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WELCOME TO THE WHITSUNDAYS

Welcome to the beautiful Whitsundays, 74 island wonders in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef. One of the best holiday destinations in Australia, the Whitsundays is renowned for sailing, beautiful beaches, iconic resorts and the Great Barrier Reef.

From charming coastal towns, beautiful islands, protected rainforest, stunning beaches including the world famous Whitehaven Beach, the natural attractions of the Whitsundays offers a diverse range of experiences.

The Whitsundays offers some of the world’s best sailing, where you can charter a boat and cruise the waters of the Whitsunday passage surrounded by uninhabited islands and breathtaking sunsets. If adrenaline is more your thing, you can skim across the water with one of the high speed tours or take a scenic flight and soar across Heart Reef and Hill Inlet.

Swim, snorkel and scuba dive with thousands of brightly coloured fish and a variety of corals in the Great Barrier Reef and witness diverse marine life including humpback whales, dolphins, turtles and dugongs.

Spend the day on the white silica sands of world famous Whitehaven Beach or explore the breathtaking beauty of Hill Inlet, a stunning cove where the tide shifts the sand and water to create a swirling fusion of turquoise colours.

Soak up the tropical, laid-back lifestyle, laze on one of the many uncrowded beaches, relax with a sunset cocktail and indulge in fresh local seafood at one of the many al-fresco restaurants.

You’ll find every kind of beauty, adventure and luxury here in the Whitsundays, in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef.

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GETTING HERE AND AROUND

The Whitsundays is located along Queensland’s central coast in north-eastern Australia, approximately 1,200km north of Brisbane and 630km south of Cairns. Getting to the Whitsundays is easy, whether from across the other side of the world, or driving from nearby.

By Air – There are two airports which service the Whitsundays daily, Whitsunday Coast Airport (PPP) in Proserpine, and Great Barrier Reef Airport (HTI) on Hamilton Island.

By Road – The Bruce Highway is the major road linking Queensland’s coastal cities and towns, and runs through Proserpine and Bowen, with Airlie Beach located approximately 20 minutes’ drive off the Bruce Highway at Proserpine. Major national coach operators include the Whitsundays in their regular scheduled services from all major centres along the east coast of Australia.

By Rail – Queensland Rail services include the Spirit of Queensland, linking Proserpine to all the major destinations from Cairns to Brisbane and beyond to Sydney and Melbourne. Coach transfers between Proserpine and Airlie Beach are included in rail travel passes.

GETTING AROUND

Once you arrive in the Whitsundays, there are plenty of ways to get around, including car, bus, taxi, limousine and ferry. All island resorts are connected to the mainland via daily ferry services. Air transfers by helicopter, seaplane or light aircraft are also available. Getting around Airlie Beach on foot is quite easy due to the flat and very scenic boardwalk that curves around the foreshore of Airlie Beach to Abell Point Marina and through to Cannonvale Beach.

WEATHER

The Whitsundays enjoys a tropical climate of hot summers, warm winters and bright spring and autumn days. Average daily temperatures range from around 22 to 23 degrees celsius in the winter months of June and July, and up to 29 to 30 degrees celsius in December and January during the height of summer. Water temperatures remain a welcoming 25 degrees celsius most of the year round. The tropical wet season occurs during January to March when days can be steamy and the summer heat is often broken by tropical showers.

STINGER INFORMATION

Marine stingers may be present in the waters of tropical Queensland year round, with the higher risk season during October – May. During this period, jellyfish are prevalent in the waters around the mainland, islands and have occasionally been found out on the reef. Taking simple precautions to minimise risk you can safely and comfortably swim in all parts of the Whitsundays region. Please visit www.health.qld.gov.au/poisonsinformationcentre for more information.

BE CROC WISE

Estuarine crocodiles (or ‘salties’) inhabit the mainland estuaries and may be present in Whitsunday waters. Be croc-wise at all times and never take unnecessary risks. Obey crocodile warning signs and never swim in water where crocodiles may be present. For more info visit www.ehp.qld.gov.au

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WHAT’S NEW IN THE WHITSUNDAYS

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- Heart Hotel and Gallery
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- Lady Enid
- Pioneer Jet Whitsundays
- Airlie Beach Skydive
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Cedar Creek Falls

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Easily accessible by car, plane and ferry, the Whitsunday Coast and Hinterland is the launching pad for activities ranging as varied as sailing, kayaking, crocodile spotting, food trails, scenic flights and snorkelling. With all of this at your fingertips, there will always be something interesting and exciting to discover in the Whitsundays!

ARLIE BEACH

With its stunning outlook over the bays and islands, and the tropical feel of an island resort, Airlie Beach is the perfect base for your next holiday to the Whitsundays. The largest town on the Whitsundays Coast, Airlie Beach offers a lively array of dining and nightlife, shopping and relaxation.

The mountainous coastal town boasts a broad range of accommodation from stylish 5 star resort hotels on the water’s edge and apartments on the hillside overlooking the panorama of beach, bay and islands, to bed and breakfast options, motels, camping and caravan parks as well as backpacker accommodation.

Airlie Beach is the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and the island resorts, and the main hub for all activities on the Reef including sailing, jet skiing and scenic flights. The Airlie Beach Lagoon on the foreshore is a popular spot to relax and unwind, or visit nearby Conway National Park and Cedar Creek Falls to discover quiet coves, secluded beaches and tropical rainforest.

BOWEN

Bowen is one of the charming towns on the Whitsunday Coast, with award winning, palm fringed beaches, beautiful bays and a warm tropical climate. Situated in the northern region of the Whitsundays on the shores of Edgecumbe Bay, 45 minutes north of Airlie Beach, this picturesque seaside town offers accommodation ranging from backpackers and caravan parks, to 4 star absolute beachfront apartments. Taste some delicious mango sorbet at the Big Mango, located on the Bruce Highway.

CANNONVALE

Just minutes from the tourist hot spot of Airlie Beach, Cannonvale is a quiet, peaceful beachside community, conveniently close to all the Whitsundays has to offer. A perfect place to base the family, with a range of accommodation on offer, Cannonvale’s beautiful sheltered beach is perfect for splashing about with the kids. As the main residential centre in the area, the town has good shopping facilities as well as cafes, banks and post office. Launch your boat at the Volunteer Marine Rescue Club boat ramp on Altmann Avenue for a spot of fishing in the bays.

COLLINSVILLE

Collinsville is a friendly country town known for its historic mining attractions, with one of the main highlights a visit to the Coalface Experience Museum and Pit Pony Experience. There’s a small air strip for recreational planes and what must be one of the dress golf courses in Australia! It also features stunning hinterland, a large dam for fishing and watersports and excellent outback four wheel driving.

