

# New Zealand & Antarctica — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- New Zealand is one of the closest countries to Antarctica.
- Christchurch is a 'gateway city' for Antarctic expeditions.
- Scientists travel through New Zealand to research stations on the ice.
- Antarctica is a frozen continent used for peaceful science.

## Key vocabulary

- Antarctica — the frozen southern continent.
- Gateway — a way in or starting point.
- Expedition — an organised journey.
- Research station — a base for scientists.

## Closest to the ice

New Zealand's southern position makes it an important departure point for journeys to Antarctica.

## A place for science

Antarctica is set aside for peaceful scientific research, and many scientists pass through New Zealand on their way there.