

Travel tips

You need to make your own arrangements for:

- Travel to Christchurch
- Travel home from Dunedin
- Accommodation in New Zealand if staying the night of Monday 3 October or after (or if staying somewhere other than Dunedin on Sunday 2 October).

Below are tips on each of those topics.

Travel to Christchurch

Because the conference starts on the Monday morning, most of you will stay in Christchurch on Sunday night (Sept 25). Hence accommodation for that Sunday night is included in the normal conference fees.

There are regular direct flights from Melbourne, Sydney, & Brisbane. Many of the late afternoon departures from Australia on Sunday arrive around midnight New Zealand time (which however will feel like 9 pm to NSW/VIC/QLD people). Arriving after midnight is fine with the conference accommodation in Christchurch (Pavilions Hotel); their reception is open 24 hours.

The conference has a leisurely start time on Monday morning (around 10:15 am). This is both to ease adjustment to the New Zealand time zone, and because the late flights mentioned above are likely to be useful to organists wishing to play their usual morning services.

Travel home from Dunedin

Flight times here correct in late February 2016; changes may occur.

First, if you plan extra days in the South Island (e.g. to visit Queenstown or Milford Sound), note that there are more direct flights back from Queenstown than from Dunedin. For example:

- Queenstown→Sydney. Monday 3 Oct, depart 4:35 pm arrive 5:55pm (Air NZ/Virgin); or depart 3:25 pm arrive 4:40 pm (Qantas/Emirates). Tuesday 4 Oct, depart 3:10 pm arrive 4:30 pm (Air NZ/ Virgin)
- Queenstown→Melbourne Tuesday 4 Oct, depart 2:40pm arrive 3:50 pm (Jetstar)
- Queenstown→Brisbane Wednesday 5 Oct, depart 4:45 pm arrive 5:35 pm (Air NZ/Virgin).

Second, if flying from Dunedin, note that Dunedin airport is 30 minutes drive from town. We can help by co-ordinating shuttle buses from the hotel to the airport for times where several of you are travelling at the same time and can share the cost. We will arrange that during the week of the conference, not in advance. Main options are:

- Shuttle bus. \$13-\$30 each depending on numbers travelling at the same time.
www.supershuttle.co.nz 0800 748 885 (freephone within New Zealand)
- Taxi. About \$90 per trip (so \$30 each if 3 share). E.g. Dunedin Taxis, 03-477 7777 (24-hour booking service); bookings@dunedintaxis.co.nz

Third, there are few direct flights from Dunedin to Australia. Here are some options we think many of you will find useful if returning home immediately after the end of the conference (but remember that airline schedules may change and there are alternative flights extra to those we have selected).

Melbourne

1. Sunday 2 October—no flights known after the Town Hall concert. (There was a flight departing at 6pm until a few weeks ago, so it will pay you to check given the current growth in NZ tourism which is generating extra flights.)
2. Monday 3 October--Depart Dunedin airport 12:55 pm, arrive Melbourne 5:50 pm (1 stop, 6.5 hours of travelling; Air NZ/Virgin). On the booking form, remember to tick the box for the extra night in Dunedin.
3. Sunday 2 October-- OHTA bus returning to Christchurch 4pm-10pm (approx). Stay overnight in Christchurch. Depart Christchurch airport 6:10 am Monday 3 October, arrive Melbourne 8:00 am (direct; Air NZ/Virgin). Other direct flights departing 3:40pm, 9:05pm.

Sydney

1. Sunday 2 October -- No flights back to Sydney after the Town Hall concert known.
2. Monday 3 October--Depart Dunedin airport 12:55 am, arrive Sydney 5:40 pm (1 stop, 7 hours of travelling after take-off; Qantas/Emirates). Other non-direct flights leaving at 9am, 9:50am, 11:35am, 2:45pm, 4pm. On the booking form, remember to tick the box for the extra night in Dunedin.
3. Sunday 2 October-- OHTA bus returning to Christchurch 4pm-10pm (approx). Stay overnight in Christchurch. Depart Christchurch airport 6:35 am Monday 3 October, arrive Sydney 8:05 am (direct, Jetstar). Other direct flights 6:10 am, 4:55 pm, 6:30pm.

Brisbane

1. Sunday 2 October-- no flights known after the Town Hall concert. (There was a flight departing at 6pm until a few weeks ago, so it will pay you to check given the current growth in NZ tourism which is generating extra flights.)
2. Monday 3 October--Depart Dunedin airport 9 am, arrive Brisbane 10:05 am (**direct**; Virgin). Non-direct flights at 9:50am, 12:50 pm; 2:50pm). On the booking form, remember to tick the box for the extra night in Dunedin.
3. Sunday 2 October-- OHTA bus returning to Christchurch 4pm-10pm (approx). Stay overnight in Christchurch. Depart Christchurch airport 3:30 pm Monday 3 October, arrive Brisbane 4:30 pm (direct; Air NZ/Virgin). Or depart 7:50am arriving 8:45am.

Accommodation in Christchurch on the return journey in case you need it

The OHTA bus will return to Christchurch on Sunday 2 October after the Dunedin Town Hall concert (leaving around 4pm). Many of you will prefer other travel options, but there is no extra cost to OHTA to have passengers on the bus when it returns to Christchurch that day. The bus will stop at accommodation near Christchurch airport and also at the central city accommodation used at the start of the conference (arriving around 10pm).

Accommodation near airport the bus will stop at is: Airport Gateway Motel; www.airportgateway.co.nz; +64 3 358 7093; 45 Roydvale Ave, Burnside, Christchurch. It has 24-hour reception and 24-hour free shuttle service to airport.

More central accommodation used at the start of the conference is: Pavilions Hotel, 42 Papanui Rd, Christchurch 8014. www.pavilionshotel.co.nz Phone: +64 3 355 5633 (international) 0800 805 555 (freephone within NZ). Reception is open 24 hours.

Things to do in Dunedin

Our hotel website has a good list of the highlights, together with walking distances for several.

www.dunedinhotel.co.nz/Dunedin.html

The Dunedin visitor centre website is: www.dunedin.govt.nz/bsite/attraction.