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**World Heritage Committee
Thirty first Session
Christchurch, New Zealand
23 June – 2 July 2007**

GENERAL INFORMATION

For complete information on the 31st session, please visit the following website:

<http://www.31whc.org>

This website has links to the necessary information regarding visa requirements, travel and accommodation, pre-registration forms and tourist information.

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The World Heritage Committee** consists of representatives from 21 of the States Parties to the *Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage*, elected by the General Assembly of States Parties to the *Convention*.

The current composition of the Committee is: Benin, Canada, Chile, Cuba, India, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mauritius, Morocco, The Netherlands, New Zealand (Chair), Norway, Peru, Republic of Korea, Spain, Tunisia and the United States of America.

The essential functions of the Committee are:

- (i) to identify, on the basis of nominations submitted by States Parties, cultural and natural properties of Outstanding Universal Value which are to be protected under the *Convention* and to inscribe those properties on the World Heritage List;
- (ii) to monitor the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List, in liaison with the States Parties; decide which properties included in the World Heritage List are to be inscribed on or removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger; decide whether a property may be deleted from the World Heritage List; and
- (iii) to examine requests for International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund.

- 1.2** In July 2006, the 30th session of the World Heritage Committee accepted New Zealand's offer to host the 31st session in Christchurch, New Zealand, from 23 June to 2 July 2007.

2. THE MEETING MANAGERS AND NEW ZEALAND SECRETARIAT

- 2.1** New Zealand will host the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee in Christchurch. All relevant information will be put on the Meeting website: <http://www.31whc.org/>

- 2.2** Contact details of the Meeting Managers are:

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3 PROGRAMME AND RELATED EVENTS

- 3.1** The official social programme of the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee will be available on the Meeting website <http://www.31whc.org/>

In addition to attending the official social programme, delegates are invited to purchase tickets to the Royal New Zealand Ballet's production of 'Swan Lake' and the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra's production of 'Cossacks and Cannons'. Further details of these events are available on the website <http://www.31whc.org/>. Please refer to the **Booking Form** in **Annex B** to purchase your tickets.

- 3.2** Excursions:
Please select your choice in **Annex D (List of Complimentary Tours and Optional Post Meeting Excursions)** and complete the **Booking Form** in **Annex B III (Complimentary Tours)** and **B IV (Optional Post Meeting Excursions)**.

4 PASSPORT AND TRAVEL VISA, TRAVEL INFORMATION AND INSURANCE, AIRPORT ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, CAR RENTAL

4.1 New Zealand Visa and Immigration Information

For more detailed information about travelling to New Zealand, see the Immigration Guide for Visiting New Zealand (located on right hand side of webpage under Forms and Guides) <http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/visitors/default.htm>

In accordance with New Zealand law, visas will not be issued at the airport or at any other entry point into the country.

4.1.1 Passport requirements

When travelling to New Zealand you are required to have a passport that is valid for at least three months past the date you are to leave New Zealand.

4.1.2 Visa requirements

You must check whether or not you require a visa for entry to New Zealand - see paragraph 4.1.4 below. If you do require a visa, you must obtain a visa in advance before travelling or you may not be allowed to board your flight to New Zealand.

It is your responsibility to obtain a visitor visa. Your World Heritage Committee Letter of Invitation should be sufficient to prove your need to visit New Zealand.

If you are travelling to New Zealand via another country you may also require a transit visa, see paragraph 4.1.7 below.

4.1.3 Obtaining a Visa

When you apply for a visa you need to be in good health and be of good character. Some people who have committed serious crimes will not be allowed into New Zealand. Section 7 (1) of the Immigration Act 1987 sets out information on persons who are eligible for entry to New Zealand.

When submitting an application for a visitor visa, you will need to provide:

- A completed Visitor Application Form (see 4.1.5)
- A passport that is valid for at least three months past the date you are to leave New Zealand
- Return travel tickets
- Sufficient funds to support yourself during your stay i.e.
 - NZ\$1000 per person per month of the visit, or
 - NZ\$400 per person per month if accommodation has been pre-paid.
- Visa application fee

Your application may be **declined** if:

- your application is incomplete when you lodge it
- the application fee is not included
- you submit false information
- you do not meet the visa requirements

4.1.4 Visa Waivers

British and Australian citizens do not need a visa to visit New Zealand.

The countries listed below have visa waiver agreements with New Zealand and their citizens do not require visitor visas to come to New Zealand for three months or less (a “visa waiver visitor”).

Andorra	Hungary	Oman
Argentina	Iceland	Poland
Austria	Ireland	Portugal *
Bahrain	Israel	Qatar
Belgium	Italy	San Marino
Brazil	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Brunei	Korea (South)	Singapore
Canada	Kuwait	Slovak Republic
Chile	Latvia ****	Slovenia
Cyprus	Liechtenstein	South Africa
Czech Republic	Lithuania ****	Spain
Denmark	Luxemburg	Sweden
Estonia ****	Malaysia	Switzerland
Finland	Malta	United Arab Emirates
France	Mexico	United States of America ***
Germany	Monaco	Uruguay
Greece	Netherlands	Vatican City
Hong Kong **	Norway	

* *Visa waiver does not apply to people travelling on non-citizens passports' issued by these countries*

** *Only applies to residents of Hong Kong travelling on Hong Kong Special Administrative or British National (Overseas) passports*

*** *Including nationals of the USA*

**** *Visa waiver does not apply to people travelling on alien's ('non-citizen') passports issued by these countries.*

If you are a visa waiver visitor, you must:

- hold a valid ticket to a country you have the right of entry to; and
- have sufficient funds to support yourself during your stay; and
- hold a passport valid for three months beyond the date you are leaving New Zealand; and
- only visit New Zealand for the time granted on arrival – generally 3 months. If you wish to stay for longer you will need to apply for a visitor's permit in New Zealand.

4.1.5 How and where to apply for your visa

You can get more information and advice at the New Zealand diplomatic and consular offices (<http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Embassies/NZ-Embassies/index.php>) and from Immigration New Zealand branches in Apia, Bangkok, Beijing, Hong Kong, Jakarta, London, Moscow, New Delhi, Nuku'alofa, Shanghai, Singapore, Suva, Sydney, Taipei and The Hague (<http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/>). Visitor Visa application forms can be downloaded from the New Zealand Immigration website. Ensure that your application form is correctly completed and that you include the visa fee.

To find out where you need to send your application and fees, you can use the “Office and Fees finder” on the New Zealand Immigration website. If you click on the “Office and Fees finder” link it will then ask you to select your country of citizenship, your current location and the type of visa you require (a visitor’s visa). It will then tell you where you need to send your application form, how much it will cost and in what currency, and the payment options that are accepted.

4.1.6 Applying for a visa - timeframe

A visa application for New Zealand may take up to 6-8 weeks to process and may require leaving your passport with the immigration service or agent in order to complete the process. Please allow sufficient time before your departure to obtain your visa.

4.1.7 Transit visas

If your travel to New Zealand is via Australia or you are planning a stopover in Australia you must apply for an Australian visa. Australia does not have a visa waiver agreement with New Zealand. You will require a visa for Australia regardless of whether you plan to leave the airport and regardless of the duration of the time you will spend in Australia. If your plane stops in Australia for any length of time, you **MUST** have a valid Australian visa.

If your travel is via the United States you may also need a temporary visa, please check with your travel consultant about the need for transit visas for all countries you may be travelling through on your way to New Zealand.

4.2 Arriving in New Zealand – Customs Information and Biosecurity Procedures

4.2.1 Declarations

New Zealand has very strict customs and biosecurity inspection at all international airports. **You must declare all food, plant or animal goods on arrival to New Zealand.**

The following items must be declared when coming into New Zealand:

- food of any kind
- equipment such as camping gear or golf clubs
- goods that may be prohibited or restricted, such as weapons, objectionable (indecent) articles, wildlife products, or illicit drugs
- goods in excess of the \$700 allowance and the tobacco and alcoholic allowance
- goods for commercial, business, or trade purposes
- good carried on behalf of another person
- NZ\$10,000 or more, or the equivalent in foreign currency.

There is an instant fine of NZ\$200 for any undeclared restricted or prohibited goods found on anyone arriving in New Zealand. Incorrectly completing the New Zealand arrival card (passengers will receive one on the flight) may also result in an instant fine of \$200.

Serious breaches of the New Zealand biosecurity laws can result in a fine of up to \$100,000, or a prison term of up to five years.

4.2.2 Food, Plant and Animal Goods

New Zealand has very strict regulations about what travellers are allowed to bring into New Zealand. All goods listed must be declared on your arrival card when entering New Zealand.

