



Ōtarawairere Beach

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EXPLORE WHAKATĀNE

There's plenty to see and do in and around Whakatāne. You can easily fill in a whole day just looking around the seaside town and enjoying plenty of the beautiful walks - including the famous Ngā Tapuwae o Toi walking trail which takes you past historic pā sites and areas of cultural significance, through native forest, along stunning coastlines and through three major scenic reserves.

There's also plenty of adventures to be had on the water! You can't miss Moutohorā (Whale Island) just off the coast of Whakatāne - this is definitely one of the Bay's best kept secrets. Accessible only by guided tour, this wildlife sanctuary is home to an array of endangered plants, birds and reptiles.

You can reach the island with several operators: KG Kayaks, Moutohorā Island Sanctuary, or Diveworks Charters.

Other water activities in Whakatāne include:

- Dolphin and Seal encounters with Diveworks
- Surf lessons with Salt Spray Surf School

For an authentic cultural experience, visit Mataatua: the house that came home. Discover the story behind New Zealand's most travelled whareniui - the immersive experience brings the story to life and provides an opportunity for intimate engagement with the people of Ngati Awa.

HIGHLIGHTS

Eco-sanctuary, immersive cultural experience & water activities to soothe the soul.



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ŌHOPE BEACH

Ōhope Beach is New Zealand's most loved beach (as voted by AA Traveller) and it's easy to see why! Picture that iconic kiwiana holiday - and Ōhope Beach is what springs to mind! With stunning pōhutukawa trees lining the beach, cute little cafes and fish and chip shops - a holiday here will be one for the memory banks!

The beach itself is great for learning to surf, book in a lesson with Salt Spray Surf School, and is super safe for families as well.

Or get in touch with the team at KG Kayaks for a guided tour or hire your own kayak and explore on your own!

HIGHLIGHTS

Chill out at NZ's most loved beach or hire a kayak and explore the coast!



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WHERE TO STAY

Whether you want to stay in the bustling town of Whakatāne, or in one of the seaside settlements such as Ōhope Beach or Thornton Beach - you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to picking accommodation. Some top spots include: Ōhope Beach Top 10 Holiday Park, White Island Rendezvous, One88 on Commerce, and Thornton Beach Holiday Park.

WHERE TO EAT

Fresh fish and chips on the wharf, pick your own berries, locally-brewed craft beer - the Eastern Bay of Plenty is a pretty good place to try some amazing locally-sourced goodness.

Whakatāne town centre has plenty of delicious cafes, bars, restaurants and takeaway options - so no matter what you're craving - there'll be something to satisfy your tastebuds. Gibbo's on the Wharf offers some of the freshest fish and chips you'll ever have - it's a must-do while you're in town! Other great options include: White Island Cafe and L'Epicerie.

Over the hill in Ōhope Beach you'll find a couple of great options; coffee and brunch at Moxi Cafe is a popular option for both locals and visitors, and Port Ōhope General Store & Cafe offers great views of both the ocean and Ōhiwa Harbour, as well as great burgers!

Check out the local produce at the popular Whakatāne Sunday Market from 8am - 11am every - yep you guessed it - Sunday. You'll find local growers selling organically grown fruit and vegetables, handmade products, fresh honey and olive oils, jewellery, crafts - and plenty more!



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