

# The Whitianga District - Whangapoua to Hot Water Beach



The long, white and sandy, magnificent Matarangi Beach.



Enjoy the unique volcanic coastline with Whitianga Adventures.



Whitianga Town with the distinctive palms and wharf in the foreground.



The turquoise water and white cliffs at Cathedral Cove.



Hahei Beach, the Peninsula's most enjoyed beach.



Hot Water Beach - dig your own natural spa bath in the sand.



Explore the coastline with Cathedral Cove Kayaks, see back cover ad.



HeliFishing with Coro Helicopters.



Cave Cruiser, see back cover ad.



Hire a scooter at Ferry Landing.



Delicious lunch at Cafe Nina.



Birdwood Springs Mini Putt.



Top bands at the Coroglen Tavern.



Argo adventures at CombatZone.



Thermal Escape at the Lost Spring.



Lorikeets at Mill Creek Bird Park.



Pet possum 'Raisin' at Whiti Farm.



Dive in the Marine Reserve.



Ocean Adventures cave cruising.



Dig-a-Spa at Hot Water Beach.



Hahei Explorer, see back cover.

**VISITOR GUIDE:** The Coromandel Peninsula is one of NZ's top holiday destinations. In the Whitianga region the scenic coastline is a spectacular series of long, white, sandy beaches with the craggy Coromandel Ranges forming an awesome backdrop. Whitianga is the main centre just two and a half hours easy drive from Auckland, Tauranga or Hamilton. See the Fun Map on the other side of this page for locations of the advertisers below plus even more holiday information at [www.coromandelun.co.nz](http://www.coromandelun.co.nz)

**ADVERTISEMENTS:**  
**Kuaotunu Bay Lodge**  
 Relax in style overlooking Kuaotunu Bay with commanding views of the Mercury and Great Barrier Islands. Spacious rooms with ensuite air decks and just a short walk through the garden to the safe beach. Central to all activities on the Peninsula. SH25 Kuaotunu Bay Ph/Fax 07 866 4396 or 027 601 3665 Email mui@kuaotunubay.co.nz Web www.kuaotunubay.co.nz

The northern part of the region includes some of the best beaches on the peninsula: **Whangapoua, Matarangi, Rings and Kuaotunu.** Drive from Kuaotunu up the Black Jack Hill to more white sandy beaches, **Otama and Opito Bay.** B&B and lodge accom. is available. The Stargazer B&B has an astronomy dome for heavenly viewing. There are several boat launching ramps in this area - the fishing and diving is excellent. From the north end of Whangapoua you can walk to the pristine New Chums Beach.

**Whitianga** is a lively town for the visitor with top cafes and bars, charter boats, helicopter rides, mountain biking, regular live music, bone carving and more. Don't miss the adventures on the water: glass bottom boat, several scenic tour boats, fishing, windsurfing and diving. **The Museum** has interesting local history displays.

For bookings and information contact the **Whitianga i-SITE** at 66 Albert St. Ph 07 866 5555 Email: enquiry@whitianga.co.nz

**Front Beach, Flaxmill Bay and Cooks Beach** are beautiful, sheltered, white sandy beaches. All safe for family swimming. There are cafes - Cooks Cafe, Eggsentric Cafe, the Purangi Winery and pleasant walks at Ferry Landing and the Shakespeare Cliff Reserve. Get there by road or ferry - it's fun to **hire a scooter** at Ferry Landing. **The Passenger Ferry** runs continuously every day between Whitianga and Ferry Landing. Sailings commence at 7.30am but hours vary seasonally - refer [www.whitiangaferry.co.nz](http://www.whitiangaferry.co.nz)

**Hahei** is a most spectacular and brilliantly white sandy beach with a friendly commercial centre. From the water the coastline is all white cliffs, sandy bays, caves, small islands and blowholes. Go and look with **Cathedral Cove Sea Kayaks** or the **Hahei Explorer**. A scenic one hour (each way) walk from the end of Grange Road takes you to famous **Cathedral Cove**. Reasonable fees is required. Note that there is no access to the cove from Lees Road. Part of this coast is protected as a **Marine Reserve**.