PROSERPINE

Just 20 minutes inland from Airlie Beach, Proserpine is a charming Aussie town offering traditional country hospitality. Sugar cane and cattle grazing have been the economic mainstays in the town since the late 1800s and the eerie glow of cane fires can still be seen at night from late June onwards, a spectacular sight to catch on camera.

The main street’s well preserved ‘ari deco’ shop architecture is a reminder of how life used to be, with boutique shopping and hidden gems located in the laneways off the main street. There is a good range of accommodation in Proserpine from caravan parks and backpacker accommodation to motels conveniently located on the Bruce Highway.

HYDEAWAY BAY

Hydeaway Bay and its sister town Dingo Beach are situated at the top end of the Whitsundays, accessible by road 45 minutes north of Airlie Beach. With endless horizons and picturesque water views dotted with islands, Hydeaway Bay and Dingo Beach are perfect for lazy days spent beachcombing or exploring the calm bays in a kayak or stand-up paddle board, or putting in a long day fishing. Travellers can stop for a bite to eat and a refreshing beverage at one of the two resorts at Cape Gloucester or the Dingo Beach pub. Accommodation in the area ranges from the caravan park and pub motel, to private holiday homes and the two Cape Gloucester resorts.
WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF ON THE QUEENSLAND COAST, LIES 74 ISLAND WONDERS. THE MAJORITY OF THE WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS ARE UNINHABITED NATIONAL PARKS, BUT FOUR ISLANDS OFFER A VARIETY OF RESORT ACCOMMODATION, ALL WITH THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND FRINGING CORAL REEFS AT THEIR DOORSTEP. IN THE WHITSUNDAYS YOU CAN FIND ALL OPTIONS FROM ECO-STYLE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY, ACTIVITY BASED, FOOD AND WINE FOCUSED OR ABSOLUTE LUXURY – THERE IS A RESORT EXPERIENCE TO SUIT EVERYONE. EXPERIENCE THE SPECTACULAR LANDSCAPES AND ENDLESS HORIZONS DOTTED WITH ISLANDS AND ENJOY THE ULTIMATE IN ADVENTURE AND RELAXATION.

DAYDREAM ISLAND

Daydream Island Resort and Spa is one of the closest resorts to the mainland, easily accessible from Airlie Beach and Hamilton Island. The resort is a paradise for families, with attractions and activities to keep the whole family entertained.

Visitors can snorkel or dive the fringing reefs around the island, such as the stunning Lover’s Cove, and enjoy activities including water sports, mini golf, movies at the open air cinema or swimming in one of the resort pools. Unique to the island is the award-winning Rejuvenation Spa and the man-made outdoor aquarium, the Living Reef. Clownfish, stingrays, sharks and barramundi are just some of more than 100 species of marine fish and over 60 species of natural corals within this huge ecosystem that represents the lagoon habitats of the Great Barrier Reef. As an educational example of life on the Great Barrier Reef, Daydream’s Living Reef experiences capture the imagination of visitors young and old – without having to get your feet wet!

HAMILTON ISLAND

Hamilton Island in the Whitsundays is one of Australia’s most spectacular and sought after holiday destinations. You will be surrounded by pristine beaches and a kaleidoscope of coral and marine life. Whether you’re arriving by plane or by boat, Hamilton Island makes it easy – with complimentary airport or marina to accommodation transfers. Any time of year is a good time to visit Hamilton Island, with mild temperatures throughout the year, from summer to winter.

The largest of the Whitsunday Island resorts, Hamilton Island offers plenty to do, including a wide selection of bars and restaurants, an abundance of water sports and activities and year-round cultural events. For sailing enthusiasts, there is the Hamilton Island Yacht Club, and for keen golfers, the Hamilton Island Golf Club is the only Australian 18 hole championship course on its own island. There are six different levels of accommodation to choose from, ranging from high-end luxury, to family-friendly apartments and holiday homes.
HAYMAN ISLAND
One&Only Hayman Island, in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef presents astonishing natural beauty, restorative peace, indulgence and adventure. Australia’s iconic private island resort is located off the coast of Queensland, nestled at the northernmost point of the Whitsunday archipelago, beyond verdant cliffs reaching into endless sky. Discover an array of opportunities to delight the senses in a place where the beauty of nature inspires each day.
Relish in spectacular dining experiences, surrender to a signature Ocean Dreaming Massage, explore private beaches and immerse yourself in captivating underwater adventures. One&Only Hayman Island is a unique destination of discovery set in one of the seven wonders of the natural world – Australia’s Great Barrier Reef.

LONG ISLAND
Long Island is the closest island to the mainland, and as the name suggests is 9km long while only being 400m wide at its widest point. Long Island is mostly national park and has 13km of walking trails to explore the plentiful native flora and fauna on this dramatic natural landscape.
Surrounded by secluded bays and expansive coral fringing reefs great for snorkelling and beachcombing, Long Island is a quieter paradise for visitors seeking seclusion and tranquillity. The only resort currently open, Palm Bay Resort offers a unique holiday experience combining gorgeous Balinese style accommodation dwellings with the convenience and affordability of self-catering.
IN THE HEART OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

The world heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the largest living structure, visible from outer space and stretching over 2,000 km in length along the Queensland coast in Australia. The Whitsundays region is ideally located in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, and is the perfect place to explore this aquatic wonderland.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The ‘outer’ Great Barrier Reef is around 40 nautical miles off the Whitsunday coast, about 2 hours’ boat ride.
- The Whitsunday Islands and coast all have fringing reefs very close to the shore, with abundant marine life to explore.
- Each year between June and September, humpback whales can be commonly seen in the protected waters of the Whitsunday Islands, during their annual migration north.
- A large variety of day and overnight tours depart the Whitsunday coast and islands and travel to the Reef every day.
- Local scuba dive companies cater for every skill level from novice to dive master.

Ways to explore the Reef

- Swim, snorkel and scuba dive with the colourful marine life and discover an unforgettable underwater world on one of the many day or overnight tours.
- Take a scenic flight over the Reef and see its incredible expanse from above, including the romantic Heart Reef.
- Set sail and discover the many excellent snorkel and dive spots in the Whitsundays.
- Camp overnight on a pontoon and spend the night under the stars in the middle of the Reef.

