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Reasons to visit the Chatham Islands

Home of unique Chatham Islands birds and plants

Visit significant sites of history and heritage

Learn about the ancient Moriori covenant of peace

Go fishing and hunting

Enjoy rugged and awe inspiring landscapes

Meet the people of the Chatham Islands

First place in the world to greet the new dawn

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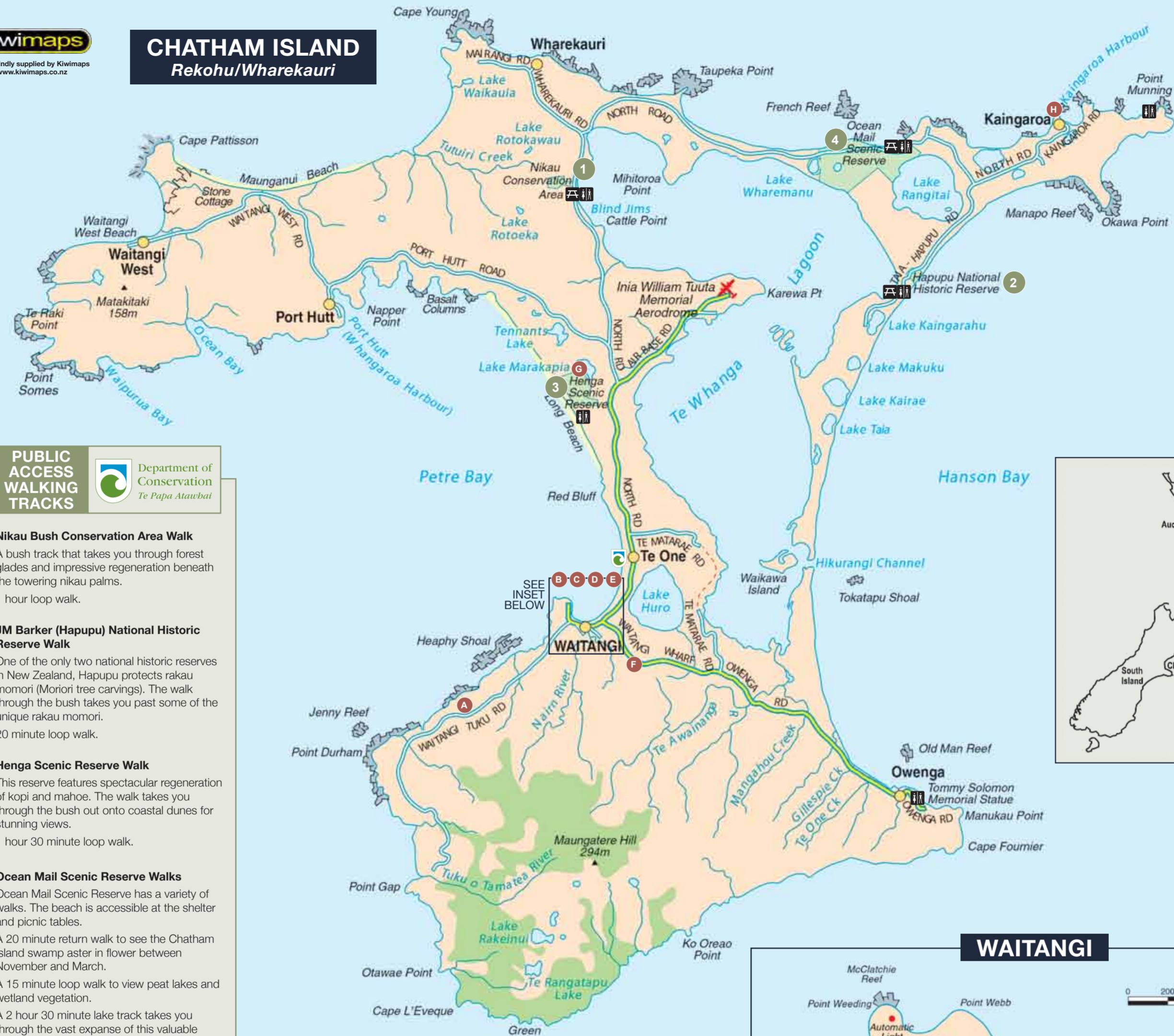
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CHATHAM ISLAND *Rekohu/Wharekauri*



PUBLIC ACCESS WALKING TRACKS



1 Nikau Bush Conservation Area Walk
A bush track that takes you through forest glades and impressive regeneration beneath the towering nikau palms.
1 hour loop walk.