**Hot Water Beach** is something different but not, as some expect, a steaming beach with hot water surf! You can however - shifting sands permitting - enjoy a **naturally hot spa bath** by simply digging a hole (take a spade) in the sand. Naturally hot spring water will fill the hole. It's good fun summer and winter, but plan your day - it's a beautiful beach but the hot water is accessible at low tide only. Don't miss a coffee stop at the **Hot Waves Cafe**. **WARNING - Take care the surf is only for strong swimmers!**

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**Just Paradise Rings Beach**  
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**Cafe Nina Whitianga**  
 Established over 10 years ago Nina's is licensed with great food and coffee. The food is all baked on the premises. Enjoy the ambience inside the 100 year old miner's cottage or try the outdoor seating areas. Nina's is the popular spot with the locals. Open from 8.00 am to 5 pm daily. Cafe Nina 20 Victoria Street (adjacent to the Library) Whitianga Phone 07 866 5440

**The Lost Spring Whitianga**  
 A unique geothermal water and spa experience with sculpted pools and rocks, hidden gemstones and soothing waterfalls. Relax in thermal pools of crystal clear water from 644m down. Explore the remarkable grounds with lush NZ and tropical plants. Revitalize with a variety of treatments in the exquisite Day Spa. 121A Cook Drive Ph 07 866 0456 Web [www.thelostspring.co.nz](http://www.thelostspring.co.nz)

**The Purangi Winery**  
 With Winecellar and Café makes many wines and liqueurs from organic estate fruits and herbs and is developing a tea garden. Also at: **The Winecellar St Kevin's Arcade, K Road** a celebrated Auckland wine, music and performing arts venue. **Purangi Tours** Connecting all points: Ferry Landing, Hahei Beach, Hot Water Beach & Dalmyne Corner. Phone 07 866 3724 or 021 774 091

**Combat Zone Paintball & Family Adventure Park** Lots to do for all the family from 5yrs and over. Quad Bike Rides, Archery, Argo Rides, Target Paintball Shooting, Laser Tag, Soccer Golf (new to NZ) and of course two fantastic Paintball fields. Come and have a blast! Eric or Sandy 108 Kaimarama Road. Just 7k south of Whitianga township. Ph 07 866 0038 or 0275 COMBAT Web [www.combatzone.co.nz](http://www.combatzone.co.nz)

**Luna Cafe Hahei Beach**  
 Come and enjoy our great home cooking and warm, friendly atmosphere. All day breakfast, lunch and dinner. Outdoor courtyard, easy parking and playground next door. Bookings essential for dinner. Open 7 days, 9am - 'til late in summer. Luna Cafe - the locals favourite! 1 Grange Road Hahei Beach Phone 07 866 3016 or 027 280 1765 Email lunacafe@xtra.co.nz

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 This award winning cafe caters for the discerning traveller: great home cooked food, delectable cakes, lunches with our own fresh herbs and superb coffee all in a delightful garden setting - sit under the old plum trees. Large range of quality local art and gifts. Relaxed country atmosphere. Open 10-5 daily but closed for the month of August. SH 25 Whenuakite Ph 07 866 3725

**BIRDWOOD SPRINGS Mini Putt**  
 Fun for all the family! Birdwood Springs is arguably New Zealand's No.1 Mini Putt Course. With 18 challenging holes - beautiful landscaping and a Kee-Wee the Kiwi theme park, it is a must for anybody visiting Whitianga. Take up the challenge and visit Birdwood Springs. Open 7 days - 10am until dusk. 101 Joan Gaskill Drive Ph 07 866 0064 Email: birdwoodsprings@xtra.co.nz

**Smitty's Sports Bar, Grill & TAB**  
 Your Hosts - Gary and Judy Inglis Large bar and dining areas. Recently refurbished. Family dining, lunch and dinner 7 days a week. Whitianga's only fully serviced TAB. 18 poker machines, SKY, satellite TV. Smoking area on front deck. 37 Albert Street Whitianga Ph 07 866 4847 Fax 07 866 4689 Website [www.smittys.co.nz](http://www.smittys.co.nz)

