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DROP ANCHOR IN THE WHITSUNDAYS ON AN OVERNIGHT SAILING ADVENTURE

If you've dreamed of island-hopping in the Greek Isles, sailing along Croatia's famed Dalmatian Coast or boarding a traditional gulet in Turkey, set a course instead for **The Whitsundays** – Australia's overnight sailing destination.

With pristine aquamarine waters, secluded bays and reefs, unique marine life and some of the world's best beaches, The Whitsundays offers one-of-a-kind attractions and island-hopping sailing experiences that blow Europe's sailing trips clear out of the water.

There's no better way to explore the Great Barrier Reef and the 74 island wonders of The Whitsundays than on an overnight sailing holiday, and Tourism Whitsundays CEO **Tash Wheeler** said most Australians may not realise that a world-class sailing experience is available right in their own backyard for as little as \$245 per night.

"Where else in the world right now can you sail around sun-drenched tropical islands, dive and snorkel in pristine waters and witness majestic marine life than in The Whitsundays?", Ms Wheeler said.

"The Whitsundays offers overnight sailing tours for all budgets, travel group sizes and holiday styles where you can visit famous bucket-list attractions such as Whitehaven Beach and Hill Inlet Lookout and enjoy a raft of activities – in and out of the water."

For those sailing solo or interested in a fun-filled group trip, an island-hopping package sailing holiday is the perfect way to meet like-minded travellers and explore the Great Barrier Reef from the water.

Owner of Explore Whitsundays **Roy West** said there is a sailing holiday that will suit every budget and experience.

"An overnight sailing adventure is relaxing from the moment you step aboard. Your skipper and host organise everything, so your all-inclusive holiday is stress free," Mr West said.

"Fill your days with sailing, snorkelling, paddle boarding and the laying on the beach. View amazing sunsets and experience the stars like you haven't seen them in years. There is no place in the world better for sailing than The Whitsundays."

Picture sailing The Whitsundays on *Solway Lass*, the only overnight tall ship in Australia, for just \$349 per person, or living it up with up to 54 of your squad on the *Atlantic Clipper*, complete with a waterslide and social activities galore, for just \$359 per person.

Board *Apollo Maxi* for an affordable action-packed 18-35s diving trip, sail away on a romantic cruise with intimate catamaran *Whitsunday Blue*, or embark on a thrilling adventure on ex-racing yacht *Southern Cross* – The Whitsundays is truly your oyster on an overnight sailing tour.

"With options for backpackers to couples, families and large groups, a world-class overnight sailing experience is not out of your league in The Whitsundays," Ms Wheeler said.

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"The Whitsundays and the Great Barrier Reef is Australia's ultimate aquatic playground and the best way to experience all the beauty and magic of these 74 island wonders is at sea."

To find out more and set sail on an overnight sailing tour head to <http://overnightsailingwhitsundays.com.au/>

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About Tourism Whitsundays: *Tourism Whitsundays (TW) is the organisation responsible for destination marketing and visitor attraction for the Whitsunday region. It is the lead agency recognised by Tourism and Events Queensland and the Whitsunday Regional Council to lead the promotion of the region as a tourism destination. Tourism Whitsundays markets all aspects of the region including the Great Barrier Reef, Whitsunday Islands and Coast, accommodation, boating and sailing, fishing, touring, recreational activities, adventure, dining, shopping, weddings and honeymoons, conferencing and business events.*

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