MORE THAN JUST FISH AND CORAL

The Great Barrier Reef is home to a stunning array of animals, from microscopic plankton to whales weighing more than 100 tonnes. More than just fish and coral, the Great Barrier Reef supports:

- 1625 species of fish, including 1400 coral reef species
- More than 3000 species of molluscs (shells)
- 630 species of echinoderms (starfish, sea urchins)
- 14 breeding species of sea snakes
- 215 species of birds including 22 species of seabirds and 32 species of shorebirds
- Six of the world’s seven species of marine turtle
- 30 species of whales and dolphins
- One of the world’s most important dugong populations
- 133 species of sharks and rays.

HEART REEF

The magical, naturally formed Heart Reef is located in the Great Barrier Reef near the Whitsundays, and this stunning composition of coral is best viewed from the air. Take a seaplane or helicopter flight to admire this beautiful sight, or surprise a loved one with the ultimate gesture over the region’s most romantic natural icon. Many tour companies will combine a scenic flight over Heart Reef with other breathtaking spots in the Whitsundays, including Whitehaven Beach and Hill Inlet.

Heart Reef was discovered in 1975 by one of Air Whitsunday’s pilots and is now an internationally-recognised attraction of the Whitsundays and the site of many proposals and declarations of love over the years. If planning something special during your flight, let your pilot know your plans and they’ll be able to help you with some extra flight time over the famous icon.

CONSERVATION AND ECOTOURISM

The local tourism industry is very conscious of educating visitors to our beautiful region about how to enjoy the Great Barrier Reef, while ensuring there is no negative impact on the environment. All boat and tour operators provide educational information about the Reef and local marine life, and warn visitors to ‘look, not touch’ when participating in snorkelling and diving activities.

Australia’s Eco Certification program recognises tourism operators who provide genuine environmentally friendly tours, attraction and accommodation products. Operators are assessed on their economic, environmental and social sustainability and ecotourism principles such as business ethics, responsible marketing, contribution to conservation and working with communities.

There are three levels of accreditation available: Nature Tourism, Ecotourism and Advanced Ecotourism. Look for the logo when considering which operator to choose.
WHITEHAVEN BEACH AND HILL INLET

THE SEVEN-KILOMETRE STRETCH OF WHITE 98% SILICA SANDS AND CRYSTAL CLEAR WATERS OF WHITEHAVEN BEACH IS PRISTINE AND UNTouched BY DEVELOPMENT. SPEND THE DAY ON THE BEACH OR EXPLORE THE BREATHTAKING BEAUTY OF HILL INLET, A STUNNING COVE AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE BEACH WHERE THE TIDE SHIFTS THE SAND AND WATER TO CREATE A SWIRLING FUSION OF TURQUOISE COLOURS.

For the best view of Hill Inlet, journey to the lookout at Tongue Point on Whitsunday Island. Time your lookout experience on low tide to fully experience the beautiful swirling sands. For bareboats, the best spot to anchor is in Tongue Bay, and tender into the beach to commence the short walk up the hill to the lookout across Hill Inlet and Whitehaven Beach and back down the other side to the secluded beach at the tip of Hill Inlet.

There are several ways to experience the beauty of Whitehaven Beach and Hill Inlet. However you choose to explore Whitehaven Beach, it will be an experience that you will remember for a lifetime.

OUR TOP TIPS:
- Many companies offer day trips to Whitehaven Beach and Hill Inlet by ferry, power boat or luxury yacht.
- Most overnight sailing trips also stop in at Whitehaven Beach and Hill Inlet.
- Self-sufficient boaters and campers can even anchor overnight off the beach, or book a national park campsite and camp on the southern end of the iconic Whitehaven Beach itself for as little as $5.95 per night.
- Scenic helicopter and seaplane flights over Whitehaven Beach and Hill Inlet promise amazing aerial views.

DID YOU KNOW?
Whitehaven Beach was recently voted the ‘Best Beach in the South Pacific’ and ‘Best Beach in Australia’ in the 2016 TripAdvisor Travellers’ Choice Awards.
CONWAY NATIONAL PARK

Discover unspoilt beaches, rocky outcrops and spectacular coastal views over the scenic Whitsunday area. This park boasts Queensland’s largest area of lowland tropical rainforest outside the tropical north. Feel like a true adventurer as you walk or boat into your beachside campsite overlooking the Whitsunday Islands. Take a few steps from your campsite and fish from the beach for your supper. If you’re feeling adventurous, explore some of the many walking tracks on offer, ranging from short easy strolls to full day hikes. Challenge yourself on a three day hike along the Conway Circuit, camping in gloriously secluded campsites along the way; or bring your mountain bike and experience the rush of riding Conway Circuit’s dual-use tracks.

Location and getting there
Conway’s day-use area and Swamp Bay/Mount Rooper and Coral Beach car parks are 6.5–10km south-east from Airlie Beach along Shute Harbour Road. Forestry Road access to Conway Circuit is 10km west from Airlie Beach along Shute Harbour and Brandy Creek roads. Airlie Beach access to Conway Circuit is via Kara Crescent.

CONWAY CIRCUIT

Experience a different side of the Whitsundays when you explore the 27km Conway Circuit through Conway National Park. Travel through majestic tropical rainforest, relax by seasonal creeks and absorb the views beyond coastal townships to the Whitsunday Islands. Walk the 27km one-way track as a three day escape, bush camping for two nights along the route and arranging pick-up at the other end of the trail. Take a few steps from your campsite and fish from the beach for your supper. If you prefer shorter walks, explore the short circuit and return tracks options branching off the main trail. Conway Circuit is also popular with mountain bikers. Experienced riders can tackle the trail as a four hour circuit, starting from Forestry Road, finishing at Kara Crescent in Airlie Beach and returning to the start point along Shute Harbour, Brandy Creek and Forestry roads.

WHITSUNDAY NGARO SEA TRAIL

The Ngaro Sea Trail is one of Australia’s most unique cultural experiences, following in the footsteps of the Ngaro people in a journey blending island seaways and sensational walking tracks. Hoist your sails, hayab to your heart’s content, or join a guided tour over turquoise water to one of the three islands — Whitsunday, Hooah and South Molle islands — on the trail. Choose between short strolls or challenging walks, connect to ancient Ngaro Aboriginal culture at the Ngaro Cultural Site on Hooah Island and enjoy magnificent views or vast seascapes.

CAMPING BOOKINGS

Both your national park campsite options in advance. Both pay for your camping online at www.qld.gov.au/camping or phone 13 QGOV (13 QGOV) (74 68). Alternatively, visit an over-the-counter permit booking office at Airlie Beach (Whitsunday Island Camping Connexion) or the QPWS office. Book early to avoid disappointment.
CREWED CHARTERS

Do as much or as little as you like as your crew navigate around the Whitsundays for you. Pull up the sails, take the helm, or simply lie on the deck and enjoy the view while your personal crew sets course. Crewed charters are best for you if you still want to hire your own yacht or catamaran, but don’t have the confidence to sail it alone. Simply hire a professional skipper and tell them where you want to go. And if you’re keen, learn a little sailing for next time! If you want to meet new people from around the world, a package sailing holiday is perfect. You will sail to the top destinations for beachcombing, snorkelling, diving and that perfect sunset. If you want to cover a greater area of the Whitsundays and the sails seem a little cumbersome, a motor cruiser will be more your scene.