The following items **are restricted and will be seized and destroyed on** entry to New Zealand:

- Avian meat (chicken, turkey) and eggs
- Fresh fruit, vegetables and fungi
- All live animals and plants (including fresh cut flowers and foliage)
- Lei, and lei materials
- Straw packaging
- Coral, ivory, snakeskin, crocodile products, whale bone
- Clam, turtle and tortoise shells

Items which **must** be declared and require inspection by a Biosecurity Inspector include:

- Any meat, fish, or shell fish
- Egg products
- Any milk, milk powder, butter, cheese and milk based baby foods
- Dried fruit and vegetables
- All plant materials and items made from plants, including wooden items

Most of these goods will be returned to you, but some may require treatment (at your own expense) or may be destroyed.

For a full list of goods which must be declared please visit the Biosecurity New Zealand website (www.biosecurity.govt.nz/personal-travel-belongings-and-mail/arriving-by-air/what-you-cannot-bring)

4.2.3 Weapons

No weapons may be bought into New Zealand.

The importation of firearms is strictly controlled; this includes guns intended for security use. Flick knives, butterfly knives, swordsticks, knuckle-dusters and any weapon designed to give the appearance of another article are also prohibited.

4.2.4 Luggage

On arrival, all passengers' luggage will be screened by x-ray and may be physically searched. Detector dogs that can smell food and plant material on people and in bags operate in all airports.

Customs, agricultural or quarantine officers may search the luggage of any traveller.

4.2.5 Cash/Currency

Any person carrying NZ\$10,000 or more (or foreign equivalent) in cash on their person or in their baggage, into or out of New Zealand, must complete a Border Cash Report as part of entry or clearance procedures, under The Financial Transactions Reporting Act 1996. (The legislation does not prohibit the importation or exportation of cash sums of \$NZ10,000 or more - it simply requires that these sums are reported.)

Cash does not include travellers' cheques, postal notes, bearer bonds or money orders.

Failure to complete a report or making a false or misleading report may result in a fine of up to \$2,000. It is also an offence to wilfully obstruct a Customs officer while they are carrying out their duties relating to the reporting of cash at a border, punishable by imprisonment of three months or a fine of up to \$1,000.

4.2.6 Medications

If you are carrying any prescription medicines or controlled drugs, you should:

- have a prescription from your physician advising that the medicine is being used under doctor's direction and is necessary for your physical well-being
- carry the drugs in their original containers
- have sufficient quantity not exceeding three months supply for prescription medicines or one month supply for controlled drugs.

Some herbal remedies and any medication containing animal products may be confiscated on arrival and must be declared.

4.3 Travel Information and Insurance

Delegates are advised to book their flights well in advance, since June/July is a busy tourist season for New Zealanders travelling to the northern hemisphere.

Airport departure taxes vary from one airport to another and may be included in the cost of your ticket or may be required to pay locally. For departure from New Zealand a departure tax of NZ\$25 must be paid at the airport.

Travel insurance should be purchased in your home country to cover New Zealand as well as any other destinations on your journey. Full cover is recommended, to include medical treatment, emergency assistance, travel delay and personal baggage.

4.4 Airport Arrivals and Departures

When you arrive at Christchurch International Airport or Auckland International Airport, proceed through the immigration area, collect your luggage and proceed through the "customs" area. Customs personnel will direct you. All baggage is passed through an x-ray machine and New Zealand has strict biosecurity controls.

There will be a *Welcome Desk* at Christchurch Airport, in both the International and Domestic Terminal buildings, on 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 June 2007 to assist delegates on arrival. **It is of the utmost importance that you inform the meeting managers** of your flight details (**Annex B II - Airport Transfers**) to enable them to assist you on arrival.

We recognise that you will have travelled a long way to attend the meeting and are committed to providing you with a smooth and comfortable transfer between Christchurch Airport and your hotel. Recognisable personnel will be at the airport to

assist you (only on arrival and departure dates). Look for the World Heritage Committee meeting banner. You will be taken directly to your hotel.

Upon departure, transport will be provided on 1, 2,3 and 4 July 2007 from the hotels to the airport as long as you book in advance (see **Booking Form** in **Annex B II - Airport Transfers**). Transfers can be pre-paid or paid on arrival.

From the airport, hotels can also be reached by taxi. Taxi stands are located outside the airport terminal buildings. It takes about 15 – 20 minutes to reach the hotels. The fare is about NZ\$35-40 (equivalent to 19-22 EUR).

4.5 Car rental

Cars can be rented in New Zealand from local or international companies. A valid overseas driver's license or international driving permit is required to drive in New Zealand and, if your license is not written in English, you must carry an accurate translation. Drivers and all passengers must wear seat belts. There is a speed limit of 100 kilometres an hour on open highways and 50 kilometres an hour on urban roads. All cars are right-hand drive (drive on the left-hand side of the road) with either manual or automatic gear change.

5 VENUE

The venue of the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee is the *Christchurch Convention Centre and Town Hall*, 86-95 Kilmore Street, Christchurch, New Zealand www.convention.co.nz

The *Convention Centre* is located in the central city and a 5-minute walk from the heart of Christchurch city (Cathedral Square) and 10-minute walk to the historic Arts Centre Cultural Precinct.

The *Crowne Plaza Hotel Christchurch* (4-star) is linked by air-bridge to the *Christchurch Convention Centre*. In addition, there are a number of 4-star hotels 2-10 minutes walk from the *Convention Centre*.

6 PARTICIPANTS, REGISTRATION, SECURITY

6.1 Participants

The primary participants at the 31st Session of the World Heritage Committee will be the 21 members of the Committee.

States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention* that are not members of the Committee may send representatives to the session as observers.

Non-States Parties to the *Convention* that are Member States of UNESCO or of the United Nations may also be permitted by the Committee, upon written request, to attend the sessions of the Committee as observers.

Representatives of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), and the World Conservation Union (IUCN) will attend in an advisory capacity.

The United Nations and organisations of the United Nations system, as well as, upon written request, other international governmental and non-governmental organisations, permanent observer missions to UNESCO and non-profit-making institutions having activities in the fields covered by the *Convention*, may be authorised to participate in the sessions of the Committee as observers.

6.2 Registration

Delegates are strongly advised to register no later than **17 May 2007**, to allow sufficient time for administrative arrangements and printing of ID badges by the New Zealand Meeting Managers. Delegates are invited to apply online on the Meeting website <http://www.31whc.org/>, by filling in the Registration Form (see **Annex A - Registration Form**) and returning it to the Meeting Managers by e-mail: rachelle@conference.co.nz, fax +64 3 379 0460 or by post to Conference Innovators Ltd, PO Box 13-494 Christchurch 8011, New Zealand.

There will be separate forms to complete:

Annex A – Registration Form, for participation in the Committee session

Annex B I-VI – Hotel, Transfer, Tour, Excursion Booking Forms

In addition, authorities of participating countries and organisations are requested to send a Note or Letter of Confirmation identifying each member of their delegation before **7 June 2007**. This requirement is to ensure orderly processing and prevent causing any inconvenience to the delegates. The New Zealand Meeting Managers will continue to process registrations and/or modifications made after **7 June 2007**, but will be unable to guarantee smooth registration and early printing of ID badges.

Please note: As part of the registration process, it is imperative that we receive **one photograph together with the Registration Form** either online on the Meeting website <http://www.31whc.org/>, by e-mail: rachelle@conference.co.nz or by post to Conference Innovators Ltd, PO Box 13-494 Christchurch 8011, New Zealand. ID badges will be issued accordingly.

The registration desk will be located in the *Convention Centre*. Every delegate must register prior to the beginning of the World Heritage Committee session. When registered, each delegate will be given a bag containing the information on the World Heritage Committee session and an ID badge.

6.3 Security

ID badges are not transferable. For security purposes, delegates are kindly required to wear their ID badges throughout the event, and when attending meetings, other activities and excursions. Access to the event will be denied to any individual who is not officially accredited or who uses the ID badge improperly.

6.4 Carbon Neutral

New Zealand has adopted a goal to make this meeting “carbon neutral” through the CarboNZero[®] programme. The effects of climate change as a result of increasing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere due to emissions arising from human activities, is the fundamental environmental challenge facing us all. Catastrophic consequences are expected unless rapid reductions are made in the quantity of emissions (particularly in the developed world).

The CarboNZero[®] programme means that the carbon dioxide emissions from the meeting organisation, venue, activities, and delegate travel have been measured. These impacts will be minimised where possible and the unavoidable emissions will be offset (mitigated) by purchasing the appropriate amount of carbon credits. These carbon credits will be purchased from verified, permanent indigenous forest regeneration projects within New Zealand. These projects also have significant biodiversity outcomes.

New Zealand is covering the cost to ‘offset’ the remaining emissions associated with preparing for the meeting and the energy (including electricity) used at the venue.