2 JM Barker (Hapupu) National Historic Reserve Walk
One of the only two national historic reserves in New Zealand, Hapupu protects rakau momori (Moriori tree carvings). The walk through the bush takes you past some of the unique rakau momori.
20 minute loop walk.

3 Henga Scenic Reserve Walk
This reserve features spectacular regeneration of kopi and mahoe. The walk takes you through the bush out onto coastal dunes for stunning views.
1 hour 30 minute loop walk.

4 Ocean Mail Scenic Reserve Walks
Ocean Mail Scenic Reserve has a variety of walks. The beach is accessible at the shelter and picnic tables.
A 20 minute return walk to see the Chatham Island swamp aster in flower between November and March.
A 15 minute loop walk to view peat lakes and wetland vegetation.
A 2 hour 30 minute lake track takes you through the vast expanse of this valuable wetland.

The Department of Conservation provides further information on these walks. Land Information NZ maps are also available to purchase from the DOC office in Te One.

Some other places of Interest:

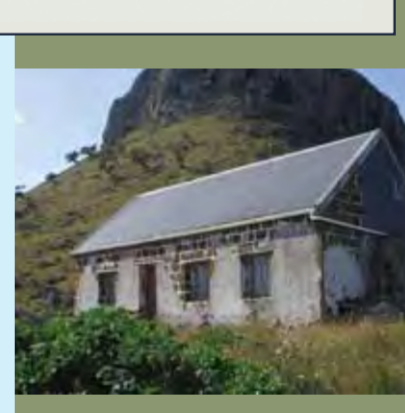
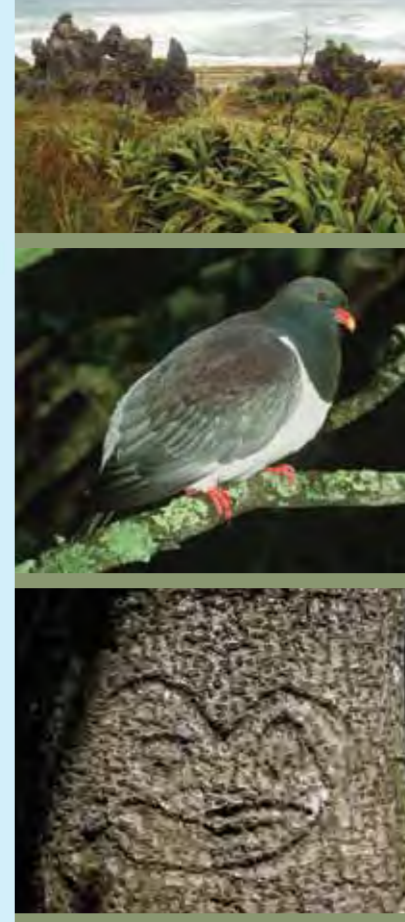
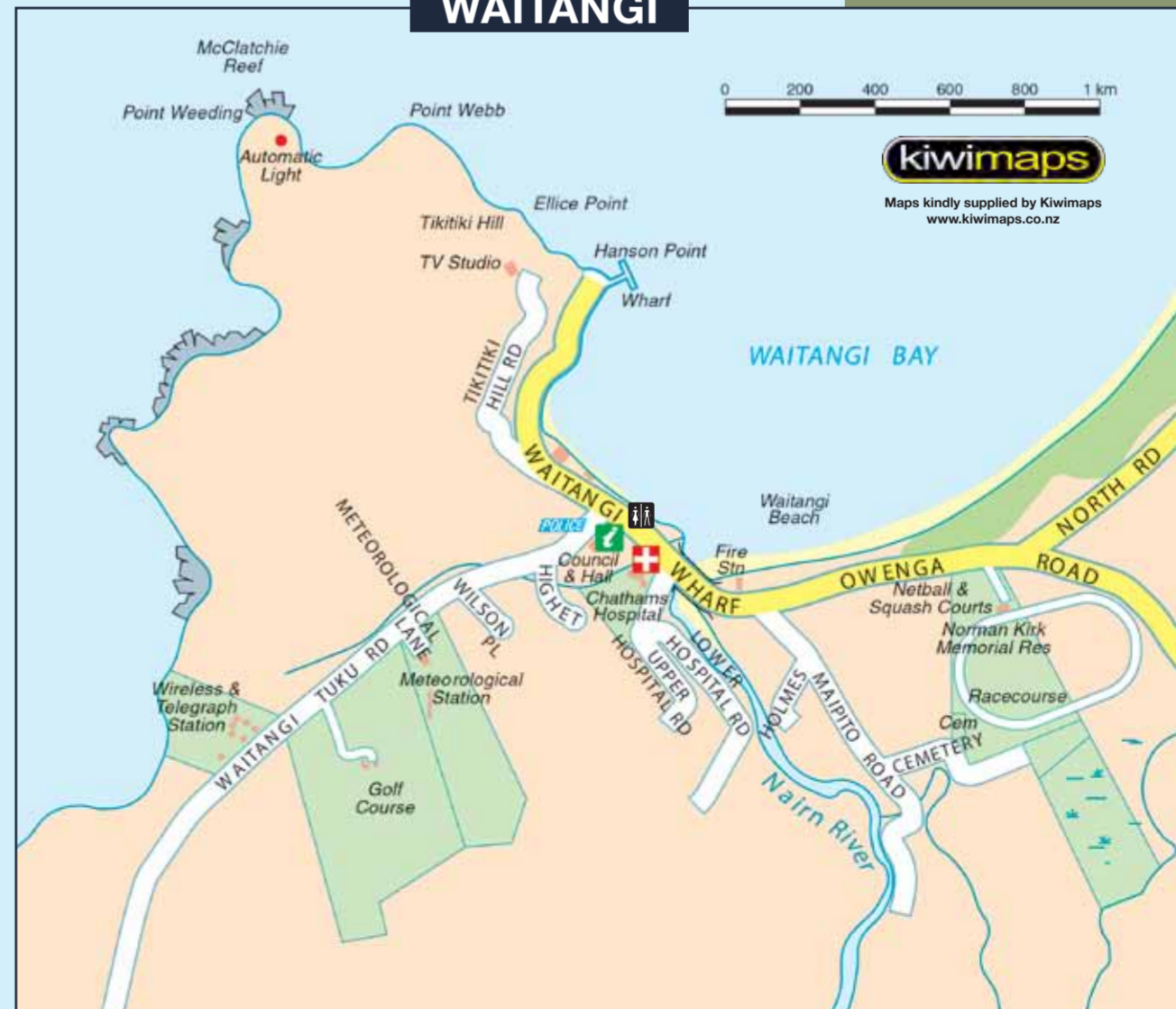
- Kaingaroa Village
- Blind Jims'
- Chudleigh Conservation Area
- Hapupu Dune Walk
- Museum
- Owenga Village
- Bird life on Waitangi-Tuku Road
- Tommy Solomon Statue*
- TV Studio
- Waitangi Beach Sand Dunes
- Waitangi Township
- Waitangi West Beach
- Stone Cottage*
- Seal Colony*
- Basalt Columns*