LEARN TO SAIL

If the sailing bug bites you, as it does many a visitor to the Whitsundays, there are sailing schools available from the Whitsunday Coast and Hamilton Island. Learn to sail amongst the 74 island wonders of the Whitsundays in a fully comprehensive sailing course designed to cater for every level of ability and experience. After just a few days of training and experience, you’ll be competent in raising sails and charting a course around the Whitsundays, ready to head off on your next voyage of discovery.

SAILING

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF PROTECTS THE WHITSUNDAY COAST AND ISLANDS FROM HUGE OCEAN SWELLS PROVIDING THE REGION WITH SOME OF THE SAFEST AND SMOOTHEST SAILING AND CRUISING WATERS IN THE WORLD. SAIL THROUGHOUT THE WATERS OF THE WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS AND FLIT FROM ONE ISLAND PARADISE TO THE NEXT. THE COMBINATION OF A WARM CLIMATE, STEADY BREEZES, CLEAR TURQUOISE WATERS, SECLUDED COVES AND ANCHORAGES, FRINGING REEFS AND ISOLATED BEACHES IS IRRESISTIBLE.

Step on-board a luxurious yacht or catamaran and set sail for your Whitsundays adventure. Drop the anchor in a secluded cove, take a dip or snorkel over fringing reefs with myriad colourful fish and corals.

You can do as much or as little as you like while exploring the waterways. Navigate your own holiday, join other travellers on a packaged overnight sailing adventure or hire a skipper to pull the ropes while you unwind on deck.

Whatever your choice, when you first step aboard your vessel you will feel invigorated with the anticipation of your sailing adventure. You are guaranteed fun, excitement, relaxation, exploration and an experience you will treasure forever and sunsets you will never forget.

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BAREBOATING

The Whitsundays is the ultimate place in Australia to bareboating.

WHAT IS BAREBOATING?
Bareboating holidays provide a chance to experience the magic of the Whitsundays at your own pace. Bareboating means you hire and boat, sail or cruise the Whitsunday Islands at your leisure. You are the skipper of your own adventure, your family and friends are your crew! It’s a truly distinct holiday experience that the Whitsundays specialises in – and a must do for anyone who has ever wanted to try their hand at sailing.

WHO CAN GO BAREBOATING?
Bareboating is easy – anyone can do it! The protected waters of the Whitsundays are recognised as amongst the safest in the world and perfect for the beginner sailor all the way up to experienced, professional sailors. Although some sailing experience is an advantage, no licence is required to charter a yacht, catamaran or motor cruiser and a comprehensive safety briefing will be provided to ensure you feel comfortable with the vessel. Alternatively, choose to take an experienced sail guide with you for as long as you like. All vessels come fully equipped with the essentials for extended cruising including showers, toilets, galleys (kitchens), dinghy for adventures onshore, safety and navigational equipment.

WHY SHOULD I #GOBAREBOATING?
The beauty of cruising around the Whitsundays and skippering yourself is that you choose where you go. Drop anchor in a secluded anchorage, explore deserted beaches and snorkel the many fringing reefs. Feel the freedom of chartering your own vessel and be the captain of your own adventure.

BAREBOATING SAILING SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DID YOU KNOW?
The Whitsundays is home to the Southern Hemisphere’s largest fleet of skipper yourself and chartered vessels, offering a unique opportunity to combine your accommodation with your sightseeing and sleep out in the calm and protected waters of the Whitsundays.

Suggested Sailing Itinerary

Day 1
- Pick up your bareboat and do a 4 hour sailing induction with a qualified skipper before setting sail on your adventure.
- Find a protected bay (perhaps Nara Inlet, Hook Island) to anchor for the afternoon.
- Watch the sunset, then eat dinner under a million stars and spend the night on-board.

Day 2
- Wake up in paradise!
- Sail to spectacular fringing coral reefs for snorkelling on Hayman and Hook Island, then lunch on a deserted sand cay.

Day 3
- Sail south to world famous Whitehaven Beach, where you might jump on land and do a bushwalk to the stunning Hill Inlet lookout, or just laze on the beach.

Day 4
- Kayak to Chalkie’s Beach, snorkel and explore surrounding coves then spend the afternoon fishing as you cruise to find your next protected cove to spend the night. Fresh fish for dinner anyone?

Day 5
- Maybe you’ll drop into an island resort today for lunch... or maybe you’ll just keep exploring fringing coral reef or bushwalks on deserted islands and sunbathing on the top deck!

Day 6
- Sail the boat back and return to dry land, where you’ll want to tell the landlubbers all about your adventures on the Coral Sea.
If scuba diving is on the bucket list, then the Whitsundays is a paradise, home to tens of thousands of species of brilliantly coloured fish, dolphins and turtles. Local companies are able to cater for every skill level from novice to dive master. Dive at popular sites including Blue Pearl Bay on the north-western side of Hayman Island, and Butterfly Bay and Manta Ray Bay on Hook Island. Dive at one of the world’s top dive sites in the north of the Whitsundays, the historic SS Yongala wreck, and experience giant Queensland gropers, giant marble rays, schooling barracuda, sea snakes, turtles and much more.

If snorkelling is more your style, then the warm shallow waters of the Whitsundays provide some of the most colourful fish and coral formations anywhere in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Or stay dry, and enjoy the reef views from an underwater viewing chamber, glass bottom boat and coral semi-submersible. Some top snorkelling spots include the Pinnacles at Hook Island, Bait Reef and Henry’s Bommie at Fairey Reef.

**SNORKEL AND DIVE**

**INSTAGRAMMABLE ROADTRIPS FROM AIRLIE BEACH**

**IN THE HEART OF THE WHITSUNDAYS, AIRLIE BEACH IS THE GATEWAY TO ALL THE FUN AND ADVENTURE OF THE WHITSUNDAYS REGION. FOR THOSE WANTING TO JUMP IN THE CAR AND EXPLORE THE MAINLAND, THERE ARE PLENTY OF AMAZING LOCATIONS ALONG THE WHITSUNDAY COAST AND HINTERLAND TO GET THAT PERFECT PHOTO TO MAKE YOUR FRIENDS GREEN WITH ENVY...**

**AIRLIE BEACH TO SHUTE HARBOUR – 15 MINUTES**
Visit this beautiful natural harbour, surrounded by Conway National Park, to see incredible views overlooking the Whitsunday Passage and Islands. Stop in at the Shute Harbour lookout, turning off the main road before you reach the marina at the end.