New Zealand is offering the opportunity for delegates to offset their own greenhouse gas emissions produced through their travel to the meeting and during the one-day and post-meeting field trips, and for their accommodation. Please refer to the registration forms in **Annex A** and **Annex B**.

The table below shows offset costs for one person’s emissions for a return trip to the Christchurch meeting (includes air travel, 10 hotel nights, travel to and from the airport, and field trip travel and accommodation).

Travel Origin	Carbon Credit Cost	Emissions
Origin of travel:	\$ + GST (NZ dollars)	Tonne CO2
New Zealand Albania	81.15	2.32
New Zealand Algeria	86.02	2.48
New Zealand Andorra	83.55	2.40
New Zealand Angola	70.54	1.96
New Zealand Argentina	56.54	1.50
New Zealand Australia (Melbourne)	39.80	0.94
New Zealand Austria	81.36	2.32
New Zealand Azerbaijan	72.87	2.04
New Zealand Bahrain	72.07	2.01
New Zealand Barbados	68.75	1.90
New Zealand Belgium	82.77	2.37
New Zealand Benin	76.91	2.17
New Zealand Bosnia	81.48	2.33
New Zealand Brazil	105.85	3.14
New Zealand Bulgaria	80.21	2.28
New Zealand Burkina	79.36	2.26

New Zealand Canada	113.97	3.41
New Zealand Chile	54.25	1.42
New Zealand China	91.12	2.65
New Zealand China	56.76	1.50
New Zealand Columbia	60.33	1.62
New Zealand Cook Islands	42.29	1.02
New Zealand Cote d'Ivoire	77.44	2.19
New Zealand Croatia	81.84	2.34
New Zealand Cuba	64.05	1.75
New Zealand Cypress	77.63	2.20
New Zealand Czech Republic	81.45	2.33
New Zealand Democratic Republic of the Congo	71.77	2.00
New Zealand Denmark	138.13	4.22
New Zealand Ecuador	60.33	1.62
New Zealand Egypt	77.09	2.18
New Zealand Estonia	77.61	2.20
New Zealand Fiji	36.47	0.83
New Zealand Finland	77.39	2.19
New Zealand France	144.67	4.43
New Zealand French Polynesia	49.46	1.26
New Zealand Georgia	65.43	1.79
New Zealand Germany	139.57	4.26
New Zealand Greece	80.04	2.28
New Zealand Holy See	83.25	2.39
New Zealand Honduras	60.86	1.64
New Zealand Hong Kong	82.75	2.37
New Zealand Hungary	80.85	2.31
New Zealand Iceland	77.83	2.21
New Zealand India	104.88	3.11
New Zealand Indonesia	72.95	2.04
New Zealand Iran	72.02	2.01
New Zealand Iraq	73.75	2.07
New Zealand Ireland	142.34	4.36
New Zealand Israel	129.92	3.94
New Zealand Italy	83.15	2.38
New Zealand Japan	80.66	2.30
New Zealand Kenya	69.11	1.91
New Zealand Korea	85.92	2.48
New Zealand Kuwait	72.07	2.01
New Zealand Latvia	78.27	2.22
New Zealand Lithuania	78.45	2.23
New Zealand Luxembourg	83.55	2.40
New Zealand Madagascar	61.01	1.64
New Zealand Malaysia	80.00	2.28
New Zealand Malta	82.69	2.37
New Zealand Mauritius	58.19	1.55

New Zealand Marshall Islands	38.58	0.90
New Zealand Mexico	58.60	1.56
New Zealand Morocco	87.26	2.52
New Zealand Namibia	65.35	1.79
New Zealand Nepal	61.24	1.65
New Zealand Netherlands	142.04	4.35
New Zealand New Caledonia	35.51	0.79
New Zealand Nigeria	77.42	2.19
New Zealand Norway	79.12	2.25
New Zealand Oman	68.15	1.88
New Zealand Pakistan	65.67	1.80
New Zealand Peru	57.91	1.54
New Zealand Philippines	48.88	1.24
New Zealand Poland	79.73	2.27
New Zealand Portugal	87.18	2.52
New Zealand Romania	79.41	2.26
New Zealand Russia	75.93	2.14
New Zealand Samoa	41.43	0.99
New Zealand San Marino	83.25	2.39
New Zealand Senegal	79.48	2.26
New Zealand Serbia	80.89	2.31
New Zealand Singapore	77.93	2.21
New Zealand Slovakia	81.21	2.32
New Zealand Slovenia	82.14	2.35
New Zealand South Africa	103.29	3.05
New Zealand Spain	151.70	4.67
New Zealand St Lucia	68.52	1.90
New Zealand Sweden	134.70	4.10
New Zealand Switzerland	144.39	4.42
New Zealand Syria	76.01	2.14
New Zealand Taiwan	80.88	2.31
New Zealand Tanzania	66.38	1.82
New Zealand Thailand	85.59	2.46
New Zealand Tonga	35.58	0.80
New Zealand Tunisia	83.92	2.41
New Zealand Turkey	77.63	2.20
New Zealand UK	143.51	4.39
New Zealand Ukraine	77.85	2.21
New Zealand Uruguay	57.01	1.51
New Zealand USA (Los Angeles)	91.57	2.66
New Zealand USA (New York)	116.19	3.48
New Zealand Vietnam	54.38	1.42
New Zealand Yemen	70.66	1.97
New Zealand Zimbabwe	64.79	1.77

For more information visit www.carbonzero.co.nz or www.landcareresearch.co.nz

7 ACCOMMODATION, COMPLIMENTARY TOURS AND OPTIONAL POST MEETING EXCURSIONS

7.1 Hotel Reservation

We are offering hotels in the city centre that we believe will provide the most suitable accommodation close to the venue. Accommodation may be booked online on the website <http://www.31whc.org>, or by sending the booking form by e-mail: rachelle@conference.co.nz or fax +64 3 379 0460 or by post to Conference Innovators Ltd, PO Box 13-494 Christchurch 8011, New Zealand. Please see **Annex C - List of Hotels** and complete the accommodation booking section in **Annex B – Hotel, Transfer, Tour, Excursion Booking Form**.

Please note: All participants will be responsible for their own expenses such as telephone, facsimile, laundry, refreshments and meals.

7.2 Complimentary Tours and Optional Post Meeting Excursions

Complimentary tours and optional post meeting excursions will be available. Please refer to **Annex D** for full details and **Annex F** for New Zealand map or consult the link on the website <http://www.31whc.org> and complete the form. A travel desk will also be available at the *Convention Centre* to assist with any tour/excursion requests.

8 MEETING SERVICES AND FACILITIES

8.1 Public Office Area

The New Zealand Meeting Manager will provide a Public Office area with an internet café. The area will be equipped with computers (with internet access) and printing facilities. Technical staff will be on site to assist you.

8.2 Medical Services

A St Johns First Aid Assistant will be available in the *Convention Centre*. In case of emergency, medical service will be provided to delegates. Valid health/medical insurance is recommended. The closest drug store/pharmacy is the Amcal Victoria Square, 748 Colombo Street (open daily from 8.00am to 6.00pm).

8.3 Catering

The *Crowne Plaza Hotel Christchurch* (adjacent to the *Convention Centre* and connected via airbridge) offers the following dining options: *Victoria Street Café*, brasserie style; *Canterbury Tales*, fine New Zealand cuisine; *Yamagen Restaurant*, Japanese cuisine; *Atrium Lounge* and Bar, bar snacks; *Rumpoles*, bar snacks. There are also many restaurants near the Convention Centre, serving various types of cuisine, such as: Italian – *Café Valentino*, 813 Colombo Street; Thai – *Thai Smile*, 818 Colombo Street; Seafood – *Seafood Kitchen*, 819 Colombo Street; Euro-Asian – *Indochine*, 209 Cambridge Terrace; Mexican – *South of the Border*, 834 Colombo Street; Indonesian – *Rumah*

Wayang, 55 Victoria Street; Chinese – *Chinatown*, 71 Kilmore Street. There are at least 150 restaurants within a 10-minute walk of the Convention Centre.

9 MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS

The Media Centre in the *Convention Centre* is the work place for the media to cover the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee. All the Press Conferences will take place in a specially designated area in the *Convention Centre*. Only appointed and accredited media will be able to access the room. All interested media should contact Ms Nic Vallance via the email address nvallance@doc.govt.nz

10 GENERAL INFORMATION

10.1 Survey of Christchurch

Located on the east coast of the South Island of New Zealand, Christchurch is the major gateway to the scenic South Island, including Te Wāhipounamu - *South West New Zealand* World Heritage Area. Christchurch has a population of 344 000 and is the third largest city in New Zealand.

Christchurch's special character is most obvious in its glorious parks and gardens, which led it to win an international garden award. The city is compact and a central feature is the winding Avon River. A winter ski mecca (season June – October), the renown Mt Hutt ski field is just an hour and a half from Christchurch.

