity for you to get to know the regions of New Zealand first hand.

## Host Region Expressions of Interest

Invited Buyers can register interest for one or more of the following host region options during the application process by adding the selection/s to the shopping cart. A representative from ChristchurchNZ will then get in contact to discuss specific details.

Details for all other regions participating in the famils programme will be available in early 2020.

## Host Region Options

All seven itinerary options below are available either pre- or post-TRENZ and are perfect for arrival/departure via Christchurch. Please note that some itineraries may have limited capacity. If you would like additional information before expressing your interest, please contact Joy Sajamark, Tourism Projects Specialist, ChristchurchNZ: [joy.sajamark@christchurchnz.com](mailto:joy.sajamark@christchurchnz.com)

## Host Region Descriptions

### Akaroa and Banks Peninsula

Banks Peninsula is made up of two extinct volcanoes and the deep harbour, secluded coves and bays, offer a great variety of land and sea experiences. Akaroa known as nature's playground is located just a 90-minute drive from Christchurch. This seaside village, on the crater rim, with its unique French heritage, beautiful scenery and stunning harbour, is home to the rare Hector's Dolphins, Little Blue Penguins and a myriad of other wildlife and marine birds. Visitors can enjoy a harbour cruise, one of the many scenic walks, ranging from an hour to a three-day trek, or simply relax and revive in this idyllic seaside location. Sample the huge range of local produce- from delicious Akaroa Salmon- to our locally produced cheeses and take time to stroll through this historic town and enjoy the wide selection of boutique shops and galleries.

### Christchurch

Christchurch is a vibrant, energetic city where urban regeneration and creativity thrive. Picture amazing street art, innovative projects, a booming hospitality scene and state-of-the-art architecture that is changing the way the city looks, feels and functions – all the while staying true to its heritage and traditional English feel.

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### Hurunui

Hurunui district is a place where rugged coastlines and breath-taking clifftops meet lush forests and alpine retreats. The area will thrill and surprise you, offering everything you expect in a South Island holiday. The jewel in Hurunui's crown is Hanmer Springs. Surrounded by mountains, forests and crisp air, Hanmer Springs is an alpine spa village offering thermal pools, a variety of walking and biking tracks and a range of day spas. For the more adventurous, there is jet boating, quad bikes and a range of outdoor activities.

### Kaikoura

Imagine a magical place where the mountains plunge into the ocean, and whales, dolphins, seals and sea birds abound. Feel the spirit and heart of New Zealand, with a strong Maori cultural embrace, abundant marine life, breath taking scenery, and incredible seafood all of which urge you to be more intune with the land and its natural offerings. The deep trench that lies just off the coast, creates a year round playground for all kinds of marine life like Sperm Whales, Dusky Dolphin, New Zealand Fur Seals and different kind of the majestic seabird, the Albatross.

### Mackenzie Region

Nestled in the heart of New Zealand's majestic South Island, you will find the Mackenzie Region. The region is renowned for its incredibly clear starry nights, brilliant sunny days, remarkable turquoise lakes, wide-open golden grasslands, valleys of emerald green and snow-capped mountains. Home to New Zealand's longest glacier, the Tasman Glacier, tallest mountain, Aoraki Mount Cook, and the world-renowned Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve, as well as beautiful Lake Tekapo and the picturesque Church of the Good Shepherd.

### Mid Canterbury

Stay as long as you can to explore Mid Canterbury to the fullest. With stunning snow-capped mountains as its backdrop and boarded by impressive braided rivers and crystal clear lakes, the scenery is so magnificent it will take your breath away. Mid Canterbury is one of the great secrets of New Zealand, with an inspiring range of both energetic and relaxing activities. Join us for a journey of exploration and exhilaration.

### Selwyn

The Selwyn district stretches from the Southern Alps to the sea and is bounded by the mighty Rakaia and Waimakariri Rivers providing an incredible variety of breathtaking scenery along the way. Take the time to experience Selwyn hospitality at local cafes, farmers' markets, wineries and lodges. Meet local artisans and taste their fresh produce crafted from the land. Explore one of the many walking tracks around the region, see native wildlife and take in the grandeur of Arthur's Pass.

### South Canterbury

South Canterbury's rolling hills, meandering rivers, native forest and unspoiled coastline give a snap shot of the best of country New Zealand. With many picture-postcard views to be had here, there are lots of ways you can get out and discover these gorgeous environments. Walking and mountain bike trails zigzag their way through the area, large canyons lending their hand to adrenalin junkies and ancient Māori rock art takes you back in time to New Zealand's history.

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### **Waimakariri**

Discover the hidden gems of Waimakariri. Only 20 minutes north of Christchurch’s hustle and bustle is a region of vast natural beauty, slower paced country towns and beach settlements all offering their own unique experience. Take your time and explore the shops, view the art, taste the food, enjoy an event or get active on our walking and cycling trails. Enjoy our braided rivers, sandy beaches and native forest-covered foothills. Expect a friendly welcome from the locals who invite you to stay a while. Looking for a campground, bed and breakfast style accommodation or a luxury lodge, Waimakariri can accommodate your stay. Come and discover Waimakariri District, where once is never enough.

