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For Delegates Attending Pistang Pilipino 2025 in Christchurch



October 25–26, 2025 (Labour Weekend)



Christchurch, New Zealand

Whether you're coming from another region or overseas, we've prepared this comprehensive guide to help you settle in comfortably and enjoy the festivities.



Accommodation Options

Choose your stay based on convenience, group size, and preferred budget. We **strongly recommend booking early**, as Labour Weekend is one of the busiest times in Christchurch.



Central Christchurch (Near Cuthberts Green Park & Celebration Events Centre)



Budget-Friendly Options

- **JUCY Snooze Christchurch** – Modern pods & shared amenities, great for solo travellers
- **Econo Lodge Canterbury Court** – Near Addington; clean budget motel rooms
- **YHA Christchurch** – Popular hostel near city centre; ideal for groups and backpackers
- **Base Christchurch** – Modern backpacker accommodation with private rooms available



Mid-Range Comfort

- **BreakFree on Cashel** – Modern apartments, centrally located with kitchen facilities
- **Ramada Suites by Wyndham Christchurch City** – Spacious suites with kitchenettes
- **Chateau on the Park – DoubleTree by Hilton** – Tranquil garden setting near Hagley Park
- **Sudima Christchurch City** – Eco-friendly hotel with excellent amenities
- **The Classic Villa** – Boutique accommodation in heritage building



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Family & Group Options

- **Christchurch TOP 10 Holiday Park** – Cabins, powered sites, and excellent group facilities
- **Airbnb Homes** – Recommended suburbs: Linwood, Bromley, Addington, Wainoni, and St Albans
- **Canterbury Lodge Motel** – Family units with cooking facilities
- **Pavilions Hotel** – Spacious family rooms and suites

Near Selwyn Sports Centre (Basketball Venue in Rolleston)

Local Rolleston Options

- **Rolleston Highway Motel** – Popular choice for sports teams and families
- **Rolleston Accommodation** – Self-contained private units
- **Airbnb Properties** – Available in Rolleston, Prebbleton, and Templeton

Alternative: Christchurch South Stay in areas like **Hornby, Wigram, Prebbleton, or Halswell** for easy motorway access to Rolleston while remaining close to central Christchurch activities.

Transport Guide

From Christchurch Airport (CHC)

To Central Christchurch (approximately 20 minutes drive)

-  **Rideshare:** Uber, Ola, or Zoomy (~\$30–\$50 depending on time and demand)
-  **Shuttle Services:** Airport shuttles with shared rides to city (~\$25 per person)
-  **Car Rentals:** All major providers available at airport (Hertz, Avis, Budget, Europcar)
-  **Public Bus:** Metro Bus Route 29 to City Centre (~\$4.50 with MetroCard, \$6.50 cash)
-  **Taxis:** Available but more expensive than rideshare options

Getting to Event Venues

Cuthberts Green Park (Main Festival Venue)

Shuttle Drive, Bromley

-  **Driving:** 10–15 minutes from city centre via Fitzgerald Avenue
-  **Parking:** Free street parking available on nearby residential streets
-  **Public Transport:**



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- Bus Route 5 (Orbiter) or Route 60 from city to Linwood Avenue, then 5-minute walk
- Bus Route 17 stops closer to the venue
- 🚲 **Scooters:** Lime & Beam scooters widely available throughout Christchurch
- 🚲 **Cycling:** Bike-friendly routes available; secure bike parking at venue

📍 Selwyn Sports Centre (Basketball Venue)

📍 Broadlands Drive, Rolleston

- 🚗 **Driving:** 25–30 minutes from central Christchurch via Southern Motorway (SH1)
- 👥 **Carpooling:** Highly recommended for teams and families
- 🚌 **Public Transport:** Very limited service to Rolleston; not recommended for early morning matches
- 🚗 **Rideshare:** Uber/Ola available but can be expensive (~\$40-60 each way)
- 🚌 **Team Transport:** Consider organizing group transport for basketball teams