Christchurch is well known for its beautiful heritage buildings, in particular the Canterbury Museum, Christ's College and Arts Centre complexes – prime examples of Gothic Revival architecture. Visit <http://www.christchurchnz.net/> for more information.

10.2 Local Transportation

The hotels *Crowne Plaza Christchurch*, *Copthorne Durham* and *Copthorne Central* are very close to the *Convention Centre* (one to three minutes walk), with other featured hotels no further than 10 to 15 minutes walk. Transportation will be provided to the official events.

For any other private transport requests, the hotel reception desks will be able to help you find a taxi.

10.3 Currency

The currency unit in New Zealand is the New Zealand Dollar, abbreviated to NZ\$. New Zealand has a decimal currency system with one dollar equalling 100 cents. Denominations of notes are \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10 and \$5. Coins are \$2, \$1, 50 cents, 20 cents and 10 cents. The following exchange rate examples were applicable on 31 October 2006:

1 United States Dollar	= NZ\$1.45
1 British Pound	= NZ\$2.75
1 Euro	= NZ\$1.83

A currency exchange kiosk is available at Christchurch and Auckland Airports in the international arrivals hall, open for all arriving international flights. For domestic flights the Bank of New Zealand Christchurch airport branch is open from 9.00am to 4.30pm in the terminal building.

Foreign exchange for major currencies is available at the main reception in the hotels or foreign exchange bureaus which are situated in the city centre.

Currency exchange is available at banks (operating hours are weekdays 9.00am – 4.30pm, closed Saturday and Sunday). Cash can be withdrawn from automatic teller machines that are widely distributed in the city and function 24 hours a day.

Credit cards are accepted in most shops, restaurants, cafes and hotels. The most common credit cards are Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

A government Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 12.5% is added to all goods and services used in New Zealand and is usually shown included in the advertised price.

10.4 Driving Licences

Foreigners with a valid international driving licence are permitted to drive in New Zealand.

10.5 Electricity Supply

In New Zealand, the electricity supply voltage is 240 V / 50 Hz and plugs have two or three flat pins. Adaptors / transformers are therefore required for different voltages and plugs. The hotels have a limited number of adaptors / transformers for guests to use, however we recommend purchasing your own if you require extended use during your stay.

10.6 Postal Service

Post Offices are generally open from Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5.00pm. The hotel reception desks will also be able to assist you with postal and courier services.

10.7 Telephone Service

There is a public telephone in the lobby of the *Convention Centre* that can be used for both local and international calls.

Delegates will have the option to buy pre-paid calling cards for mobile / cellular phones near the *Convention Centre*.

10.8 Smoking Regulations

Smoking is prohibited by law in all public buildings in New Zealand (airport, hotels and the *Convention Centre*, etc), except in places that have specially designated areas where smoking is allowed.

10.9 Time

Time in New Zealand is 12 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

10.10 Weather

The climate in New Zealand is temperate. The weather in June/July is mid-winter with frosty mornings, usually fine days and cold nights. Average July temperature of +10°C during the day and +4°C at night. Rain is common in June/July.

10.11 Health

New Zealand has no health risks. Doctors and dentists are highly trained and hospitals well equipped. First aid will be provided by the organisers; you will be charged for extra medical services. Therefore, it is necessary to have a valid health/medical insurance.

It is safe to drink tap water throughout New Zealand. However, for those who prefer bottled mineral water, it is readily available in various stores and hotels.

List of Annexes:

To be completed:

- **Annex A:** Registration Form
- **Annex B:** Booking Form for Hotel, Airport transfer, Unofficial Social Functions, and Tours and Excursions

For information:

- **Annex C:** List of Hotels
- **Annex D:** Complimentary Tours and Optional Post Meeting Excursions
- **Annex E:** Map of Christchurch City Centre
- **Annex F:** Map of New Zealand with Excursions

Annex A



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31st Session, Christchurch, New Zealand

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your recent
photo here

REGISTRATION FORM - ANNEX A

The form is also available online at <http://www.31whc.org>

ONLY for participation at the 31st Session of the World Heritage Committee,
Christchurch, New Zealand, 23 June – 2 July 2007

- please print or type in upper case

- **Please register online or send the registration form by e-mail:**

rachelle@conference.co.nz

by fax (+ 64 3 379 0460) or by post to the

**Meeting Manager Conference
Innovators Ltd
PO Box 13 494
Christchurch
New Zealand**

1.1 PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PART FIRST

I am participating as a Committee Member ☐

Please specify the head of your delegation _____

I am participating as a representative of an Advisory Body: ☐ IUCN ☐ ICOMOS ☐
ICCROM

I am participating as a representative of a State Party to the Meeting ☐

I am participating as a member of the UNESCO Secretariat ☐

I am participating as a representative of an NGO/IGO invited by the Director – General
☐

I request participation as an Observer, pending confirmation by the Committee ☐

Other ☐ please specify

1.2 PERSONAL INFORMATION

First name

Last/Family name

Title (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Prof)

Nationality

Date and place of birth

Passport number

Passport issued by

Passport expiration date

Name of company/Organisation

Position

Address (please specify if business or personal)

City

State

Zip/Post code

Country

Office phone

Office fax

Mobile phone

E-mail

I prefer to be contacted by e-mail ☐ or fax ☐

Do you need a visa Yes ☐ No ☐

If you need a visa, please specify the country in which you intend to apply to the New Zealand

Embassy/Consulate _____

ANNEX B

HOTEL, TRANSFER, TOUR, EXCURSION BOOKING FORM - ANNEX B

This form is available online at <http://www.31whc.org> 31st Session of the World Heritage Committee, Christchurch Convention Centre, 23 June – 2 July 2007

HAVE YOU PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE MEETING? IF NOT PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM – ANNEX A

Please print or type in upper case

Please register online or complete the Hotel, Transfer, Tour, Excursion Booking form and send it by e-mail:

rachelle@conference.co.nz or by fax (+ 64 3 379 0460)

or post it to the:

Meeting Manager Conference Innovators
Ltd PO Box 13 494
Christchurch
New Zealand

Any amendments and cancellations will only be accepted in writing and should be sent by e-mail:

rachelle@conference.co.nz or fax + 64 3 3790460

First name

Last/Family name

Title (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Prof) _____

Position _____

Name of company/Organisation

Address (please specify if business or personal)

City _____ State _____

Zip/Post code _____

Country _____

Office phone _____

Office fax _____

Mobile phone _____

E-mail _____

I prefer to be contacted by e-mail ☐ or fax ☐

B.I ACCOMMODATION

For full details of the hotels see Annex C or visit the conference website (<http://www.31whc.org>). Please make your hotel reservation with Conference Innovators Ltd (rachelle@conference.co.nz) (as soon as possible) as accommodation at hotels close to the Christchurch Convention Centre is at a premium. Please select the hotel of your choice from the list, and indicate your preference in the space provided below. All rates are quoted in NZ\$ (New Zealand Dollars) and are subject to change. Rates are room only and include Goods and Services Tax (12.5%). Breakfast is not included unless specified. A deposit equal to one night's accommodation or a credit card number is required with your reservation to guarantee the room. The balance of the accommodation must be paid to the hotel directly on checkout. You may only cancel your reservation up to 17 May 2007 with a full refund, less an administration fee of NZ\$100. When cancelled later, the following charges will be applied:

- a. if cancelled between 18 May and June 15 2007, 50% of the booking value will be charged;
- b. if cancelled after 1 July 2007 or in case of no show, a cancellation fee equal to 100% of the booking will be charged

The deadline for hotel bookings is 17 May 2007. Bookings will be processed on a "first come – first served" basis. Late reservations will be confirmed according to availability. All refunds, where applicable, will be processed after the session.

Hotel name: 1st Choice _____

Hotel name: 2nd Choice _____

In the event that my preferred hotel is unavailable, please book me in a (please enter an X where appropriate) Similar category ☐ Higher category ☐ Lower category ☐ Do not offer me alternatives if 1st and 2nd choice is unavailable ☐

Arrival date: _____ Departure date: _____

Number of nights: _____

Room type required (please enter number of rooms): Single ☐ Double ☐ Twin ☐

Other (specify eg. executive, suite) ☐

Other special hotel requests, eg. non smoking room _____

TOTAL \$NZ

B.II AIRPORT TRANSFERS

If you would like to book transfers between Christchurch International or Domestic Airport (located in the same building) and the Meeting Hotels, please fill out the details below. A pre-booked and paid transfer costs NZ\$35 per person one way. A transfer paid on arrival costs \$NZ42 per person one way.

