

Coastal locations

13 | Parua Bay Tavern

With beautiful views, a waterside lawn and outdoor decks, Parua Bay Tavern boasts a dynamic seasonal menu. Lucky diners may get a visit from the orcas and dolphins swimming among the boats. The kitchen closes at 8:30pm each evening, so book ahead if possible.

18.3km



14 | Marina Woodfired Dining

Northland's pizza game is strong strong and for pizza with a coastal twist, check out the Marina Woodfired Dining overlooking Tutukaka Marina. Open from 7am for coffee and pastries before the wood-fired ovens are cranked up from 3pm.

33.5km



15 | Schnappa Rock

About 40 minutes north-east of Whangārei is the lovely Tutukaka Marina, home to Schnappa Rock. Supporting local, seafood is a speciality – fresh caught fish and Paroa Bay Oysters are popular. In a hurry? Takeaway options available.

33.2km



16 | McLeod's Pizza Barn & Brewery

For delicious pizza and award-winning beer brewed onsite head to McLeod's Pizza Barn in beautiful Waipu. Packed with history and proud of its Scottish roots, burgers and classics abound at this popular venue. The Wharfinger pizza is a fave!

40.4km



17 | The Cove

Just one minute's walk from Waipu Cove with beautiful views across to Whangārei Heads is the multi-award-winning, The Cove. The crew are super friendly, ensuring a warm welcome and relaxed dining. Things get busy in the summer so book ahead.

48.4km



Enjoy a day or night out in Whangārei!

Welcome to a cosmopolitan city rich in culture and steeped in natural beauty. From the popular Whangārei Falls to the vibrant Town Basin, there's plenty to do in Northland's capital!

Whangārei punches well above its weight for dining, specialising in traditional and fusion food from every continent. From cosy fire-side pubs to sophisticated urban bars and stunning coastal restaurants – and the best coffee for miles, whatever your flavour or choice of venue, you'll find it in Whangārei.

Must-do experiences

The Whangārei Town Basin is an easy 7-minute drive north from Port Nikau via Port Road. After a leisurely brunch, let the sightseeing begin. Experience the world-renowned Hundertwasser Art Centre with Wairau Māori Art Gallery, nestled amongst a great selection of art and craft stores, galleries and restaurants. Tick one off the bucket list by visiting the kiwi at Kiwi North, the subtropical oasis of Whangārei Quarry Gardens and the stunning Whangārei Falls.

Transport services

Buses

CityLink is Whangārei's local bus service, serving the central town and adjoining suburbs from Rose St Bus Depot. The easiest way to pay is by getting a Bee Card, used across the CityLink Whangārei network. Check out the website for routes, fares and timetables: citylinkwhangarei.co.nz

Rental Cars

There are a number of rental car companies in Whangārei, with a variety of options depending on your needs. We have a courtesy car that can be used for helping to get supplies from town, on arrangement with Blair, our Marine Manager.

Taxis

You won't find any Uber taxi services in Whangārei but the city and surrounding areas are served by a range of friendly taxi firms. We've listed their details on the back of this brochure.

Find your ideal spot



Restaurant / Café



Bring Your Own Wine (only)



Drinks



Entertainment

Day trips from Whangārei

North by road

Cape Reinga	3 hr 40 min (approx)
Ninety Mile Beach	3 hr 35 min (approx)
Waitangi Treaty Grounds	1 hr 12 min (approx)

South by road

Auckland CBD	2 hr 32 min (approx)
Matakana	1 hr 56 min (approx)
Waipu Cove	43 min (approx)

Taxi services

Fluffy Dice Taxis

021 227 0011

Carmel (A1 Cabs)

021 027 63112

Craig's Passenger Services

11-seater

021 0655 310

Kiwi Cabs

09 438 4444

A1 Cabs

09 438 3377

For information on other amenities visit:

portnikaumarine.co.nz



Eateries & Entertainment



Port Nikau

WHANGĀREI 35.7°S - 174.3°E



Urban locations

1 | Acropolis Café Bar & Grill

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A moment's walk from Port Nikau, two things are guaranteed at Acropolis – an amazing meal and stunning views to match. Since opening in mid-2023, the relaxed authentic Greek eatery has become a firm local favourite. Alongside traditional meze hot and cold starters, try the delicious baked feta dip (bouyourdi) and the never-to-be-forgotten calamari.

