

Meet the Critics



Editor in chief. I'm vegan, but I cheat if I can somehow claim its going in the bin. I love asian food and big flavours. It's modern times, I should not have to order the "vegan not-so-special" (aka side menu salad and chips). Very opinionated.



This is Dad. He prefers 'normal' food. Restaurants should be clean, have an inside table, zero alcohol beer and low volume. Dad often enjoys his meal at the time, but the next day decides it wasn't very nice afterall.



This is my Brother. Large portions are an important factor determining his happiness with a meal. He has a well developed palate but chilli sauce goes on everything.

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Attaturk
2.6 ★★☆☆☆

A standard kebab diner. Falafel pretty good.

Small portions but food is ok. Loud & dark

Cadera
4.1 ★★★★★
#2 #3 #5

Mexican is a vegan's best friend. Atmosphere in spade loads.

Must book weeks in advance. Spicy, enjoyable.

Cob N Co
1.9 ★★☆☆☆

Surprised to see vegan options but the food is basic. Placemat games.

Better known as Slob N Co. Pricey for what you get. Tired interior.

Cookies Kitchen
(The RSA)
2.0 ★★☆☆☆
#5

"Vegan not-so-special". Sticky floors and tables. Run down.

Expensive but good food. Collect your own meal after your disk buzzes. Big portions.

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C'Vue (Ohope Chartered Club)

Despite lots of radio advertising, C'Vue is still not open due to change of management and lack of staff.

Detour
2.2 ★★☆☆☆

Recently changed the menu...still nothing to eat. Very dark and gloomy.

The saying 'do one thing and do it well' does not apply here.

Double Zero
2.8 ★★★★★
#4

The vegan pizza is a dry base with tomato paste and garlic...that's it! It's a double zero from me.

Hit & miss. Constantly running out of ingredients. The best (only) Italian in town.

Fisherman's Wharf Café
3.3 ★★★★★
#4

At the wharf in Ohope. Really enjoyed the vegan option (was a cauliflower dish when I went).

Bathrooms are substandard. Always packed. Great fresh fish, but should learn how to cook a steak.

Global Thai
2.9 ★★★★★

Not the best, not the worst. Satisfactory tofu green curry.

Adequate. European and Thai menu. Fresh chilli, (unlike the fish).

L'Épicerie Larder
3.0 ★★★★★

They made me a potato pizza. At least the olives were good.

French staff (great accents) serving pizza & burgers? Totally lost touch.

Little Havana
4.6 ★★★★★
#1 #1 #2

New restaurant but already a firm favourite. Excellently done. Awesome vibe.

Good food, good service, good vibe. Array of chilli sauces from 1 to WTF hot.

Mata Brewery
3.3 ★★★★★

Average vegan cheese pizza & falafel bites but great beer/ vibes/ service.

Snack type menu in a converted shed. Worthy of inclusion in this guide.

New Hong Kong Restaurant
2.4 ★★★★★

'Kiwi style' Chinese gloop. No tofu. No deal.

Western Chinese food with rapid service.

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Popsies 3.3 ★★★★★	Great Indian entre options. Funny statues.	Not a bad curry. Pleasant décor. Service great.
Port Ohope General Store & Café 2.8 ★★★★★ #2	Nice spot near the beach but nothing to eat. <i>"Vegan not- so-special"</i> it is.	Food is always fantastic provided it actually arrives. Beachy feels, loud.
Rhyley's Bar & Grill 2.1 ★★☆☆☆	Rhyley's is for drinking and fighting, not for vegans.	Normal pub style food (the same kinda stuff as detour but with more drinking)
Roquette 4.3 ★★★★★ #5	With ingredients like macadamias and micro greens, this is the only true 'fine dining' in town.	Impeccable food and service. Upper class...not sure we belong here :P
Spice Junction 3.6 ★★★★★ #3	Coconut cream curries are a winner. Always hope for Naan but the Roti will do.	An easy go to for a great curry.
The Craic 2.3 ★★★★★	Overbearing live music. <i>"Vegan not-so-special"</i> .	Classic pub fare. Iconic Whakatane corner pub.
The Wagon 3.4 ★★★★★ #3	Jackfruit burger is a hit. Repeat customer.	Best burger in town. Great entrees too. More chilli please.
Viet Eatery & Café 3.8 ★★★★★ #1 #4	Clean, delicious, cheap. This Kope hideaway is my favourite eat in town.	Summer or winter winner. Not licenced.

How was the star rating calculated? Each critic rated the food out of 10 and the service and atmosphere out of 5 each. The combined score was then divided by 12.

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