

En vacances

The Beach Retreat accommodation is set in a fantastic location right on the beach with unobscured expansive views out over the Pacific Ocean from Mahia Peninsular to Napier's Bluff Hill, and has a rural backdrop of the Ruahine mountain range.

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... VIEWS: At The Beach Retreat you will enjoy stunning views across the Pacific and over to Napier's Bluff Hill. Welcoming touches abound throughout the beachside property.



This is a delightful home for the perfect self-catering beach get-away providing complete independence and privacy to guests.

Creating a New Zealand beach holiday is what inspired owners Stephanie and Gerry Sullivan to set up The Beach Retreat on Napier's Westshore beach. "We remembered those wonderful times as children having the real kiwi family beach holiday," said Stephanie with enthusiasm, "and that's what holidays are about – creating memories. We wanted to keep alive the kiwi beach theme where you can hear the sound of waves and smell the fresh salt air."

The Beach Retreat is a two story beach front holiday home with five bedrooms and air-conditioning. The master bedroom with ensuite, and the kitchen and lounge are all upstairs which means it's ideal for either families or just a couple without it feeling too big. The upstairs views are spectacular and as the waves lap on the beach and seagulls soar overhead, you could easily forget that you are actually only 10 minutes from Napier's busy centre. And it's easy access to all the wineries, tourist attractions and the airport.

This is definitely the place to chill with all the comforts of home. "You can be yourself here and really relax, walk the beach at seven in the morning or be in your pj's for breakfast on the ocean front deck," said Stephanie. With

the recently redesigned kitchen and open plan living area that takes advantage of all those views, it's an obvious hub to wile away the day watching the sailing and fishing boats in the sun-drenched bay.

French panache

Situated immediately behind The Beach Retreat is the cottage named "La petite maison sur l'esplanade" an intimate holiday home. Stephanie has completely renovated the Cottage with a superb fresh, modern look, air-conditioning and delightful touches including classic french pictures. It sleeps up to six and Stephanie even allows pets! "The Cottage is a lovely companion to The Beach Retreat," she said. "It has been ideal for families, weddings and sports groups when they have needed extended accommodation. We had a family from Scotland for a wedding and it was perfect for the post-wedding barbeque lunch."

Stephanie's desire to make a stress free memorable time for her guests is evident in her attention to detail. She personally emails every enquiry and does her best to make the stay as user friendly and hassle free as possible. For style, comfort and true kiwi hospitality The Beach Retreat has everything you could ask for.

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