2 | The Quay

4km



Right in the heart of Whangārei's Town Basin, The Quay holds almost legendary status in the region, with spectacular views from the intimate deck and veranda. Priding itself on utilising locally sourced food and drink, check out the fish of the day and the exceptional pizzas, and a great range of kids' options.

3 | No.8

4km



The Town Basin's No.8 offers authentic modern Asian flavours using locally sourced meat, seafood and produce. The twice-cooked pork belly is a highlight with locals, and for a few fork-fulls of decadence, try the magnificent truffle egg-fried rice. Keen to make a night of it? No. 8 boasts an impressive range of wines, beers and cocktails.

4 | Loco

4.0km



At the bustling Town Basin located right on the Whangārei Quayside you'll find a year-round summer vibe, a warm welcome and delicious South American-inspired tapas. Loco's delicious signature and frozen cocktails are a hit. The DJ set on Friday evenings attracts Whangārei's party goers and there's Salsa on Sundays. Open 'til late.



5 | Aqua

4.3km



Aqua is nestled within the amazing Hundertwasser Art Centre and subtly blends fun and contemporary with its unique décor and innovative menu. Don't forget to check out the impressive range of vegan and vegetarian options. We recommend a morning tour of art, before settling down for a leisurely lunch. Plus, get 20% off your coffee with your Hundertwasser ticket!

6 | Jovial Judge Tavern

4.4km



With history dating back to 1891, the Jovial Judge Tavern is a friendly pub where you find great ale, sports on big screens and a tasty good-value meal. This is the place in town to hear tall yarns from friendly locals grabbing a pint after work, with the occasional live band on a Saturday night.

7 | Dickens Inn

4.5km



Experience the charm of the Dickens Inn, a cosy, family-friendly English-style pub offering traditional fare in a quaint, welcoming setting. Burgers and gourmet pizzas are a delight, as is a coveted seat by the fire. Tuesday night is quiz night and summer lunchtimes can get busy. If you're lucky, you might spot The Dickens Inn ghost!

8 | Split Bar & Restaurant

4.7km



Split in Rathbone Street offers a cosy, contemporary dining experience in a relaxed atmosphere. Well-stocked with New Zealand wines and beers, ask the friendly team about the pan-fried fish of the day, while the BBQ chicken comes highly recommended. Summer evenings are a great time to grab a cocktail in the garden.

9 | Butter Factory

4.7km



Located in a gorgeous century-old stone building, The Butter Factory has great food and a good range of craft beers and New Zealand wines. Renowned for its award-winning atmosphere, with live music and comedy nights, there's always lots happening. Taco Tuesday and Big Burger Thursday are great value.

10 | Astroboy

4.7km



With a menu where East meets West, great tunes and a busy bar, Astroboy appeals to a younger crowd. There's cocktails, craft beer on tap, a cool karaoke room, Happy Hour Fridays, and weekday meal deals. The weekend bottomless brunch is always a popular choice!

11 | Jimmy Jacks

4.8km



Serving up finger-licking smoked ribs, steaks, seafood and burgers, Jimmy Jacks is a popular and lively hangout. The theatrical sizzling stonegrill table experience is great fun and it's all backed up by a fine selection of starters, fresh bread, salads, desserts, and craft beers. Groups of six or more should book.

12 | Suk Jai Thai Restaurant

6.1km



For authentic Thai cuisine, head to Suk Jai Thai Restaurant, where you'll find exceptional service and beautifully authentic food. Rated one of the best Thai restaurants in the North Island, we encourage you to book first as it's often booked out, especially on the weekends. The takeaways are just as delicious if you miss out on a table.

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325 Port Road | 7. Dickens Inn
71 Cameron Street | 13. Parua Bay Tavern
1034 Whangārei Heads Road |
| 2. The Quay
31 Quayside | 8. Split Bar & Restaurant
15 Rathbone Street | 14. Marina
Woodfired Dining
1 Marina Road |
| 3. No.8
8 Quayside | 9. Butter Factory
8 Butter Factory Lane | 15. Schnappa Rock
Marina Road |
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117 Bank Street | 17. The Cove
910 Cove Road |
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57 Walton Street | 12. Suk Jai Thai
93 Kamo Road | |