**AIRLIE BEACH TO CEDAR CREEK FALLS – 25 MINUTES**
The lush Cedar Creek waterhole and its seasonal waterfall are a local secret, and a favourite spot for visitors to relax and cool off surrounded by tropical forest and Ulysses butterflies. Visit just after rainfall to see the Falls at their best.

**AIRLIE BEACH TO PROSERPINE – 30 MINUTES**
Heading west from Airlie Beach, meander through the cane fields of Proserpine to the art deco main street with its boutique shopping and traditional country town hospitality. Or if catching a whopping one metre barramundi is your goal, throw in a line at Peter Faust Dam, just twenty minutes further west from Proserpine.

**AIRLIE BEACH TO CAPE GLOUCESTER – 50 MINUTES**
Drive north through the hills surrounding Airlie Beach towards Cape Gloucester, a favourite spot with locals for a swim at the sandy beach, or to have a long leisurely lunch at one of the two beach resorts overlooking the stunning Gloucester Island National Park.

**AIRLIE BEACH TO BOWEN – 60 MINUTES**
Head north along the Bruce Highway and escape to Bowen’s award-winning beaches, just seven minutes from the centre of town. To get amazing 360 degree views of the town and islands off the coast, stop into Flagstaff Hill Lookout where you will feel on top of the world.

**AIRLIE BEACH TO COLLINSVILLE – 120 MINUTES**
Experience the historic mining town of Collinsville by driving to Bowen and then heading west at the well-signed turnoff along the Bruce Highway. With boutique shopping in the main street, one of the drier golf courses in Australia, and the acclaimed Coalface Experience Museum and Pit Pony Experience, it is well worth going off the beaten track to explore the Collinsville area.
FROM UP ABOVE

The Whitsunday Islands are the largest group of offshore islands in Australia and the region’s sparkling azure seas are dotted with an array of national park islands, coral cays, fringing coral reefs and stunning beaches.

The Whitsundays is a world of tropical wonder. The vibrant colours of the magnificent Great Barrier Reef and tropical rainforest provide plenty of scope for activity and adventure. This is the destination for amazing experiences, such as the exhilaration of soaring over one of the world’s most stunning natural attractions, the Great Barrier Reef.

Experience this for yourself with a scenic flight over the romantic natural formation of Heart Reef on the Great Barrier Reef. Pair this with a flight over Whitenhaven Beach and the spectacular Hill Inlet and go home with your very own set of postcard-quality photographs.

You can add in a scenic flight as an addition to another activity, or if pressed for time, see the highlights of the Whitsundays in just a few hours from the windows of a seaplane, light aircraft or helicopter.

For those wanting even more action and adventure, you can skydive over Airlie Beach and the Whitsunday Islands and enjoy the views from a unique perspective!

SHOPPING

TOP TIPS:

- Airlie Beach Main Street offers an array of clothing stores and retail outlets including souvenir shops. This includes the Port of Airlie, which provides a selection of retail outlets including a café, cellar, restaurants, swimwear and fashion outlets. The town’s main street has been upgraded and has a fresh look and feel. Larger shopping centres, retailers and wholesalers can be found in nearby Cannonvale.
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- The selection of specialty stores and boutiques in Proserpine attract visitors from the surrounding towns and regions. Proserpine is also home to some large retailers which service not only Proserpine but the entire region.
- The Bowen town centre is full of unique retailers and many large scale suppliers for this beautiful coastal community.
- Collinsville also boasts some unique retailers along the main street and features a shopping centre and manufacturers and retailers which cater to the region’s mining sector.
- On the Whitsunday Islands, the resorts have an array of boutiques and merchandise stores popular with tourists and locals.

Aerial – Great Barrier Reef
THE WHITSUNDAYS HAS SOME OF THE BEST FISHING IN QUEENSLAND. CHARTER VESSELS OPERATING OUT OF SHUTE HARBOUR, AIRLIE BEACH AND HAMILTON ISLAND OFFER A VARIETY OF TRIPS TO THE RICH WATERS OF THE OUTER GREAT BARRIER REEF CHASING TUNA, MACKEREL AND CORAL TROUT, OR TAGGING AND RELEASING SAILFISH AND THE LEGENDARY BLACK MARLIN.

Species of fish in the waters of the Whitsundays include: seven species of cod, six species of mackerel, five species of tuna, seven species of coral trout, eleven species of trevally, four species of emperor, blue and black marlin, bass and bream, sailfish, wahoo, dolphin fish, queenfish, barramundi, cobia, mangrove jack, jewfish, lingfish, chinaman, golden snapper... the list goes on! If it’s pelagic and lives in tropical waters, you can catch it fishing in the Whitsundays!

Nearly all of the Whitsunday islands are accessible by boat with camping available across some of the islands and coastline. Shore based fishing is available along the Whitsunday Coast and from the many marina rockwalls located around the towns. Bowen is popular for its Bowen Family Fishing Classic and Wet Weekend, the biggest family fishing competition in the country, running for over 20 years.

The region’s rivers and creeks provide estuary fishing and dams feature some of the best barramundi fishing in Queensland. Upstream from Proserpine is Lake Proserpine, or as it is better known, Peter Faust Dam, an ideal spot for water sports and freshwater fishing and home to the elusive barramundi.

BOAT RAMPS
- Abell Point Marina, Cannonvale
- VMR – Altmann Avenue, Cannonvale
- Shute Harbour
- Port of Airlie, Airlie Beach
- Proserpine River – Conway Road
- Horseshoe Bay Road, Bowen
- Bowen Marina
- Yasso Point
- Proserpine Dam
- Barter Park, Bowen
- Wilsons Beach
- Midgee Beach
- Whitsunday Sailing Club
- Dingo Beach
- Cape Gloucester
- Laguna Quays Marina
1. Sail around the 74 Islands of the Whitsundays – either by bareboat (skipper yourself) or enjoy one of the many crewed charter options