**On The Beach Backpackers**  
 A friendly welcome awaits at our beachfront hostel. Stunning sea views, all facilities, free kayaks, hire bicycles. All just 1km from the centre of Whitianga, central to the best beaches, fishing, boating, walks, art and cafes. Buses stop at the gate. Whitianga Wharf 10.30 & 1.30 daily, also 8am and 3.30 on demand. Phone 0800 80 60 60 Web [www.whitianga-adventures.co.nz](http://www.whitianga-adventures.co.nz)

**Eggsentric Cafe & Gallery**  
 Open for brunch and dinner from 10.30 am. Inspirational chef, art gallery, films and live music. Just a short ferry ride from Whitianga and 15 minutes walk or free pickup at night. Licensed and BYO. Open 7 days in January, other times closed Mondays. Flaxmill Bay (next to Cooks Beach) Phone 07 866 0307 Fax 07 866 4329 Email eggsentriccafe@xtra.co.nz Website [www.eggsentriccafe.co.nz](http://www.eggsentriccafe.co.nz)

**The Church Accommodation**  
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**Cathedral Cove Dive and Snorkel**  
 Cathedral Cove and Hahei offer spectacular diving and snorkelling both within the Marine Reserve and around the islands, pinnacles and volcanic coastline. No experience is necessary. Our shop has full hire and retail: snorkel, scuba, boogie boards, bikes and LFG, PADI Dive Courses. Also air fills and bait. Find us in Hahei Beach Road. Ph 07 866 3955 Web [www.hahei.co.nz/diving](http://www.hahei.co.nz/diving)

**Hot Waves Cafe - Hot Water Beach**  
 A unique earth brick building in a unique environment. The Cafe is nestled into one acre of tranquil native gardens, with two separate dining and corresponding outdoor eating areas. Serving all-day breakfast from 8.30 am, delicious fresh homemade food, tantalising vegetarian options and Allpress espresso coffee. Phone 07 866 3887 8 Pxe Place Hot Water Beach

**Kelly's Hire & Hardware Matarangi**  
 Call at Kelly's for holiday hire and supplies: fishing gear, diving gear, dive bottle refills. **Kayak hire** and sales. Boating and marine supplies, gardening products, hardware. And for your beach: garden furniture, sunhats, decor, gifts and beach toys. Kelly's Hire and Hardware Matarangi Drive Shopping Centre Phone 07 866 5430 Fax 07 866 5435 Email pckmathire@xtra.co.nz

**Baileys Beachfront Motel**  
 Centrally located on Buffalo Beach. 6 beachfront units, all with sea views, separate bedrooms, fully equipped kitchen and 1 upstairs studio unit. Continental or cooked breakfast. Car & boat parking, BBQ, Sky TV, laundry, fish cleaning facility and courtesy car to and from airport and bus stops. 66 Buffalo Beach Road Whitianga Phone and Fax 07 866 5500 Website [www.baileysmotel.co.nz](http://www.baileysmotel.co.nz)

**Whitianga Adventures**  
 Cruise the coastline between Whitianga and Hot Water Beach, see Cathedral Cove & the Marine Reserve. Explore towering volcanic rock formations, blowholes and one of NZ's largest Sea Caves - Orua Cave. All from our safe & comfy purpose built boat. Sea Cave Adventure departs Whitianga Wharf 10.30 & 1.30 daily, also 8am and 3.30 on demand. Phone 0800 80 60 60 Web [www.whitianga-adventures.co.nz](http://www.whitianga-adventures.co.nz)

**Whiti Farm Park and Tipi Accom**  
 Explore 8 acres of real Kiwi farm park. Meet, feed and interact with dozens of friendly farmyard and exotic birds, animals & reptiles, in a safe, clean environment. Machinery, a train, a fire engine and games are dotted around to intrigue, inspire and educate. BBQ/picnic areas. Stay the night in our Kiwi Tipis. Phone 07 866 2349 2414 Taiuru-Whitianga Road SH25 Web [www.whitifarmpark.co.nz](http://www.whitifarmpark.co.nz)

