



Wet suit requirements:

Winter water (June - October)

Glued 3mm steamer

Spring water(November - December)

and autumn water (March - May)

2 - 3 mm spring suite

Summer water (January - March)

rash shirt

The sun is very strong and we recommend the wearing of 30 - 40 + water resistant sunblock, a hat and shirt.

The best thing about this area is that is uncrowded. Sometimes we will be the only surfers in the water.

So come and surf some of New Zealand's best surf breaks.

Important: Please note for the student's safety they must have the ability to swim 50 metres. We also recommend students practice pushups to improve their arm and upper body strength for paddling.

Costs: please refer to price list



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COLC SURF COURSE

Surfing in Whitianga

The Whitianga area is rich in quality surf. There are 20 different breaks within 30 minutes drive of the town, with gentle beach breaks for beginners, and hollow reef, point and beach breaks for more advanced surfers. There are equal numbers of rights and lefts. There are waves all year round. In the winter the swell comes from low pressure systems to the east and south east while in summer the waves are often generated by tropical cyclones to the north and east. Winds are variable and the surf ranges from 2 feet (waist high) to 8 feet (double overhead). Tidal range is around 2.5 m and there are breaks for all tides.

Water temperature is 13°C - 15°C in winter, 16°C - 18°C in spring and 19°C - 22°C in summer and autumn.

Air temperatures are 22°C - 28°C in summer and 14°C - 17°C in winter.

2011 - 2012 course dates

31 October - 18 November 2011

28 November - 16 December 2011

16 January - 03 February 2012

13 February - 02 March 2012

12 March - 30 March 2012

09 April - 27 April 2012



The course

A 3 week course combining English classes in the mornings, and surfing, surfing tuition, and related activities in the afternoons.

The afternoon course will include:

- * surfing/bodyboarding the quality waves of the east coast of the Coromandel Peninsula;
- * surf safety instruction including recognising sea conditions, surf rescue;
- * how to read weather maps, how to forecast weather and surf; study of local surf spots and the conditions they work in;
- * join other students for activities on Friday afternoons

Other information:

Free time surfing: Students can surf after school and weekends; we can organise trips to other famous surf breaks within 3 hours drive.

Surf equipment: Boards, wetsuits and accessories are all supplied and included in the course fee.