2. Cruise to the Great Barrier Reef and be amazed by the brilliant corals and thousands of fish

3. Let your toes sink into the fine white silica sands of world-famous Whitehaven Beach

4. Spend a memorable night on the reef and under the stars with ‘Reefsleep’

5. Learn to scuba dive on some of the best reefs in the world, such as the Stepping Stones and the Cathedrals

6. Snorkel with 500 species of fish and 400 types of coral, and spot turtles, dolphins and stingray

7. Soar over Heart Reef by seaplane or helicopter to view this amazing natural formation

8. Hike to the lookout at Hill Inlet for stunning views of Whitsunday Island and Whitsaven Beach

9. View marine life at the world’s biggest open air aquarium on Daydream Island, the Living Reef

10. Go shopping at the weekend markets or peruse the local boutiques

11. Get fit and take in the views on the coastal boardwalk from Airlie Beach to Cannonvale Beach

12. Get pampered and relax at a day spa

13. Explore Hamilton Island in a golf buggy

14. Play mini golf on Daydream Island

15. For the adrenalin junkies, explore the islands on a Whitsunday Jet Ski or Ocean Rafting tour

16. Play mini golf on Daydream Island

17. Have a scenic round of golf on Dent Island, a championship grade course covering an entire island

18. Experience the romance of sailing on a catamarp and explore the islands on board Derwent Hunter

19. Eat breakfast surrounded by hisolas in the trees at WILD LIFE, Hamilton Island

20. Enjoy the serenity and sunsets from your hammock at secluded Palm Bay Resin on Long Island

21. Pack a tent and be dropped off at a secluded island for a weekend of camping. (camping permits from the Department of National Parks, Recreation and the Environment required and are around $5 a night)

22. Follow in the footsteps of the Whitsundays traditional owners on the Ngarro Sea Trail

23. Visit the historic Aboriginal caves at Nara Inlet

24. Hire a hayah and experience the islands from a different perspective

25. Throw in a line and catch your dinner (but check the Department of Fisheries fishing zones first!)

26. Discover the diversity of local wildlife and flora on the Whitsundays Great Walk

27. Take a Segway tour for a unique way to see Airlie Beach or Conway National Park

28. Dapan from the centre of Airlie Beach on the short ‘Airlie Creek Walking Track’ and cool off in the rock pools at the top of the track

29. Enjoy great food and wine on the Airlie Beach Esplanade

30. Soak up the sun, splash about and make new friends at Airlie Beach Lagoon

31. Go fishing at the weekend markets or peruse the local boutiques

32. Get a BBQ at one of the beaches – Shingley Beach has great views of the marina

33. Sit by the beach and enjoy regular live music every weekend

34. Go fishing at many of the great spots off the mainland, or at the Shute Harbour fishing pontoon

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38. Play mini at one of the pubs or resorts throughout the week

39. Try Stand Up Paddle (SUP) Boarding at Shingley Beach

40. Explore Pioneer Bay by jet ski

41. Allow yourself to dream while viewing the superyachts moored at the marinas

42. Compare in the weekly Wednesday Twilight sailing (from Whitsunday Sailing Club) – volunteer crew welcome

43. Experience the friendly vibrant nightlife in Airlie Beach!

44. Catch a monser banamundo at Peter Faust Dam (permis required)

45. Enjoy some country hospitality at a local pub

46. Watch the night sky light up during the pre-harvest cane fires

47. Visit the Whitsunday Cafè Coffee plantation and coffee shop

48. Spot an estuarine crocodile on the Proserpine River and take a tour to see them up close

49. Take a stroll in time at the Proserpine Historical Museum

50. Play golf at the Proserpine Golf Club

51. Search for the elusive Proserpine rock wallaby

52. Browse the many boutique clothing and homeware stores

53. Get tips from the locals at Whitsunday Region

54. Visit the Sunday morning markets once a month

55. Explore the pristine fringing reefs off Horseshoe Bay

56. Experience museum equipment, BBQs and picnic areas

57. Walk or laze about the beautiful beaches of Bowen

58. Explore the grassy fringing reefs of Horseshoe Bay

59. Enjoy the tranquil scenery of Dingo Beach while sun baking or beachcombing

60. Enjoy the beautiful day spa at Shingley Beach

61. Soak up the sun, splash about and make new friends at Airlie Beach Lagoon

62. In the summery winter season, head to Mount Dangar, 15 minutes from Bowen for strawberry picking!

63. Visit Muller’s Lagoon, 23 hectares of picturesque pantland in the centre of town, with superb botanical gardens and wetlands habitat

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66. Enjoy Fishing on the reef, the marinas and in the estuaries

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68. Visit the site of the original Aboriginal settlement at Cape Gloucester and explore the Whitsunday regions

69. Visit the historic Aboriginal caves at Nara Inlet

70. Be amazed by the live fish display at Bowen Harbour with fish ready for export

71. Visit the Whitsunday Gold Coffee plantation and coffee shop

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73. Enjoy a scenic flight over the Whitsundays from Flagstaff Hill

74. Take in the great views at Flagstaff Hill with a cup of coffee at the café.
FAMILY TIME

FAMILY HOLIDAYS ARE A TIME TO SLOW DOWN, RECONNECT AND SPEND A FUN TIME WITH YOUR LOVED ONES. HERE IN THE WHITSUNDAYS, WE THRIVE IN FAMILY FUN! YOUR KIDS WILL BE WIDE-EYED WITH WONDER – WITH FUN PLACES TO STAY AND A HUGE RANGE OF THINGS TO DO. CHECK OUT OUR TOP 10 FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES THAT WILL KEEP YOUR FAMILY BUSY AND ENTERTAINED, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME RELAXED AND HAPPY.

TOP 10 FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

1. Meet Pancake and Pikelet, the resident stingrays at Daydream Island’s Living Reef and give their baby stingrays a pet!
2. Visit the brand new Animal Park at BIG4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort and help feed the residents chickens, goats, ducks, piglets, lambs and calves every day!
3. Go croc spotting on the Proserpine River and learn more about the Goorganga wetlands with Whitsunday Crocodile Safari.
4. Swim, play or barbeque at the Airlie Beach Lagoon. The green parklands, playground and refreshing pool are the ideal hangout during the day.
5. Enjoy breakfast with the koalas at WILD LIFE Hamilton Island Park Cafe. Bacon, eggs and hash browns taste much better when eaten up close and personal to these furry Aussie friends!
6. Snorkel, swim and splash amidst thousands of colourful coral and fish at a day out on the Great Barrier Reef with Cruise Whitsundays.
7. Play beach games, mini tennis, feed the many fish or get the ultimate sweet fix at the famous Chocolate Room (yum!) at One&Only Hayman Island.
8. Slip down the waterslide at BIG4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort, hop on the giant jumping pillow or make new friends at the Kids Club. Make sure you check out the weekly activity guide when you plan your trip.
9. Feel the rush of Formula 1 go-cart action in Hamilton Island’s Palm Valley. Take the wheel on the exhilarating outdoor track, reaching speeds of up to 65 kilometres per hour.
10. Spot a whale with playful whales a common sight around the Whitsunday Island from June to October.