*Sites are on private property, and there are many more places of interest to visit - ask your host for more details.

PITT ISLAND *Rangihau/Rangiauria*



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Your Chatham Islands adventure holiday will be a journey of discovery. You will take a step back in time, to how life used to be. Prepare to be surprised as these mysterious islands yield up their secrets. Landscapes with volcanic peaks thrusting up out of rolling peatland, forest topped towering seacliffs, the vast expanse of Te Whanga Lagoon, endless kilometres of sandy beaches and the ever present ocean.

Situated in the South Pacific Ocean, about 800km east of Christchurch, the Chatham Islands are New Zealand's most easterly region. An archipelago of 11 islands, only Pitt and Chatham are inhabited, by about 600 people.

Meet the Chatham Islanders; people who remain true to themselves while extending warm hospitality to visitors. Visit heritage sites and learn of our fascinating history shaped by years of isolation; Moriori, Maori, sealers, whalers, missionaries, farmers and settlers.

See for yourself the strange and beautiful Chatham Island plants. Although some of our rare birds are protected on island sanctuaries, you can readily find others in bush, on roadsides and beaches. Walk through our forests, expansive wetlands and conservation areas. Venture to Pitt Island, even more remote and surprisingly different from Chatham Island.

Share in the bounty of our oceans; crayfish, paua, kina and blue cod, which also help sustain our economy. Then relax and absorb the peace and tranquility of the Chatham Islands.

Discover the Chatham Islands - history, heritage and nature. Adventure holidays don't get much better than this.