🕒 Essential Travel Tips

📅 Before You Travel

- ✅ **Book accommodation early** to avoid peak Labour Weekend pricing and limited availability
- 📱 **Download useful apps:**
 - Transport: Uber, Ola, Metro Info (bus schedules and routes)
 - Navigation: Google Maps works excellently in Christchurch
 - Payment: Most places accept contactless payment and EFTPOS

💡 Money-Saving Tips

- 🚌 **Group van hire** can be cost-effective for larger delegations
- 🏠 **Group Airbnb rentals** often work out cheaper than multiple hotel rooms
- 🚇 **MetroCard** offers discounted public transport fares
- 🚗 **Carpool coordination** through our delegate Facebook group

🗺️ Navigation & Local Info

- **Christchurch Grid System:** The city centre uses a simple grid layout making navigation easy
- **Free WIFI:** Available in most cafes, libraries, and many public spaces
- **Weather:** October is spring weather - pack layers as temperatures can vary
- **Tipping:** Not expected in New Zealand, but appreciated for exceptional service



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Contact & Support

 **General Inquiries:** pistangpilipino2025@gmail.com

 **Event Website:** www.pistangpilipino2025.co.nz

 **Event Updates:** Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pistangpilipino2025/>

Emergency Contacts

- **Emergency Services:** 111 (Police, Fire, Ambulance)
- **Tourist Helpline:** i-SITE Visitor Information Centre, Cathedral Square
- **Event Coordination:** Contact details will be provided closer to the event date

Final Recommendations

For First-Time Christchurch Visitors

Consider staying in **central Christchurch** for easy access to both venues, restaurants, and the vibrant rebuild areas like the Riverside Market and New Regent Street.

For Basketball Teams

Rolleston or South Christchurch accommodation offers the best value and convenience for early morning games at Selwyn Sports Centre.

For Families

Holiday parks or large Airbnb properties provide the best combination of space, facilities, and value for money.

Let's make your trip to Christchurch easy, fun, and unforgettable! 🇵🇭🌟

This guide will be updated as we get closer to the event. Please check our website regularly for the latest information and any special accommodation deals we negotiate for delegates.



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Hotels, Car Rentals & Transport

Hotel Accommodation Options

Primary Booking Platforms

Booking.com - Christchurch Hotels Booking.com provides the most comprehensive selection of accommodations across Christchurch, ranging from budget-friendly hostels to luxury hotels. The platform allows you to filter by price, location, amenities, and guest ratings. Simply enter your check-in and check-out dates to view real-time availability and current pricing. The site frequently offers free cancellation options and no booking fees.

TripAdvisor - Last-Minute Christchurch Deals TripAdvisor specializes in last-minute booking opportunities, making it particularly valuable for securing Labour Weekend savings and spontaneous trips. The platform aggregates deals from multiple booking sites and provides authentic guest reviews to help inform your decision. Their price comparison feature ensures you're getting competitive rates.

Garden Hotel & Restaurant Christchurch This local establishment offers significant savings for advance planners through their early-bird discount program. Guests who book at least 14 days in advance can access special rates and package deals. The hotel combines comfortable accommodation with on-site dining, making it convenient for travelers seeking a complete hospitality experience.

Car Rental Services

Airport Pickup Locations

KAYAK - Christchurch Airport Rentals (from NZ\$6/day) KAYAK's price comparison engine searches across major rental companies including Autounion, EZU, Bargain Car Rentals, Ace Rental Cars, and Dollar. Their platform displays transparent pricing without hidden fees and allows you to filter by vehicle type, rental company, and specific features. The lowest rates start from NZ\$6 per day for economy vehicles during off-peak periods.

Yes Rentals - Budget-Friendly Local Provider (from NZ\$19/day) Yes Rentals operates as a local Christchurch company offering competitive rates starting from NZ\$19 daily. They provide flexible booking terms with after-hours pickup and drop-off services, which is particularly valuable for flights arriving outside standard business hours. Their customer service focuses on personalized attention and local knowledge.