Date of arrival transfer

Pick up from Christchurch Airport International ☐ or Domestic ☐

Flight number _____ Flight arrival time _____

Number of persons _____ Arriving from last city _____

Cost: NZ\$ _____

Date of departure transfer

Drop off to Christchurch Airport International ☐ or Domestic ☐

Flight number _____ Flight departure time

Number of persons _____ Departing to city

Cost: NZ\$ _____

B II. Airport Transfers: TOTAL \$NZ _____

B.III COMPLIMENTARY TOURS

Delegates are entitled to complimentary tours of Christchurch (Sunday 01 July 2007). Please select from the list in Annex D and indicate your choice in the section below. Full itineraries are available on the website <http://www.31whc.org/>. The tour language is English, but tours in French will be conducted if there are sufficient numbers of participants.

Tour

Preferred language (EN, FR)

Name of delegate

Name of spouse/Accompanying person

Number of persons

B.IV OPTIONAL POST MEETING EXCURSIONS

Please select the excursion of your choice from the excursion list in Annex D and complete the section below. Excursions must be paid in full to confirm the excursion reservation. The tour language is English, but tours in French will be conducted if there are sufficient numbers of participants.

For full itinerary details please visit the website <http://www.31whc.org>.

The deadline for booking excursions is 17 May. Late reservations will be confirmed according to availability.

All excursions are subject to Conference Innovators and their appointed tour operators' terms and conditions.

Cancellation of excursions: You may only cancel your reservation up to 17 May 2006 with full refund, less an administration fee of NZ\$50. Once excursions are confirmed, they will be subject to the following cancellation fees:

- a. if cancelled between 18 May and June 18, 50% of the booking value will be charged;
- b. if cancelled after June 18, or in case of no show, a cancellation fee equal to 100% of the booking value will be charged.

Option number and name of excursion

Name of delegate

Name of spouse/Accompanying person

Preferred language (EN, FR)

Cost per person

Number of persons

III. Optional Post Meeting Excursions

TOTAL\$NZ

In case the number of participants for an excursion does not reach the minimum required, you will be offered an alternative excursion at its actual cost.

B.V ADDITIONAL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Royal New Zealand Ballet “Swan Lake” – 24 June 2007

Number of tickets required ☐ @ \$80.00 per ticket

Total NZ\$ _____

Christchurch Symphony Orchestra “Cossacks and Cannons” - 30 June 2007

Number of tickets required ☐ @ \$32.00 per ticket

Total NZ\$ _____

B.VI TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE AND SERVICES BOOKED

(Use this section to summarize your requirements and calculate the total of your payments due)

Section I Accommodation \$NZ _____

Section II Airport Transfers \$NZ _____

Section III Complimentary Tours NO CHARGE

Section IV Optional Post Meeting Excursions \$NZ _____

Section V Carbon Neutral Contribution \$NZ _____

Section VI Additional social functions \$NZ _____

TOTAL \$NZ _____

B.VII PAYMENT DETAILS

(please enter X in the appropriate box)

OPTION ONE - BANK TRANSFER ☐

Please specify "World Heritage Committee Meeting" on your bank transfer.

Bank: The National Bank, PO Box 8028, Christchurch, New Zealand

Name of Account: Conference Innovators Trust

Account Bank and Branch Number: 06 0831

Account Number: 0104409 03 Swift Code: NB NZNZ 22

OPTION TWO - CREDIT CARD ☐

Should you choose to use this option, please complete the authorization below to enable Conference Innovators to debit your credit card. Please supply credit card details:

Credit Card type ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express (Diners not accepted)

Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Cardholders Name: _____

Please print, type or alternatively fax a copy of the front and back of your credit card to

Conference Innovators Fax: +64 3 379 0460

I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize Conference Innovators to debit my Credit Card for the following amounts:

Date _____

Amount NZ\$ _____

Signature of Card holder _____

Please register online <http://www.31whc.org> or send the Booking form (Annex B I-VI) by e-mail: rachelle@conference.co.nz or print the form and fax to +64 3 379 0460, or post it to the Meeting Manager, Conference Innovators Ltd, PO Box 13 494, Christchurch 8011, New Zealand

Any amendments and cancellations will be accepted in writing and should be sent by e-mail:

rachelle@conference.co.nz or fax + 64 3 379 0460.

1.3 PERSONAL INFORMATION OF SPOUSE/ACCOMPANYING PERSON

First name _____

Last/Family name _____

Title (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Prof) _____

Nationality _____

Date and place of birth _____

Passport number _____

Passport issued by _____

Passport expiration date _____

Relation to participant _____

Occupation _____

1.4 CARBON NEUTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Refer to general information document section 6.4

I would like to continue to contribute \$_____ towards the cost of offsetting my emissions (details see General Information Document)

I already offset my greenhouse gas emissions associated with attending the 31st Session of the World Heritage Committee (please specify amount of emissions (tonnes CO₂) offset and the offset agency)

Annex C

LIST OF HOTELS

The hotel grading is as follows: ***** 5 star, Luxury; **** 4 star, Superior; *** 3 star, Moderate. The higher the grade the more expensive the accommodation, with corresponding quality and services. The room rates quoted are per night.

Crowne Plaza Christchurch * * * *

Cnr Kilmore & Durham Streets, Christchurch

Tel: + 64 365 7799 Fax: + 64 3 371 0723

Situated in Victoria Square, in the central city, the 298 room hotel is connected by covered walkway to the Christchurch Convention Centre, the venue of the 31 st World Heritage Committee session. All rooms are equipped with broadband internet, TV, air-conditioning, mini bar, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, phone, bathrobes, tea and coffee making facilities.		
Location	Christchurch International Airport Convention Centre Arts Centre Cultural Area	8 Kilometres adjacent building 500 Metres
Amenities	Gymnasium Restaurants: <i>Victoria Street Café, Canterbury Tales, Yamagen</i> Bars: <i>Atrium, Rumpoles</i>	
Services	Concierge service Function rooms Laundry service Parking Business centre Room service 24 hours Bicycle hire	
Miscellaneous	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the hotel directly.	
Room rate (includes breakfast)	Standard single room Standard double room Single executive Double executive Executive suite single Executive suite double Club single Club double Club suite Governors suite Presidential suite	NZ\$242.00 NZ\$265.00 NZ\$354.50 NZ\$377.50 NZ\$500.00 NZ\$523.00 NZ\$337.00 NZ\$360.00 NZ\$596.00 NZ\$1200.00 NZ\$1400.00

Millennium Hotel * * * *

14 Cathedral Square, Christchurch

Tel: + 64 3 365 1111 Fax: + 64 3 365 7676

The <i>Millennium Hotel</i> is located in picturesque Cathedral Square, the heart of Christchurch city for business, shopping and walking distance from the Christchurch Convention Centre. The hotel has 196 rooms, which have soundproofed windows, equipped with broadband internet, individual safes, TV, heating/air-conditioning, mini bar, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, phone, electric blankets, tea and coffee making facilities. All suites have baths.		
Location	Christchurch International Airport Convention Centre Arts Centre Cultural Area	9 Kilometres 500 Metres 300 Metres
Amenities	Gymnasium and sauna Restaurants: <i>Piko Piko</i> Bars: <i>Bar Sante</i>	
Services	Concierge service Function rooms Laundry service Parking Business centre Room service 24 hours Safety deposit facility	
Miscellaneous	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the hotel directly.	
Room rate (no breakfast)	Standard single room Standard double room	NZ\$208.13 NZ\$208.13

Copthorne Durham * * * *

Corner Durham Street and Kilmore Street, Christchurch

Tel: + 64 3 365 4699 Fax: + 64 3 366 6302

The <i>Copthorne Christchurch Durham Street Hotel</i> is located across the road from the Convention Centre and just a few minutes walk to Cathedral Square, the heart of Christchurch city for business and shopping. The hotel has 161 rooms, which have broadband internet, TV, heating/air-conditioning, mini bar, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, phone, electric blankets, tea and coffee making facilities.		
Location	Christchurch International Airport Convention Centre Arts Centre Cultural Area	8 Kilometres 50 Metres 500 Metres
Amenities	Gymnasium, spa pool and sauna. Complimentary golf green fees at local golf club. Restaurants: <i>Zoe's Brasserie</i> Bars: <i>Zoe's Espresso Bar</i>	
Services	Concierge service Function rooms Laundry service Parking Guest computers Room service 24 Hours Safety deposit facility	
Miscellaneous	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the hotel directly.	
Room rate (no breakfast)	Standard single room Standard double room	NZ\$185.63 NZ\$185.63