The Whitsundays is home to a number of picturesque parks and gardens, with great facilities for entertainment, exercise, relaxation and family fun. The much-loved Bicentennial Walkway links Cannonvale Beach with the Airlie Beach Foreshore, and is the perfect place for a stroll along the foreshore to admire the boats moored in the bays. The Whitsunday Botanic Garden is also located along the Bicentennial Walkway, and showcases the native marine vegetation environment, with over 1530 native local plants used in the design.

There are numerous swimming pools and parks throughout the region which are a great alternative for free family fun!
PICNIC SPOTS

**Airlie Beach**
- **Snows Beach (Shute Harbour)**
  - Gazebo, Picnic setting, Barbeque, Public toilets located near jetty
- **Airlie Beach Foreshore**
  - Picnic setting, Barbeque, Play equipment, Toilets (including disabled)
- **Airlie Beach Lagoon**
  - Shaded picnic setting, Barbeque, Play equipment, Showers and toilets (including disabled)

**Cannonvale**
- **Shingley Beach**
  - Off street carparking, Barbeques, Toilets (including disabled), Picnic settings
- **Cannonvale Foreshore & Bicentennial Park**
  - Play equipment, Barbeques, Toilets (including disabled), Picnic settings

**Proserpine**
- **Pioneer Park**
  - Barbeques
- **Mill Street Park**
  - Picnic settings
- **Entertainment Centre Park**
  - Toilets (including disabled)
- **Rotary Park**
  - Play equipment
- **John’s Estate Park**
  - Picnic settings

**Rural Area**
- **Conway Beach**
  - Play equipment
- **Wilsons Beach**
  - Toilets
- **Dingo Beach**
  - Picnic settings, Toilets

**Bowen**
- **Muller’s Lagoon**
  - Play equipment, Barbeques, Picnic settings, Toilets
- **Foreshore**
  - Play equipment, Barbeques, Picnic settings, 2 x Toilets
- **Hansen Park**
  - Shelters, Barbeques, Play equipment, Picnic settings, Toilets
- **Case Park**
  - Shelters, Barbeques, Play equipment, Picnic settings
- **Queens Beach Park**
  - Surf Life Saving Club – includes Toilets, Play equipment, Barbeques, Picnic settings

**Collinsville**
- **Lions Park**
  - Shelter, Play equipment, Picnic settings, Toilets
- **Sonoma Park**
  - Barbeques, Picnic settings

**Scotsville**
- **Scotsville Park**
  - Barbeques, Play equipment, Picnic settings, Shelters, Toilets

SWIMMING POOLS AND WATER PARKS

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<td>Adults: $4.00, Children $2.50 (children under 4 free), School students $2.00</td>
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CAPTAIN COOK

In 1770, Europeans sailed through the Whitsunday Passage between the islands and the mainland for the first time. Captain James Cook was sailing the east coast of Australia in his ship the Endeavour on Sunday 3 June, and named the area ‘Whit Sunday’ in reference to a Christian holiday on the religious calendar. Cook noted during this journey ‘Everywhere good anchorages... Indeed the whole passage is one continued safe harbour.’

Since these early days, agriculture and mining have flourished in the region and the history of these communities can be explored at the Historical Proserpine Museum.

THEATRES, ART GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

The long-established history of the Whitsundays remains preserved in its heritage buildings, monuments and museums. Across the region there is plenty of entertainment to suit all tastes with a cinema, cultural events, art galleries, concerts and local festivals throughout the year.

- Summer Garden Theatre in Bowen
- Ashman’s Historic Machinery, Bowen
- Airlie Beach Main Street Art Gallery
- Proserpine Entertainment Centre providing movies and live shows
- Bowen Flagstaff Hill Interpretive Centre
- Proserpine Historical Museum
- The Coalface Experience in Collinsville
- Castalia Museum, Bowen
- Historic murals in the townships of Bowen and Collinsville.

HISTORY AND HERITAGE IN THE WHITSUNDAYS

THE NGARO

The Whitsundays has a long and rich cultural heritage, beginning with the ancient Ngāro Indigenous people who have lived in the Whitsundays region for over 8,000 years. The original inhabitants of the Whitsundays, the Ngāro, moved seasonally throughout the islands in search of food and had no permanent settlements. The Ngāro were keen fishers, making the most of the abundance of fish and other marine animals around the islands. They used spears and fashioned simple bark canoes 2–3 metres long, often made from a single piece of bark.

To truly experience this ancient tradition and view some of the cultural remains including rock art, visitors can hire to the Ngāro Cultural Site at Nara Inlet on Hook Island. Another site of significance to the Ngāro is Hill Inlet on Whitsunday Island, and to this day the upper reaches of the inlet are considered a sacred site and a permit is required for access.

WHITSONDAY NGARO SEA TRAIL

One of the best ways to experience this cultural tradition is to follow the Whitsunday Ngāro Sea Trail across the islands and visit the Ngāro Cultural Site at Nara Inlet on Hook Island. The Ngāro Sea Trail was created by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and integrates some exciting tracts on Whitsunday Island with established walks on South Molle Island and the tract is the Ngāro Cultural Site on Hook Island.

Travel from sea to summit with varying grades of difficulty and follow in the footsteps of the original inhabitants of the area. Walks range from as little as 170 metres one way, to 7 km hikes across an entire island. The largely self-guided Sea Trail is dotted with campsites and vantage points, and is accessible by boat or kayak.

NGARO CULTURAL SITE

The track begins deep inside Nara Inlet on Hook Island — an excellent overnight anchorage. Short and initially steep, the stepped track leads up the side of the inlet to a viewing platform at the cave’s entrance. Protected from the elements in a once hidden cave, Ngāro artwork adorns the fragile rock surface. Allow at least an hour to immerse yourself in the cultural stories of the site, and to experience the ancient tradition of the Ngāro people.

Images clockwise from top left: Cape Gloucester, Ngaro Sea Trail, Bowen, Mural in Bowen, Daydream Island Sunset, Napa Gallery – Airlie Beach, Proserpine Museum, Flagstaff Hill, Hamilton Island, South Molle Island, Visitor Information Centre Bowen, Islands Aerial, Cape Gloucester.
Surrounded by lush agriculture land, with fields of sugar cane, tomatoes, mangoes, coffee, and the like, the Whitsundays region boasts of fresh, local produce. Due to its mild climate it is the largest winter growing vegetable region in Australia with local fruit and vegetables at your fingertips all throughout the year. With markets, retailers and restaurants in the region all taking advantage of the fresh supplies, you can taste the Whitsundays. Visit the Saturday morning markets at the esplanade in Airlie Beach or head to the fortnightly Farmers Markets in Proserpine.