Skyscanner Car Rentals (from NZ\$23/day) Skyscanner's car rental service at Christchurch Airport (CHC) offers transparent pricing without surprise fees. They provide a comprehensive selection from economy to full-size vehicles, with clear terms and conditions. The platform's strength lies in its straightforward booking process and reliable pricing structure.



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Expedia Car Rentals (from US\$51/day ~ NZ\$85) Expedia often includes valuable add-ons in their rental packages, such as unlimited mileage and free cancellation policies. While their pricing appears higher when converted to New Zealand dollars, the packages frequently include insurance options and additional driver coverage that can provide overall value.

Avis - Direct Booking at Christchurch Airport Avis maintains a physical location at Christchurch International Airport with direct booking options. It's important to note their holiday operating hours, as they may have limited service or closures on public holidays like Labour Day. Direct booking with Avis often provides loyalty program benefits and guaranteed vehicle availability.

Public Transportation & Alternative Transport

Public Bus System

The Christchurch Metro Bus network provides affordable transportation throughout the city. Route 29 connects Christchurch Airport directly to Central Christchurch, with fares approximately NZ\$4.50 when using a Metrocard (slightly higher for cash payments). The MetroInfo website and mobile app provide real-time schedules, route planning, and service updates.

Rideshare Services

Multiple rideshare platforms operate in Christchurch, including Uber, Ola, and Zoomy. Airport to city center trips typically cost between NZ\$30-50, depending on demand, time of day, and specific destination. These services offer convenient door-to-door transportation without the need for advance booking.

Shuttle Van Services

Shared and private shuttle vans provide an excellent middle-ground option, particularly for groups or travelers with substantial luggage. Companies like SuperShuttle offer both shared rides (more economical) and private transfers (more convenient). Booking in advance through their websites or apps typically provides better rates than on-demand service.

Essential Booking Tips & Important Reminders

Timing and Advance Planning

Labour Weekend (October 24-26, 2025) represents Christchurch's peak tourism period, with significantly higher demand for both accommodation and transportation. Booking well in advance is crucial during this time, as availability becomes limited and prices increase substantially. Early booking also unlocks better rates and ensures you have your preferred options.

Car Rental Age Requirements and Restrictions



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Most car rental companies in New Zealand require drivers to be at least 21 years old, with additional surcharges typically applied for drivers aged 21-24. Some premium or specialty vehicles may require drivers to be 25 or older. International visitors need a valid driver's license from their home country or an International Driving Permit, depending on the length of stay.

Insurance Considerations

New Zealand car rental companies often have high excess amounts (deductibles) for damage claims. Consider purchasing full insurance coverage either through the rental company or independent travel insurance to avoid potentially costly out-of-pocket expenses. Review policy terms carefully, as some personal auto insurance or credit card coverage may not extend internationally.

Vehicle Return Procedures

Many airport car rental locations charge additional fees for after-hours returns, particularly companies like Yes Rentals. Plan your return timing according to their operating hours, or budget for potential after-hours drop-off charges. Ensure you understand fuel return policies and vehicle condition requirements to avoid additional charges.



Recommended Action Plan

Step 1: Secure Your Accommodation

Begin by comparing prices across Booking.com, TripAdvisor, and direct hotel websites. For Labour Weekend travel, prioritize booking immediately upon confirming your travel dates. Consider the Garden Hotel & Restaurant if you can commit to booking 14+ days in advance for their early-bird discounts.

Step 2: Arrange Transportation

Use KAYAK or Skyscanner to compare car rental options across multiple companies. Reserve your vehicle in advance, especially for peak travel periods. If you prefer not to drive, research shuttle services or plan to use rideshare/public transport combinations based on your specific itinerary needs.

Step 3: Confirm Details and Prepare

Verify all booking confirmations, ensure you have proper documentation (driver's license, passport, credit cards), and review the terms and conditions of your reservations. Consider downloading relevant apps (MetroInfo for buses, rideshare apps) before your trip for smoother navigation upon arrival.