Copthorne Central * * * *

776 Colombo Street, Christchurch

Tel: + 64 3 379 5880 Fax: + 64 3 365 4806

The <i>Copthorne Christchurch Central Hotel</i> is located overlooking beautiful Victoria Square and the tranquil Avon River, 200 metres from the Convention Centre and just a few minutes walk to Cathedral Square, the heart of Christchurch city for business and shopping. The hotel has 142 rooms, which have soundproofing, broadband internet, TV, heating/air-conditioning, mini bar, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, phone, electric blankets, tea and coffee making facilities.		
Location	Christchurch International Airport Convention Centre Arts Centre Cultural Area	8 Kilometres 200 Metres 500 Metres
Amenities	Complimentary gymnasium, spa pool, sauna and swimming pool at nearby Centennial Leisure Centre. Complimentary golf green fees at local golf club. Restaurants: <i>The Terrace View Restaurant</i> Bars: <i>Colombo's Lobby Bar</i>	
Services	Concierge service Function rooms Laundry service Parking Guest computers Room service 24 hours Safety deposit facility	
Miscellaneous	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the hotel directly.	
Room rate (no breakfast)	Standard single room Standard double room	NZ\$185.63 NZ\$185.63

Rydges Hotel * * *

Corner Worcester Boulevard and Oxford Terrace, Christchurch

Tel: + 64 3 379 4700 Fax: + 64 3 379 5357

The <i>Rydges Christchurch Hotel</i> is located in the heart of the Central Business District, adjacent to the picturesque Avon River and cultural precinct, and just a few minutes walk to the Convention Centre. The hotel has 208 rooms, which have soundproofing, broadband internet, TV, heating/air-conditioning, mini bar, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, phone, electric blankets, tea and coffee making facilities.		
Location	Christchurch International Airport Convention Centre Arts Centre Cultural Area	9 Kilometres 300 Metres 200 Metres
Amenities	Gymnasium, spa pool and sauna Restaurants: <i>The Terrace View Restaurant</i> Bars: <i>Colombo's Lobby Bar</i>	
Services	Concierge service Function rooms Laundry service Parking Guest computers Room service 24 hours In-room safes Business centre	
Miscellaneous	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the hotel directly.	
Room rate (no breakfast)	Deluxe single room Deluxe double room	NZ\$202.50 NZ\$202.50

Heritage Hotel * * * *
 28-30 Cathedral Square, Christchurch
 Tel: + 64 3 377 9722 Fax: + 64 3 377 9881

The <i>Heritage Christchurch Hotel</i> is located in the heart of the Central Business District, overlooking the Christchurch Cathedral and Cathedral Square and just a few minutes walk to the Convention Centre. The hotel has 135 rooms as well as 41 suites in the beautifully restored 100 year old Old Government Building. Rooms have broadband internet, TV, heating/air-conditioning, mini bar, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, phone, electric blankets, tea and coffee making facilities.		
Location	Christchurch International Airport Convention Centre Arts Centre Cultural Area	9 Kilometres 300 Metres 300 Metres
Amenities	Gymnasium, spa pool and sauna Restaurants: <i>Maddisons Restaurant</i>	
Services	Concierge service Function rooms Laundry service Parking	
Miscellaneous	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the hotel directly.	
Room rate (no breakfast)	Deluxe single room Deluxe double room 1 Bedroom suite 2 Bedroom suite	NZ\$180.00 NZ\$180.00 NZ\$225.00 NZ\$292.50

The George Hotel * * * * *
 50 Park Terrace, Christchurch
 Tel: + 64 3 379 4560 Fax: + 64 3 366 6747

The <i>George Hotel</i> is located overlooking beautiful Hagley Park and the Avon River, close to the Botanic Gardens, Museum and Trams and just a few minutes walk to the Convention Centre or central city. The hotel has 55 rooms, which have broadband internet, TV, heating/air-conditioning, mini bar, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, phone, electric blankets, tea and coffee making facilities.		
Location	Christchurch International Airport Convention Centre Arts Centre Cultural Area	8 Kilometres 300 Metres 300 Metres
Amenities	Restaurants: <i>Pescatore, 50 On Park Restaurant</i> Bars: <i>50 On Park Bar</i>	
Services	Concierge service Function rooms Laundry service Parking Room service 24 hours In-room safes	
Miscellaneous	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the hotel directly.	
Room rate (no breakfast)	Standard single room Standard double room	NZ\$218.25 NZ\$218.25

Hotel Grand Chancellor * * *
 161 Cashel Street, Christchurch
 Tel: + 64 3 379 2999 Fax: + 64 3 379 9929

The <i>Hotel Grand Chancellor</i> is located in the heart of the city, adjacent to the main shopping area. The tallest building in Christchurch, it has 176 rooms including suites with internet access, TV, heating/air-conditioning, mini bar, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, phone, tea and coffee making facilities.		
Location	Christchurch International Airport Convention Centre Arts Centre Cultural Area	10 Kilometres 600 Metres 300 Metres
Amenities	Restaurants: <i>Merchants Restaurant</i> Bars: <i>Exchange Bar</i>	
Services	Concierge service Function rooms Laundry service Parking Room service 24 hours Safety deposit facility Business centre	
Miscellaneous	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the hotel directly.	
Room rate (no breakfast)	Standard single room Standard double room Superior single room Superior double room One bedroom suite Two bedroom suite	NZ\$185.63 NZ\$185.63 NZ\$219.38 NZ\$219.38 NZ\$275.63 NZ\$326.25

To view the exact location of the hotels, please consult the city map in **Annex E**.

Annex D

COMPLIMENTARY TOURS AND OPTIONAL POST MEETING EXCURSIONS

The full programme of social activities of the 31st Session of the World Heritage Committee will be available on the Meeting website <http://www.31whc.org/>

COMPLIMENTARY TOURS

I. Sunday, 1 July 2006

Option 1 - Akaroa

Enjoy the journey to Akaroa, a seaside settlement on Banks Peninsula, and one of the most scenic short drives anywhere in New Zealand. At Akaroa you will experience majestic scenery and stunning wildlife on a harbour cruise. This beautiful harbour was formed by seawater inundation of an extinct volcanic crater. The charming historic seaside settlement has strong French and British influences from early settlers and a colourful whaling and Māori history.

Following lunch you will depart on a 2-hour wildlife cruise of the harbour. The cruise offers a chance to view the rare Hector's dolphin (upokohue), one of the world's smallest and rarest marine dolphins. You will also see volcanic sea cliffs, the New Zealand fur seal (kekeno) and perhaps catch glimpses of the white flippered penguin (korora).

At the end of the cruise depart for Christchurch.

Option 2 - Antarctic Heritage

Christchurch has a strong link with Antarctica. From the expeditions of Robert Falcon Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton through to the modern era Christchurch has been the gateway for exploration and scientific endeavour on the world's most remote continent. Christchurch has the world's best museum collection of Antarctic objects at Canterbury Museum and is home to The International Antarctic Centre that contains three national Antarctic programmes, a Visitors Centre and the Antarctic Heritage Trust.

This trip will include a visit to the Antarctic Attraction, where you will experience the atmosphere and environment of Antarctica, providing you with an interactive, fun and exciting experience of the "Great White South".

At the Canterbury Museum you can peer into the huts of the first Antarctic explorers and marvel at their heroic adventures in the last great wilderness. Lifelike scenes of huskies at work, Emperor penguins under ice cliffs and a mother seal and her pup add to the icy atmosphere.

Antarctica is the only continent on earth where humans first dwellings still stand. Remarkably these still remain, but are at significant risk of loss. The little known but iconic buildings and their collection of are immensely significant in the history of Antarctica. The most significant of these sites are under the care of the Antarctic Heritage Trust. The Trust will talk to delegates

about these remarkable heritage sites which have been described by prominent heritage advocates as the most evocative historic buildings in the world.

Option 3 - Marae Experience

This half day tour will offer you a marae encounter, which will involve the opportunity to experience and to learn about Māori protocols and etiquette in a Māori setting. It will be an interactive experience, which will include a Powhiri (a traditional Māori welcome) and allow you the chance to ask local iwi (people from the local tribe) about Māori customs and history.

A marae a sacred place which served both religious and social purposes in ancient Polynesian societies. For Māori the marae is still a vital part of everyday life. In Māori society, the marae is a place where the culture can be celebrated, where the Māori language can be spoken, where intertribal obligations can be met, where customs can be explored and debated, where family occasions such as weddings and birthdays can be held, and where important ceremonies, such as extending a formal welcome to visitors or farewelling the dead, can be performed.

Option 4 - Canterbury Exclusive Cuisine Tour

The South Island of New Zealand has the southernmost vineyards in the world with climatic conditions that produce distinctive wines that cannot be found anywhere else. The Waipara Valley, Canterbury's premier wine growing region, is approximately 45 minutes north of Christchurch and is regarded as one of the fastest growing regions in New Zealand. Today visit the wineries of Pegasus Bay and Waipara Springs with visits also to Athena Olive Grove and Prenzel of Canterbury for schnapps & liqueur tastings.