For freshly caught seafood, head to Bowen’s marina situated 80km north of Airlie Beach where boats regularly arrive full of fresh stocks of live caught seafood. You will love the fresh fish which you can buy from their sea-side shops.

To taste your way through the Whitsundays take a Food Trail tour to visit our local farms, taste test and indulge in the local produce over dinner, pick strawberries from the strawberry farm near Bowen or enjoy an espresso martini from locally produced Mr Bean Cold Brew Coffee. Local seafood restaurant Fish D’Vine hosts a series of cooking classes with local Foodie Junkie, Bec Clark, who teaches tips, tastings and training to get those taste buds tingling! Visit the events calendar at www.tourismwhitsundays.com.au for more information.

**MARKETS**

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**CITY GUIDE**

**LOCAL FLAVOURS**

**INDULGING IN DELECTABLE FOOD AND WINE IN GORGEOUS SURROUNDS IS A BIG PART OF THE WHITSUNDAYS EXPERIENCE. LOCAL SEAFOOD AND FRESH REGIONAL PRODUCE FEATURE ON MOST MENUS AND AS YOU’D EXPECT IN THE TROPICS, THE ACCENTS ON DELICATE FLAVOURS, SIMPLY PREPARED. THE WHITSUNDAYS HAS A WIDE SELECTION OF RESTAURANTS CATERING TO EVERY TASTE – FROM FRESH LOCAL SEAFOOD TO MEXICAN, ITALIAN, ASIAN, EUROPEAN OR MODERN AUSTRALIAN.**

Dining at any of the popular island or coast resorts and restaurants is an experience you won’t forget. All of the Whitsunday island resorts have different dining experiences, from five star total indulgences to master class-style learning experiences to fully inclusive buffet meals.

In Airlie Beach there’s a vast array of cuisines from five star restaurants to fish and chips on the beach. Many restaurants in Airlie Beach also feature wine bars and beer cafes, live music and entertainment to keep you partying all night.

Proserpine is more laid back, with cafe and pub style meals matched with country hospitality to provide a great night out. Bowen also has a good range of restaurants and pubs. Not to be missed are the spectacular views from the cafe atop Flagstaff Hill in Bowen.

**NIGHTLIFE**

Airlie Beach is the hub of the region’s nightlife, with a large range of backpacker bars, pubs, clubs and bars to share stories and a cold tropical cocktail on any night of the week. Live bands and local talent are a regular feature, as well as trivia nights and other fun competitions. Start at a restaurant’s wine bar, and move onto a backpacker’s bar, Irish pub or dance the night away in the late night clubs.
IT’S EASY TO SEE WHY THE WHITSUNDAYS IS KNOWN AS THE WEDDING HEART OF AUSTRALIA…

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PLAN YOUR WHITSUNDAY WEDDING

Visit tourismwhitsundays.com.au/weddings to find out the best wedding professionals in the Whitsundays, plus a huge selection of real wedding inspiration and a detailed planning guide with everything you need to know about getting married in the wedding heart of Australia.

CEREMONY LOCATIONS IN THE WHITSUNDAYS

Beaches in and around Airlie Beach
- Airlie Beach, Boathaven Beach, Shingley Beach, Cannonvale Beach, Shute Harbour Beach
- Beautiful bush ceremony location near Airlie Beach
- Cedar Creek Falls, Conway National Park

Beaches about an hour’s drive north of Airlie Beach
- Gloucester Point, Hydeaway Bay, Dingo Beach

Beaches in and around the mainland town of Bowen
- Coral Cove, Rose Bay, Murray Bay, Horseshoe Bay, Bowen Beach, Flagstaff Hill

Island Locations
- Whitehaven Beach (Whitsunday Island)
- Lovers’ Cove, Endeavour Wedding Chapel and Mermaid Beach (Daydream Island)
- Casseye Beach, One Tree Hill and Chapel and Gardens (Hamilton Island)
- Stella Maris Chapel, Coconut Grove, Hayman Beach, The Formal Garden, Lagoon Lanai, Resort Lookout or the Eastern Lawn (Hayman Island)
- Palm Bay Resort (Long Island)

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PET FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBLE OPTIONS

PET FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATION
- Rose Bay Resort
- Whitsunday Rainforest Retreat when booking a whole villa
- Seabreeze Tourist Park
- Airlie Cove Resort and Van Park

PET FRIENDLY CAFES AND PRECINCTS
- Le Sorelle Coffee House – on the front patio
- Fai Frog Beach Café
- Abell Point Marina

PET ON-LEAD AREAS IN THE WHITSUNDAYS

Airlie Beach
- Airlie Beach to Cannonvale foreshore walk (Bicentennial Walk)
- Beachaven Beach
- Hansen Park to Horseshoe Bay Walk
- Muller’s Lagoon to Queens Beach
- Cape Edgecumbe Walking Trail
- Cedar Creek Falls
- Conway Beach
- Dingo Beach
- Hydeaway Bay
- Peter Faust Dam, Proserpine
- Shute Harbour
- Airlie Beach Motor Lodge
- BIG4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort
- Coral Sea Resort
- Daydream Island Resort and Spa
- Hamilton Island
- Heart Hotel and Gallery Whitsundays
- Mirage Whitsundays
- One&Only Hayman Island
- Queensland Rail
- Sea Star Apartments
- Shingley Beach Resort

ACCESSIBILITY IN THE WHITSUNDAYS

The Whitsundays wants all visitors to feel welcome and comfortable in the region, and many accommodation providers and precincts provide wheelchair accessibility.

ACCESSIBLE ACCOMMODATION
- Airlie Beach Hotel
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- Shingley Beach Resort

ACCESSIBLE CAFES AND PRECINCTS
- Airlie Beach town centre
- Fish D’Vine
- Le Sorelle Coffee House
- Port of Airlie

PET OFF-LEAD AREAS IN THE WHITSUNDAYS

Bowen
- Northern end of Kings Beach – enter at end of Rose Bay Road
- Southern end of Queens Beach
- Front Beach from the jetty heading south to Doughtry Creek Mouth
- The mud flats from Doughtry Creek Mouth heading south to just past the Big Mango
- Denson Park on Hay Street

Cannonvale
- Far end of Cannonvale Beach off Coral Esplanade
- Dog park area between Coral Esplanade and Shute Harbour Road

Jubilee Pocket
- Park between Jubilee Pocket Road and Sunbird Close

Proserpine
- Park on Renswick Street.
What's On  |  Camping  |  Tours and Attractions – Air  |  Tours and Attractions – Land

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