

THE HEART OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF



The Great Barrier Reef is one of the largest protected marine areas in the world and is home to some of the most amazing fringing coral reefs and marine life. Stretching 2,300km from the northern tip of Queensland to just north of Bundaberg, it covers an area of 345,500km². And sitting at the very heart of the reef are the 74 islands of the Whitsundays.

Whether you're a romantic at heart or not, Heart Reef is an icon of the Great Barrier Reef that is a "must see". Naturally formed into the shape of a love heart, this beautiful coral formation is located within Hardy Reef, just off the Whitsundays.

The discovery of "Heart Reef" in 1975 by a local Air Whitsundays' pilot has since provided a focal point to scenic flights and for romantics the world over. Heart Reef is, in fact, one of many coral bommies that make up the Great Barrier Reef and is only 17 metres in diameter. It can only be seen from the air as from sea level it is just like any of the other bommies that neighbour it.

Heart Reef is a favourite for brochure shots and other promotional material for the Whitsundays all over the world, and is the location of countless marriage proposals and romantic encounters.

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