A brief history of the Chatham Islands

The last major Pacific Islands to be settled, the Chatham Islands are thought to have been first occupied by Polynesians about 800 to 1000 years ago. In isolation they developed a unique culture and became a people who call themselves Moriori. They named their island home Rekohu, and developed a sacred covenant of peace, which has remained unbroken for 600 years - a world record for peace keeping!

The Chatham Islands were discovered by Europeans in 1791 by the English ship HMS Chatham. European settlement dates from the early 1800's with sealers, then whalers and farmers.

Later Ngati Tama and Ngati Mutunga arrived, and made their home on these islands they called Wharekauri.

Merging their heritage and living together on this remote outpost; these people are the Chatham Islanders.

Chatham Islands Tourism Development Office

For information, trip planning and advice contact the Chatham Islands Tourism Development office. We have local knowledge and information to make your planning easier.

- Itinerary planning and information
- Assistance with accommodation, transport, tours and activities
- Free maps and weather information
- Local information: events, restaurants and more.

For further reading on the Chatham Islands we recommend the following books:

- Chatham Islands Heritage and Conservation. Canterbury University Press. ISBN 9781877257780. This book can be ordered from any good book store.
- Discover the Chatham Islands - First to see the sun. Cherry Lawrie and Jocelyn Powell. ISBN 0975099191. This book can be purchased on the Chatham Islands.



Chatham Islands General Visitor Information

Local Time

The Chatham Islands is the first inhabited place in the world to see the rising sun each day. Local time is 45 minutes ahead of mainland New Zealand and observes the same daylight savings start and finish dates.

Travel

Scheduled domestic flights are provided by Air Chathams (www.airchathams.co.nz). Phone 03 3050 209 from Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Napier.

Airport Transfers and Car Hire

As there is no public transport you will need to make pickup arrangements with your hosts. Cars, 4WD vehicles and vans are available for hire, enquire with your host.

Banking and Eftpos

Most shops and cafes accept credit cards and eftpos, but carrying cash is also advisable. Generally prices are slightly higher than mainland New Zealand due to freight costs. A combined ANZ Bank/Post Office is located in Waitangi. Cash withdrawals are available. The bank is open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00am - 2.00pm and closed Wed.

Communications

Calling the Chathams Islands from Mainland New Zealand is a standard national call. There is no cell phone coverage on the Chatham Islands making it a real escape. There is a public telephone in Waitangi (card phone). High-speed wi-fi Internet is available in many locations. Enquire with your host.

Power

Electricity is produced by diesel generators and two wind turbines. Power supply and plugs are the same as in mainland New Zealand so all your appliances will operate.

Shops and Cafes

The Chatham Islands have a number of options to shop and dine - General store, fuel stations, hardware store, gift shop, art and craft shop, gallery, lodge, hotel and cafes. You will find most of your requirements here, but be sure to bring any special needs.

Accommodation

Chatham Islands provide a range of comfortable accommodation options - Homestay, farmstay, self catering guest house, backpackers, hotel, lodge, motel and two marae. It is important to book your accommodation before travelling to the Chatham Islands. You will find your hosts friendly and helpful.

Churches

There are a number of churches on the Chatham Islands offering services and historic interest. St Augustine Church in Te One has a service each Sunday at 10:30am to which visitors are warmly welcomed.

Schools

There are two primary schools on main Chatham, at Te One and Kaingaroa, and one on Pitt Island. Most secondary students attend boarding school in mainland New Zealand.

Driving Tips

Roads are well formed and maintained, however most roads have loose gravel so take care when driving, as dust, children, stock and motor bikes are common. At night you may encounter wandering stock. Please adhere to the speed signs and for additional safety we strongly recommend a maximum speed of 40km in towns and 60km on the open road. Chatham Islanders are friendly - so be sure to wave!

Weather and Clothing

Summer has lovely clear warm days while winter may bring occasional mild frosts, but the Chatham Island weather may be best described as variable. However most days see the sun and temperatures tend to be mild. It can be windy and cold at times. Annual rainfall is about 1,000mm but tends to fall as showers rather than torrential rain. Be prepared for four seasons in one day, bring your holiday clothes, a warm jacket and sunscreen.

Fishing and Hunting

The Chatham Islands are renowned for their abundant seafood and wild game. We ask that you help us preserve this valuable resource by taking only what you need for a meal or the local bag limit, whatever is less. Enquire with your host regarding local limits, fish and game cleaning practices.