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 Come on in and experience country pub hospitality - in the bar, outside in the large garden - or on the front veranda. Enjoy great food, drinks, regular top bands, the gaming room and friendly service. Bistro food and takeaways from 11am 'til 9pm. Big BBQ on Wednesdays - Easter to Nov. 'A pub like no other' Phone 07 866 3808 Fax 07 866 3019 Web [www.coroglentavern.com](http://www.coroglentavern.com)

**Beach Habitat Hahei Beach**  
 We sell a large exciting range of gifts for everyone, including hats, sunglasses, puaa, silver and bespoke jewellery, toys, clothing, souvenirs. We also have a well stocked deli with kitchenware, speciality foods and small goods. Right next to Luna Cafe, Wayne & Sue Stock 3 Grange Road Hahei Phone 07 866 3033 beachhabitat@paradise.co.nz

**Alan Rhodes Pottery Studio & Shop**  
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**Stargazers B&B and Observatory**  
 Accom with a difference. Choose from the luxury B&B in a bush setting to the self contained historic miner's cottage or old woolshed bach. Night sky star-gazing tours using research grade telescope offered for house guests & casual visitors. Identify constellations, view planets and the moon when sky conditions permit. Astronomy gifts shop. Ph 07 866 5343 Booking essential. 392 SH25 Kuaotunu [www.stargazersbb.com](http://www.stargazersbb.com)

**Banana Boat Whitianga**  
 28th Dec - end of school hols: all day thrill and scenic rides, \$10 and \$15, from Buffalo Beach. Cathedral Cove Trip - 9am daily, booking reqd. For remainder of year: 1/4, 1/2 and full day hire, banana boat and beach fun, Cathedral Cove - fantastic for schools and groups. Also tours and picnics on isolated beaches etc. Phone 07 866 5617 [www.whitianga.co.nz/bananaboat/](http://www.whitianga.co.nz/bananaboat/)

**Turtle Cove Accommodation**  
 Whitianga's newest and finest backpackers. Just minutes walk to shops, supermarket, eateries, bars, cinema, ferry and the beach. We cater for all your needs and more: internet, bikes, spa pool, covered outdoor area, gas BBQ, licensed bar. Evening meals. Your hosts: Jean & Ron, Sue & Roger 14 Bryce Street Whitianga Phone 07 867 1517 Fax 07 867 1520 More at [www.turtlecove.co.nz](http://www.turtlecove.co.nz)

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 A warm orchard awaits you at the orchard of Cathedral Cove Macadamias. An abundance of bird life thrives in this beautiful setting of Macadamia, New Zealand Native & Fruit trees. Visit our Orchard Shop to sample our range of Macadamia products! Open Daily 10am - 3pm 335 Lees Road Hahei Phone 07 867 1221 Our online shop at [www.cathedralcovemacadamias.co.nz](http://www.cathedralcovemacadamias.co.nz)

**Hot Water Beach B&B**  
 Escape to this premier Bed & Breakfast with magnificent views of the beach. Enjoy breakfast on the sun-drenched deck. Two guest rooms with ensuite. Try the unique natural beach spas! Gail and Trevor Knight Ph 07 866 3991 Fax 07 866 866 3291 Toll Free 0800 146 880 Email knight@xtra.co.nz [www.hotwaterbedandbreakfast.co.nz](http://www.hotwaterbedandbreakfast.co.nz)

**Drift In B&B Kuaotunu Beach**  
 Drift in to this modern coastal haven with its breathtaking sea views and uniquely landscaped, north facing garden. It's only a one minute walk to the safe, long sandy beach. Full breakfast. Delicious evening meals by arrangement. 1 queen, 1 twin. Reasonable tariff. Welcome assured. 16 Gray Avenue Kuaotunu Ph/Fax 07 866 4321 or 027 245 3632 [www.coromandelun.co.nz/driftin](http://www.coromandelun.co.nz/driftin)