OPTIONAL POST MEETING EXCURSIONS

3 - 5 July 2006

Refer to Map of New Zealand in Annex F for location of post meeting excursions

Option 1 - Rotorua, Taupo, Tongariro, National Park, Waitomo Caves & Auckland

Three day tour

The highlights of this 3-day tour will be a visit to Rotorua, one of New Zealand's most beautiful cities, the Whakarewarewa thermal valley, featuring 500 pools and at least 65 geyser vents, and Tongariro National Park World Heritage Area, which is New Zealand's first national park and the fourth in the world. The park's rugged volcanic peaks, austere Rangipo desert and lush forests attract hikers, mountaineers, skiers, photographers, botanists, geologists and sightseers from the world over.

Depart early morning from Christchurch and fly to Rotorua where you will be met by Department of Conservation (DOC) staff who will be your guides and point out areas of interest and discuss aspects of the Department's work.

Rotorua, is well known for the rich cultural heritage and hospitality of the Te Arawa tribe. Rotorua's geothermal fields fascinate and attract tourists from all over the world and the area is equally famous for its scenic lakes and fishing opportunities. The first stop will be Te Puia and the Whakarewarewa thermal valley to discover its history, inhabited since around 1325. The valley is rich in native birds and supports more than 500 different varieties of flora.

Drive an hour south for a late lunch at the world's only geothermally-heated prawn farm and visit Huka Falls, the largest falls on New Zealand's longest river, the Waikato.

You are now in the Ngati Tuwharetoa *rohe* (area), where Tumu te Heuheu, Chair of the World Heritage Committee, is Paramount Chief. Lake Taupo and the volcanic mountains of Tongariro National Park World Heritage Area are *taonga* (treasure) for Tuwharetoa and the peaks of the three volcanic mountains, Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu are considered *tapu* (sacred).

Stop briefly in Taupo, a popular tourist and holiday destination, to enjoy the stunning views across the lake. The caldera volcano of Lake Taupo (616km²) is New Zealand's largest lake.

You will receive a warm welcome at Waitetoko Marae and, following the *powhiri* (traditional welcome and greeting), dinner will be in the *whare kai* (eating room) where you will learn some of the local history and be entertained by students from a local *kura* (school), before travelling on to your accommodation for two nights at The Chateau Whakapapa Village.

The Village is located on the northern slopes of Tongariro National Park World Heritage Area. The nucleus of the park began in 1887 with the 'gift' by Horonuku te Heuheu Tukino IV, paramount chief of Ngati Tuwharetoa, of the sacred peaks of Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro to the Crown and to the people of New Zealand. Since then the boundaries of the park have grown and it now comprises 78,618 hectares. Tongariro gained World Heritage status for its natural values in 1990 and in 1993, under revised criteria, it became the first park in the world to be given associative cultural World Heritage status.

The next day you may select from 3 options:

- Skiing at Whakapapa Ski Area, New Zealand's largest developed ski area and 20 minutes by vehicle from your hotel. Within the 550 hectare (1360 acres) boundary there is excellent skiing and snowboarding for all abilities. All equipment can be hired on the day, transport is provided and lunch may be purchased in the restaurants.
- Spend an informal day with park managers at the Whakapapa Visitor Centre discussing national park management, tourism and business operations within a World Heritage Area. Lunch may be purchased in the Village. Later, enjoy one of the many short walks close to Whakapapa Village and take in the splendour and diversity of Tongariro National Park. (Sturdy boots and warm clothes are essential.)
- Travel by coach to Turangi and visit the world-renowned trout fishing destination, the Tongariro National Trout Centre. Here you can find out about the wild fishery, fresh water issues and experience the Whakapumautanga Downs Learning Centre, where students learn about sustainable resource use, angling, trout ecology and the conservation of fresh water environments. Lunch and transport is provided.

In the early evening enjoy an audio presentation of Tongariro National Park from DOC staff with informal drinks, followed by dinner at the hotel.

Next day travel 2 hours to visit the spectacular Glow worm caves with their majestic and ornate decorations at Waitomo. The Waitomo glow worm, *Arachnocampa luminosa*, is unique to New Zealand. Experience a 45 minute guided tour through the caves and a brief boat trip through the Glow worm Grotto, followed by lunch.

Depart in the afternoon for your 3-hour drive to Auckland.

Tour cost: **\$1,150.00** per person twin share
 \$1,410.00 per person single

Inclusions: 1 Economy class airfare, Christchurch to Rotorua
 2 nights accommodation Bayview Chateau Tongariro
 Luxury coach travel throughout the tour
 Professional coach captain
 2 cooked breakfasts
 1 dinner
 2 lunches – Prawn Farm & Waitomo Caves Hotel
 All attractions as noted in the itinerary
 GST – New Zealand Goods & Services Tax

Please visit the website <http://www.31whc.org/> for information on travel options and transfers upon arrival in Auckland.

Option 2 - Kaikoura

Two day tour

The highlights of this overnight tour will be a Whale Watch boat trip from the seaside settlement of Kaikoura as well as a chance to experience the culture and learn about the history of the local indigenous people, Ngāti Kuri.

You will travel to Kaikoura, a scenic 2½ hour drive north from Christchurch. Along the way, your Department of Conservation guide will point out areas of interest and discuss aspects of the department's work.

Kaikoura, situated on the rugged east coast of the South Island, is overlooked by snow-capped majestic mountains – creating a unique combination of ocean, stunning coastal alpine scenery and host of eco-tourism oriented activities. Just offshore, a deep undersea canyon combines with unusual sea currents to attract an extraordinary abundance of marine life, the most famous being the sperm whale. Kaikoura also often hosts the world's largest dolphin, the orca, and is home to one of the world's smallest and rarest dolphins, the Hector's dolphin (upokohue). Kaikoura attracts the largest concentration and variety of seabirds on the mainland including 13 species of albatross, 14 varieties of petrels and 7 types of shearwater.

You will be welcomed in a powhiri on to the Takahanga Marae, home of Ngāti Kuri, the indigenous people of Kaikoura and a sub-tribe of the South Island's larger Ngāi Tahu tribe. The powhiri is a formal ceremony conducted by the local people to welcome visitors to the area, with lunch included.

After lunch you will experience New Zealand's only marine-based, multi award-winning nature tourism company, Whale Watch, for your 2½ hour up-close encounter with sperm whales. Every Whale Watch tour is a unique experience and the sightings vary; you may also encounter New Zealand fur seals (kekeno), pods of dusky dolphin and the endangered wandering albatross (toroa).

Your overnight accommodation includes dinner and breakfast.

The next day you are offered a special Māori cultural tour. Learn the history of the local people and understand how that shapes their fundamental relationship with the environment today. Visit ancient Pa sites (fortified villages) of pre European days and hear how they were once settled by Māori ancestors - often in battle. Explore a bush walkway to learn some of the traditional indigenous uses of the trees and plants as food and medicine. Join in our customs and protocol and learn a waiata (song) written especially for this tour.

Return to Christchurch in the late afternoon.

Tour cost: *\$710.00 twin share*
\$800.00 single

Inclusions: *1 night's accommodation at the White Morph Motor Inn*
Luxury coach travel throughout the tour
Professional coach captain
1 cooked breakfast
1 dinner
All attractions as noted above
GST (New Zealand Goods and Services Tax)

Optional helicopter / flights: *Helicopters \$165 – \$275 per person*
Scenic Flights \$75 – \$135 per person

Please visit the website <http://www.31whc.org/> for information on travel options and transfers upon arrival in Christchurch.

Option 3 - West Coast – Queenstown

Three day tour

The highlights of this tour include a journey directly into the wild coastlines and cultural heartland of the Te Wāhipounamu - *South West New Zealand* World Heritage Area. Our local Department of Conservation (DOC) staff and Ngāi Tahu will provide interpretation as you drive south through ancient rain forests and enter the Westland *Tai Poutini* National Park. Experience the vast wilderness lowlands, journey on up the Haast River by jet boat and enter Mt Aspiring National Park, ending in Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand.

Travel by train across the Canterbury plains, known to be one of the world's most spectacular rail journeys, through the snow capped Southern Alps and Arthurs Pass National Park's lush beech forest to the Tasman Sea. At Greymouth board your coach and drive south through some of the most remote and inaccessible mountain country in New Zealand, including many of the

country's highest mountains and largest ice fields. Stop in Hokitika for a walk along the beach, visit the local museum, or watch artists carving locally sourced pounamu (greenstone). Afterwards, travel south into Westland *Tai Poutini* National Park to the spectacular Glacier Region at the northern end of Te Wāhipounamu - *South West New Zealand* World Heritage Area.

Stay overnight at the Franz Josef township (with dinner and breakfast included), which is adjacent to the 10,000 ha South Ōkārito forest, home to the endangered Rowi/ Ōkārito Brown Kiwi (*Apteryx "rowi"*).

Next day visit the Franz Josef Glacier *Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere* and walk through the ancient podocarp forest, with links back to Gondwana, and on to the face of the glacier, with discussions on how large numbers of visitors are managed in such a dynamic and potentially hazardous environment.