Private Land Access and Signage

Many places of interest are located on, or accessed over, private land for which permission is required. On the Chatham Islands private land often extends from the roadside to the water's edge. Most main visitor sites are signposted. Landowners are generally accommodating if asked and your host can help you obtain access permission. A fee may be required so please enquire. Always leave gates as you find them. It is important to respect private land, if in doubt please ask.

Medical and Safety

We want you to enjoy your holiday and remind you to consider your personal safety while enjoying this wonderful but remote environment. There is a Medical Centre with a resident Doctor and small Pharmacy. While medical care on the Chatham Islands is good, emergencies will be airlifted to mainland New Zealand. Be sure to bring your own medication with you.

Phone Numbers

Emergencies dial 3050 111. Police, Fire and Ambulance services are based on the Chatham Islands. Local phone numbers:

- Police Station: 3050 334
- Hospital: 3050 035
- Fire Station: 3050 064
- Department of Conservation: 3050 098
- Fisheries Office: 3050 004
- Information Centre: 3050 443
- Tourism Development Office: 3050 655

If phoning from mainland New Zealand Prefix with 03.

Awaraka Farmstays

- Accommodation

Luxurious accommodation with the most stunning sea views you may ever see.

Nestled on a working farm just metres from the sea, explore the rugged coastline and farm then be entertained by Greg Horler and his wife Rosemarie who is a 6th generation Chatham Islander.

All meals, tours and rental vehicles are available.



Greg and Rosemarie Horler
Waitangi - Tuku Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 176
e: awarakaufarmstays.co.nz
w: awarakaufarmstays.co.nz
Bookings essential

Black Robin Guesthouse

- Accommodation

Nearby Waitangi township purpose built self contained accommodation.

Lovely harbour views and modern facilities ensure you have a fantastic base for your holiday.

Meals, rental cars, airport transfers and tour guiding also available.



Lynn and Eddie Fraser
Maipito Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 106
e: eddieandlynn@xtra.co.nz
w: blackrobinhomestays.co.nz
Bookings essential

Black Robin Homestays

- Accommodation

In the heart of Waitangi township a homestay that guests adore and keep coming back to.

Stunning views, large ensuite rooms and the most divine home cooked meals.

Eddie and Lynn will host and entertain you. Rental cars, airport transfers and tour guiding available.



Lynn and Eddie Fraser
Upper Hospital Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 106
e: eddieandlynn@xtra.co.nz
w: blackrobinhomestays.co.nz
Bookings essential

Chatham Rise Motels

- Accommodation

A Chatham Islands getaway in a central location just 5 mins walk to Waitangi township.

Cosy self contained units serviced daily and guest house for larger groups (double or twin). These are ideal for small and larger groups, hunters and fishers.

Tours available.



Gill and Murray Dix
Tuku Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 024
e: chatham_rise@yahoo.com
w: chathamrisemotel.co.nz
Bookings essential

Flowerpot Bay Lodge

- Accommodation

Located on Pitt Island, this brand new boutique lodge (opening early 2012) features luxury accommodation with private balconies and extensive guest facilities.

We offer a complete home cooked dining experience using fresh local produce, full bar facilities and amazing views.

Enjoy a full range of nature activities or just relax and enjoy one of the best and first sunsets in the World. The perfect escape to relax and unwind - the way life used to be.



Brent and Bernie Mallinson
Flowerpot Bay, Pitt Island
p: 03 3050 212
e: bnb@flowerpotlodge.co.nz
w: flowerpotlodge.co.nz
Bookings essential

Hakepa Homestays

- Accommodation

Guests appreciate the peace and tranquility of a unique island setting in NZ's most eastern home, located at North Head, Pitt Island.

Nestled amongst beautiful native bush, the silence is only broken by the calls of endemic birds such as the Tomtit, Tui and Parakeet and the sounds of the sea.



Judy and Dorse Lanauze
North Head Farm, Pitt Island
p: 03 3050 303
e: north.head.farm@xtra.co.nz
w: pittislandhomestay.homestead.com
Bookings essential

Henga Lodge

- Accommodation

A true haven of peace and comfort in the heart of the Chatham Islands, just 7 minutes from the airport.

Henga Lodge offers quality accommodation, restaurant, bar meals, souvenirs, airport transfers and vehicle hire.

Take a guided cultural tour, hear the story of Moriori, go fishing, hunting, walk through Henga Reserve, or visit the Moriori Ethnobotanical Gardens.

