

White Island

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White Island Latest News

The owners of New Zealand's White Island volcano that erupted in 2019, killing 22 tourists and local guides, have had the conviction against them overturned by the country's High Court recently.

About White Island

- White Island (also known as **Whakaari**) is an **active** composite **stratovolcano** in the **Bay of Plenty, New Zealand**.
- It is currently **New Zealand's most active cone volcano**, sitting 48 km off the coast of Whakatāne in the North Island.
 - **Last major eruption: December 9, 2019 (caused fatalities and injuries)**
- The cone has been built up by continuous volcanic activity over the past 150,000 years.
- The **island covers** an area of around **325 hectares**, and this is only about **30 percent of the volcano's mass-the rest is under the sea**.
- It is two kilometres in diameter, and its peak rises 321 m above sea level.

- The island was sighted and **named by Capt. James Cook in 1769.**
- It has numerous hot springs, geysers, and fumaroles.
- It is **privately owned.** In 1953 it was declared a **private scenic reserve** and has been the focus of tourism activities along with geological and ecological science.

White Island FAQs

Q1. Where is White Island located?

Ans. It is located in the Bay of Plenty, New Zealand.

Q2. Who owns White Island now?

Ans. It is privately owned by the Buttress family, who have held ownership since 1936.

Q3. What is the White Island famous for?

Ans. It is famous for being New Zealand's most active volcano.

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