Afterwards, criss cross your way by coach over the alpine fault line to the small township of Fox Glacier for lunch, take a short forest walk to Lake Matheson and visit Bruce Bay, a small coastal settlement which is the cultural heart land of the local indigenous people. Here you will be hosted by local Ngāi Tahu marae based council 'Makaawhio', and be welcomed onto their marae, the only one on the West Coast. Experience some of their customs, learn a little of their history and cultural values and join them for afternoon tea.

Travel south along the rugged coastline and lowlands on to Haast for overnight accommodation with dinner and breakfast.

Next day will begin with a look at the World Heritage Area from a slightly different angle - you will be taken up the mighty Haast River and alongside the Hooker/Landsborough Wilderness Area by jet-boat. Re-board the coach and start the climb up to the Haast Pass (563m), now entering Mt Aspiring National Park. After a short stop at Wanaka you will drive through the stunning Kawarau Gorge and on through to end your journey in Queenstown.

Tour cost: *\$890.00 per person twin share*
\$1050.00 per person single

Price includes *1 night's accommodation Scenic Circle Franz Josef Glacier Hotel*
1 night's accommodation Haast World Heritage Hotel
Luxury coach travel throughout the tour
Professional coach captain
2 cooked breakfasts
2 dinners
Attractions as noted in the itinerary
GST – New Zealand Goods & Services Tax

Please visit the website <http://www.31whc.org/> for information on travel options and transfers upon arrival in Queenstown.

Option 4 - Mackenzie Basin and Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park

Two day tour

This tour features spectacular scenery as you cross the Canterbury Plains, entering the Mackenzie Basin and arriving at Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park, part of Te Wāhipounamu - *South West New Zealand* World Heritage Area.

You will travel by coach for 4 hours, visiting a number of places of interest, including Rakaia, Geraldine, Lake Tekapo and Twizel en route to Mt Cook Village. On the way your Department of Conservation (DOC) guide will point out areas of interest and discuss aspects of the Department's work. Travel over the 1.8 kilometre long bridge, spanning the Rakaia River, one of the world's best examples of a braided river and one that offers some of the best salmon fishing in the country.

Cross the foothills into the Mackenzie Basin, which lies more than 300 metres above sea level and contains lakes Tekapo, Alexandrina, Pukaki, Ohau, Ruataniwha and Benmore and is surrounded by mountain ranges. There will be stops at Lake Tekapo (for lunch) and Lake Pukaki, two of the hydro lakes of the basin. These lakes were originally glacial valleys and their stunning turquoise-blue colour originates from glacial sediment.

On to Twizel township, which was built in 1968 as the base for one of the most impressive hydro-electric power schemes in the Southern Hemisphere. View DOC's black stilt (kaki) aviary to gain an insight into the conservation and protection of one of the world's rarest and most endangered birds. You will also be shown the effects of the Project River Recovery programme for the area, a habitat-focussed programme that aims to maintain and enhance river and wetland habitats.

Drive on to Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park to spend the night at the Hermitage Hotel, with dinner and breakfast included.

Next day explore spectacular Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park, containing New Zealand's highest mountains, including the highest one - Aoraki/Mt Cook (3754m). The mountains are seen as ancestors by the Tangata Whenua (people of the land) - the Ngāi Tahu people. The park is also heavily glaciated and has New Zealand's longest glacier – the Tasman Glacier (30km).

During the day you will meet DOC staff working in the national park who will discuss various issues associated with its management, such as the impacts of increased tourism on facilities and the impacts of aircraft use on the park. Be guided along the Kea Point walking track (1 hour return), offering stunning views of the mountains and glacier.

After lunch you may select from two options:

- a scenic flight over the park (either by ski-plane or helicopter) with a glacier landing, noting that this is weather dependent.
- a guided walk to enjoy the spectacular scenery either on the Hooker Track (one of the most popular walks in the park) or to the Blue Lakes (a leisurely alternative).

Depart in the afternoon for your return journey to Christchurch.

Tour cost: **\$735.00** per person twin share
 \$1045.00 per person single

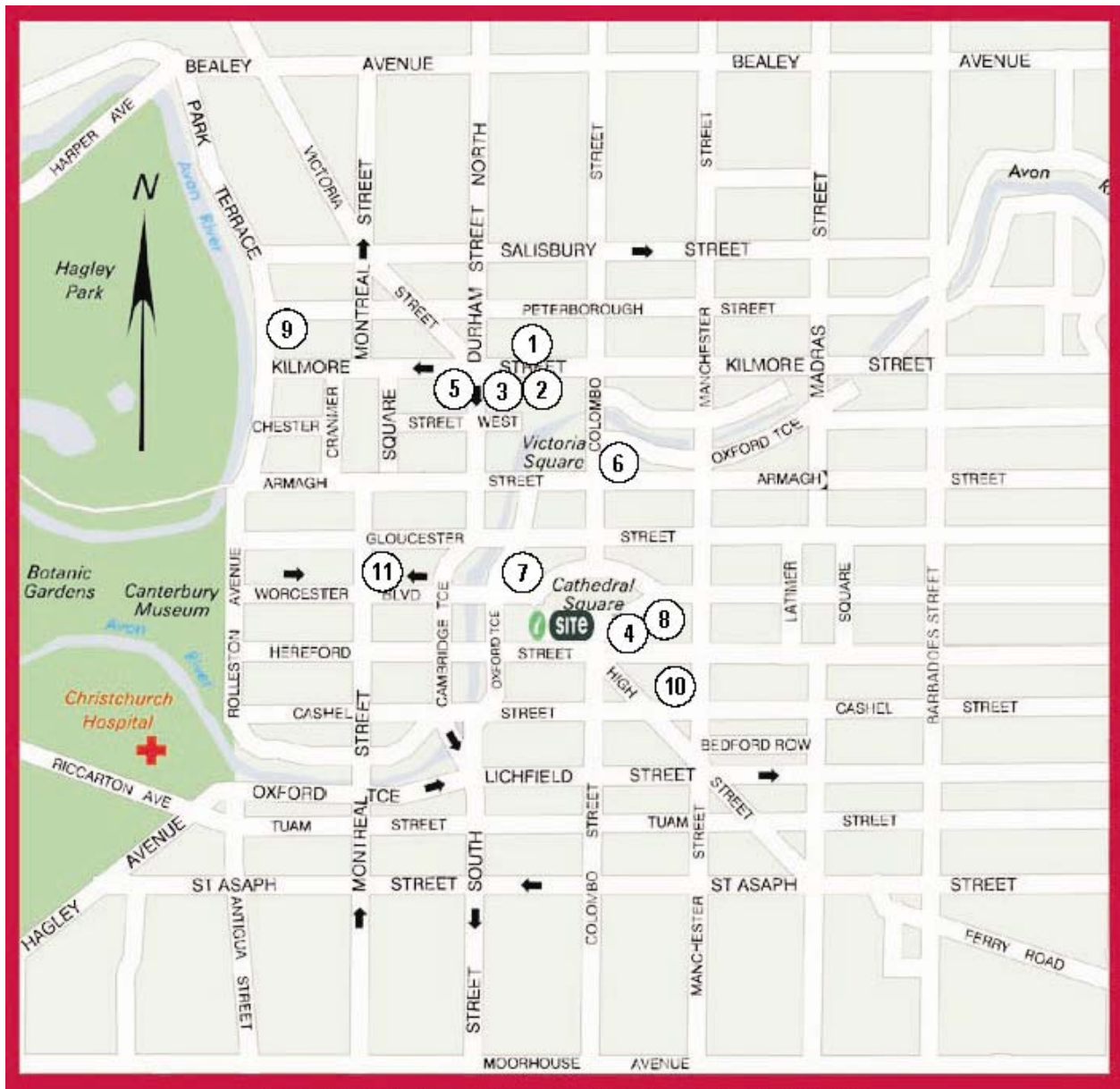
Inclusions: *1 night's accommodation Hermitage Hotel Mt Cook (Aoraki Wing)*
 Luxury coach travel throughout the tour
 Professional coach captain
 1 cooked breakfast
 1 dinner
 1 lunch (at Hermitage Hotel)
 GST – New Zealand Goods & Services Tax

Optional scenic flights: \$295.00 - \$430.00

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Annex E

Map of Christchurch City Centre



Key

- 1 Christchurch Convention Centre
- 2 Town Hall
- 3 Crowne Plaza Hotel
- 4 Millennium Hotel
- 5 Copthorne Durham
- 6 Copthorne Central
- 7 Rydges Hotel
- 8 Heritage Hotel
- 9 The George Hotel
- 10 Hotel Grand Chancellor
- 11 Art Gallery

Annex F

Map of New Zealand with Excursions (refer details in Annex D)