Best venue for weddings or special events.



Lorraine Norris and Kelvin Carter
1297 North Road
p: 03 3050 196
e: info@hengalodge.co.nz
w: hengalodge.co.nz
Bookings essential

Hotel Chatham

- Accommodation

Hotel Chatham is centrally situated by the sea, in the main settlement of Waitangi.

Family owned and operated, the Hotel offers the very best of Chatham Islands hospitality. Accommodation ranging from superior suites to backpackers. The Hotel has a fully licensed restaurant, lounge bar and public bar - enjoy our wine and local seafood. Souvenir shop.

Fishing and Diving, Hunting and Walking, Package tours, Guided Tours - individual and groups.



Waitangi - Wharf Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 048
e: hotelchatham@xtra.co.nz
w: pittchatham.co.nz
Open: Mon - Sun 8am till late
Bookings essential

Kopinga Marae

- Accommodation

Kopinga Marae is the "jewel in the crown for Moriori", a special place of peace.

Uniquely designed and built as a tribute to the Moriori ancestors, it was opened in 2005 and has magical 180 degree views of Rekohu (Chatham Islands).

Accommodation for groups large or small up to 150. Conferences a speciality with the most modern facilities, high speed Internet and presentation equipment.

Guided tours available.



Maui Solomon
Owenga Road, Owenga
p: 03 3050 450
e: mauis@xtra.co.nz
Booking essential

The Chatham's Retreat

- Accommodation

Relax with your hosts at this lovely seaside setting at Kaingaroa.

Enjoy spectacular coastline walks, explore the settlement, surrounds and history of this fascinating location on your own or arrange a guided sightseeing tour.

Fishing and hunting trips a speciality.



Colin and Ali Barr
Kaingaroa Road, Kaingaroa
p: 03 3050 654
e: colin.barr@xtra.co.nz
Bookings essential

Chatham Cottage Gifts

- Shops and Services

In the heart of Waitangi township this is the place to get all your local arts and crafts.

Chatham Islands is home to some of the best artists offering truly unique works and this is the place to see it all.

Come on in, browse, enjoy and be inspired!



Waitangi - Wharf Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 310
e: gandecameron@farmside.co.nz
Open: Tues 10:30am - 3pm
Thurs 2pm - 5pm
Sat 10am - 12pm

Diesel Fuel 24/7

- Shops and Services

Self service diesel available 24 hours, 7 days by card pay pumps.

Situated right in the heart of Waitangi township, in front of the Dough 'n' Go store. This is owned and operated by the Chatham Islands Management Limited.



Waitangi - Wharf Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 066
e: admin@cieltrust.co.nz
Open: 24/7 card pay pumps

Dough 'n' Go

- Shops and Services

Conveniently located in Waitangi township, Dough 'n' Go is a well stocked general store for all your needs while on holiday.

Groceries, food, bread, milk and drinks, a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables is all right here.



Waitangi - Wharf Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 710
e: roskat@xtra.co.nz
Open: Mon - Fri 2-2pm-5:30pm
Sat 9am - 1pm

Waitangi Hardware

- Shops and Services

Waitangi Hardware a store with everything just like the good ol' days! From diesel, petrol and gas, to hardware, garden supplies, tools and much more.

Spend time browsing this well stocked great one stop shop.

You will find everything you need is here.



Monique Croon
Waitangi - Wharf Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 433 or 03 3050 308 Ahrs
e: balboa@xtra.co.nz
Open: Mon - Fri 8am - 5:30pm
Sat 9am - 1pm

Waitangi Seafoods

- Shops and Services

Waitangi Seafood's is the Chatham Islands only locally owned and operated fish processor and exporter.

A trip to the Chatham Islands is not complete without seafood!

Door sales of the freshest and tastiest fresh, chilled and frozen fish and kina ready for cooking or pre-packed to take home.



North Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 341
e: waitangiseafoods@farmside.co.nz
Open: By appointment

Waitangi Store

- Shops and Services

Centrally located in Waitangi with convenient hours.

Waitangi store has all your needs covered, including all your usual grocery and food requirements as well as a great range of local souvenirs and crafts, t-shirts, caps and other gifts.



Waitangi - Wharf Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 048
e: chathamstore@farmside.co.nz
Open: Mon - Fri 8am - 6pm
Sat - Sun 9am - 1pm

Air Chathams

- Transport

Locally owned, and the only air service to the Chatham Islands. Air Chathams offers a scheduled service from Christchurch, Wellington, Auckland and Napier on a Comair 580.