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# Pre and Post TRENZ Famil Options

## 1. Hurunui-Kaikoura

2 nights/3 days

**Hurunui** - get your adrenalin pumping with a jet boat experience and enjoy a relaxing time in the hot pools. Not to be miss is a visit to one of our award-winning wineries for a wine tasting experience.

**Kaikoura** – visit the award-winning museum in the centre of Kaikoura township and enjoy unique dining experiences at Kaikoura’s new eateries. Your choice to get up close and personal with local wildlife – including dolphins, whales and seals either by boat or by kayak. Get a bird’s eye-view of our scenic coastline or explore the peninsula by foot.



*Includes transport, accommodation, all meals and entry to all activities/attractions*

## 2. Waimakariri-Kaikoura-Christchurch

2 nights/3 days

**Christchurch** – explore the city your way with options including double decker bus, bikes or a casual stroll in the CBD. Experience the longest and highest zipline in the country or hang out with cute little Blue Penguins or the iconic Kiwi birds. Wine and dine in one of Christchurch’s up and coming areas along the river.

**Waimakariri** – get your adrenalin pumping with a jet boat experience on one of New Zealand’s most exciting rivers and don’t miss out on a photo opportunity with our friendly and very curious alpacas.



**Kaikoura** – visit the award-winning museum in the centre of Kaikoura township and enjoy unique dining experiences at Kaikoura’s new eateries. Your choice to get up close and personal with local wildlife – including dolphins, whales and seals by boat or by kayak. Get a bird’s eye-view of our scenic coastline or explore the peninsula by foot.

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### 3. Christchurch-Waimakariri-Hurunui

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**Waimakariri** – get your adrenalin pumping with a jet boat experience follow by your choice to check out the township and shop ‘til you drop or hop on a heli for a quick round of 9-hole golf.

**Hurunui** – enjoy an afternoon of horse trekking or quad biking before relaxing at the spa and soaking in the hot pools. Experience life on a farm and hand feed the animals before finishing off the day with a wine tasting.

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### 4. Christchurch-Selwyn

2 nights/3 days

**Christchurch** – explore the city your way with options including double decker bus, bikes or a casual stroll in the CBD. Experience the longest and highest zipline in the country or hang out with cute little Blue Penguins or the iconic Kiwi birds. Wine and dine in one of Christchurch’s up and coming areas along the river.

**Selwyn** – an early morning start with a hot air balloon trip over the Canterbury Plains. Experience life on a high-country farm before getting your adrenalin pumping on a jet boat trip down the Rakaia River. Then finish off the day with a wine tasting and a winery tour.

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## 5. Banks Peninsula-Christchurch

2 nights/3 days

**Banks Peninsula** – enjoy morning tea with the alpacas while enjoying a scenic view overlooking the harbour. Explore the unique French heritage of this fascinating small town before getting up close and personal with the local marine wildlife whether it be dolphins, seals or penguins. Or you can choose to sample our local wines before dining at our top restaurants. Get your Instagram worthy shot at the award-winning mosaics garden before finishing off the trip with a visit to the local cheese factory for some tasting.



**Christchurch** – explore the city your way with options including double decker bus, bikes or a casual stroll in the CBD. Experience the longest and highest zipline in the country or hang out with cute little Blue Penguins or the iconic Kiwi birds. Wine and dine in one of Christchurch's up and coming areas along the river.

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## 6. Mid Canterbury-South Canterbury-Mackenzie

3 nights/4 days

**Mid Canterbury** – start the day with a farm experience that's nestled among the stunning landscapes of the Rakaia Gorge before testing your skills at clay shooting and archery.

**South Canterbury** – learn more about Māori culture at one of the most significant collections of ancient Māori rock art in the country. Get your Instagram worthy shot while feeding some of the farm animals.

**Mackenzie** – take a journey through the new indoor astronomy experience before soaking up in the hot pools and finish the day under the stars with our world-famous stargazing experience. Ending the trip in the region with a scenic flight over the glaciers.



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**Mackenzie** – experience New Zealand’s biggest glacier and take a 4WD into Mackenzie Country’s most breath-taking landscape. Take a journey through the new indoor astronomy experience before soaking up in the hot pools and finish the day under the stars with our world-famous stargazing experience. Ending the trip in the region with a scenic flight over the glaciers.



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## 8. Christchurch-Banks Peninsula (Chinese language)

2 nights/2 days

**Christchurch** – explore the city along the river and hang out with some of New Zealand’s native little Blue Penguins or the iconic Kiwi birds

**Banks Peninsula** – visit the alpacas while enjoying a scenic view overlooking the harbour. Explore the unique French heritage of this fascinating small town before getting up close and personal with the local marine wildlife whether it be dolphins, seals or penguins.



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For the Chinese language famil please contact Cissy Chen, Asian Markets Manager at [cissy.chen@christchurchnz.com](mailto:cissy.chen@christchurchnz.com)

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