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 Welcome to Whitianga's most central backpackers - just 2 mins walk to beach, shops, cafes, bars, bus stop and ferry for connection to H W Beach, Hahei, Cooks and Cathedral Cove. We are fully equipped with communal kitchen and dining area, huge lounge and BBQs. Wireless internet & PCs. 12 Albert Street. Phone 07 866 2933 Web [www.cats-pyjamas.co.nz](http://www.cats-pyjamas.co.nz)

**Scootabout Rentals - Rent a Scooter!** The fun way to explore Mercury Bay East. Ride to Cooks, Hahei, Cathedral Cove and Hot Water Beaches in under 2 hours, the minimum hireage time. Fully automatic 49cc scooters. Any licence to drive. We are at Ferry Landing - just catch the ferry from Whitianga, walk 100m and we are on the right. Phone 07 866 5188 Mob 021 368 616 Web [www.scootabout.co.nz](http://www.scootabout.co.nz)

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**Hot Water Beach Holiday Park**  
 Just 600m from 'one of the top ten beaches in the world', our large family owned park situated in sheltered, natural bush setting offers BBQs, outdoor dining, internet, kitchen, laundry, SKY TV and an easy walk to cafes, shops and the beach. Powered, unpowered, standard and self contained cabins. 790 Hot Water Beach Rd. FreePhone 0800 246 823 [www.hotwaterbeachholidaypark.com](http://www.hotwaterbeachholidaypark.com)

**Pitonee Cottages Kuaotunu**  
 Welcome to Pitonee! The great place to get away - in a valley with pristine native bush, beautiful views to the Pacific and close to some of NZ's most beautiful white, sandy safe beaches. Matarangi and Kuaotunu are nearby with restaurants, golf and tennis. Just 20 mins to Whitianga or Coromandel. Phone 07 867 1383 1220F State Highway 25 Kuaotunu More at [www.pitoneecottages.co.nz](http://www.pitoneecottages.co.nz)

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 Attractive, comfortable motel/B&B with great hospitality. Centrally located - just one minute to shops, cafes and beautiful Buffalo Beach. Doubles and twins available - 4 units have an extra bedroom. 6 Albert Street Whitianga Phone 07 866 0036 Fax 07 867 1456 stay@albertnumber6@xtra.co.nz [www.albertnumber6.co.nz](http://www.albertnumber6.co.nz)

**Coromandel Outdoor Language Centre (Established in 1988)**  
 A unique English language school, in Whitianga. With a motto of 'Learning by Doing' the school takes advantage of the wonderful location and students enjoy a variety of activities as part of their English course. A member of English New Zealand. 21 Robinson Road Whitianga Phone 07 866 4802 Fax 07 866 4940 Website [www.activity.co.nz](http://www.activity.co.nz)

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 Catch the ferry from Whitianga Wharf to our friendly cafe. Enjoy our organic coffee, home baking, pies, sandwiches, quiche, light or hearty meals, famous Pokeroa Bacon and sausages, or our speciality - NZ whitebait. Also popular sponge drops. Organic milk for sale. Licensed. Also Gifts, jewellery & toys. We are just a short way from the ferry. Ph 07 866 5855 Mob 0274 789 189

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 Central Hahei location, sun-drenched decks, 2 guest rooms with private kitchen, dining area and all facilities. Also a private garden, kids play area & off street parking. A few minutes walk to stunning Hahei Beach, cafes and restaurants and a 45 minute walk to world-renowned Cathedral Cove. 14 Cathedral Court, Hahei Beach Phone 07 866 3550 Mob 021 722 402 [www.cathedralcovebandb.co.nz](http://www.cathedralcovebandb.co.nz)

**Dragonfly Cottage Kapowai Valley**  
 This lovely, secluded farm cottage sleeps 6, with master bedroom, full kitchen, dining area and all facilities. Also a private garden, kids play area & river swimming hole for the perfect relaxing vacation. Located half way between Whitianga and HW Beach, the farm has a variety of animals for your enjoyment. Qualmark 4 Star - 207 Kapowai Road Ph 07 866 3117 Web [www.dragonflycottage.co.nz](http://www.dragonflycottage.co.nz)