Charters are also available to and from the Chathams and around New Zealand.

We provide a chartered service to and from Pitt Island on a Cessna 206.

We welcome your enquires.



North Road, Te One
p: 03 3050 209
e: office@airchathams.co.nz
w: airchathams.co.nz
Bookings essential. Please check our Summer and Winter timetable on our website.

Black Robin Rentals

- Transport

Offering a range of safe and modern rental cars, 4WDs, minivan to suit your needs, short or long-term.

Black Robin rentals is a licenced rental car operator.

Airport transfers and tour guiding available.

Please enquire for rates and availability.



Lynn and Eddie Fraser
Upper Hospital Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 106
e: eddieandlynn@xtra.co.nz
w: blackrobinhomestays.co.nz
Bookings essential

Chatham Rentals

- Transport

We have a range of rental vehicles available - cars, 4WDs and vans.

Located in the heart of Waitangi township, we offer short or long term hire with discounted long term rates. Airport delivery available.

Please phone or email for more information on prices and availability.



Waitangi - Wharf Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 093
e: chathamrentals@xtra.co.nz
Open: Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
or by arrangement

Henga Lodge Vehicle Hire

- Transport

Situated at Henga Lodge just 7 minutes from the Airport in the heart of the Chatham Islands.

From RAV4s to 4WD 9 seater van to 20 seater bus for short or long term hire. Airport transfers and guided tours also available.

Contact us for rates and availability.



Lorraine Norris and Kelvin Carter
Henga Lodge
1297 North Road
p: 03 3050 196
e: info@hengalodge.co.nz
w: hengalodge.co.nz
Bookings essential

Hotel Chatham Rentals

- Transport

A wide range of 4WD drives, 12 and 8 seated Vans, 29 seated Bus.

Short and long term rentals, half and full day rates.

Rentals available at the airport or Hotel Chatham carpark.

Airport transfers and guided tours also available.

For more details contact Hotel Chatham.



Hotel Chatham Office
Waitangi - Wharf Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 048
e: hotelchatham@xtra.co.nz
w: hotelchatham.co.nz
Bookings essential

44 South Shipping

- Transport

Sea freight to the Chatham Islands is provided by 44 South Shipping from Napier.

Leaving every 10 -12 days, the trip takes approximately 2 days and offers a scheduled service to carry freight, cars and livestock. 12 berths (4 cabins) are available between Napier and Waitangi with all bedding and meals supplied.

Enquiries to Dennis.



Dennis Nisbet
Napier, New Zealand
p: 021 398 945
e: dennis@44southshipping.co.nz

Department of Conservation

- Conservation

Department of Conservation Area Office carries out vital conservation work and offers valuable information and assistance to visitors.

The DOC website is full of information on the Chatham Islands and the area office has information on local tracks and recreation areas. Search - Chatham Islands.



North Road, Te One
p: 03 3050 098
e: amckillop@doc.govt.nz
w: doc.govt.nz
Open: Mon - Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm

Basalt Columns

- Attraction

Visit these amazing hexagonal Basalt Columns formed about 80 - 85 million years ago and thrusting magnificently upwards from the coastal seabed.

Access is by arrangement and your guide will take you on a discovery walk and reveal the secrets behind these truly awesome structures that nature has created.



Eddie Reriti
Waitangi - Tuku Road, Waitangi
p: 03 3050 003
Open: By arrangement - entry fee

Cape L'Veeque'

- Attraction

Experience awesome and unique geographical vistas, stunning volcanic rock formations, vertical cliffs and coastline views.

See Chatham Islands leral sheep in their natural environment with their majestic trophy heads.

A photographers paradise.

Guided walks and hunting by arrangement.



Robert and Jan Holmes
Owenga Road, Owenga
p: 03 3050 630
e: rj.holmes@farmside.co.nz
Tours by arrangement

Kopinga Marae Tours

- Attraction

Don't miss Kopinga Marae - a very special place for Moriori and tribute to their ancestors.

This uniquely designed this marae is like no other. Stunning in every way from the ancestral history and heritage, architecture and the breath taking 180 degree views.

Guided tours, accommodation and conferences by arrangement.



Maui Solomon
Owenga Road, Owenga
p: 03 3050 450
e: mauis@xtra.co.nz
Open: By