



# WHITSUNDAYS

*The Whitsundays is made up of 74 islands located in the World Heritage Great Barrier Reef. The largest group of islands on Australia's coastline, the Whitsundays is home to popular natural attractions including Heart Reef and Whitehaven Beach, considered one of Australia's best beaches. The region also has a range of activities to create a winning incentive trip including sailing regattas, snorkelling, scenic helicopter rides, cooking classes and golf.*

## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

### DAY 1

Arrive at the Great Barrier Reef Airport located on Hamilton Island, the largest inhabited island of the 74 Whitsunday Islands. Board directly onto a luxury yacht and begin your trip to the privately owned One&Only Hayman Island, which is the most northern of the Whitsunday Islands. During your journey, enjoy Australian sparkling wine as you pass Whitsunday and Hook Islands. Once you arrive at the marina, transfer by golf buggy to One&Only Hayman Island's Formal Gardens, one of the resort's outdoor event spaces, for check in. Today's lunch and welcome drinks are served at Aquazure restaurant, near the resort's infinity edge-pool, with views of the Coral Sea. This casual restaurant combines indoor and alfresco dining and features a menu that focuses on fresh and local ingredients. After lunch, take a private charter to Cruise Whitsundays' Reefworld pontoon, located on Hardy Reef. Spend the afternoon snorkelling or diving for your chance to get up close to local marine life including parrotfish, angelfish or even turtles. For those who want to stay dry, the pontoon has an underwater observatory with full length windows or alternatively board the semi submarine with your expert guide. Return back to Hayman Island via a scenic helicopter flight over Bait, Hook and Hardy Reefs. Sunset drinks are served on the Aquazure lawn before heading down to the private Coconut beach for a seafood BBQ dinner for up to 120 people seated. Finish the evening with an after dark tour in search for the endangered Proserpine rock wallaby, a nocturnal marsupial, that can only be found in Queensland.

### DAY 2

Take a Sea Kayak to Bali Hai, also known as Black Island. Only accessible by kayak, stop here for a snorkel in the surrounding reef, that is teeming with marine life. Once you have returned to Hayman Island take a scenic seaplane trip over Heart Reef, a composition of coral that has naturally formed into the shape of a heart, before landing at Whitehaven Beach for a picnic lunch. Whitehaven Beach is seven kilometres long and has sand that is 98 per cent pure white silica, which gives it its brilliant white appearance. After swimming in the turquoise water, take a luxury launch to your next destination, Hamilton Island, which has five accommodation options to choose from. Transfer by golf buggy to WILD LIFE Hamilton Island for the opportunity to get up close to kangaroos and have your photo taken holding a koala. In the afternoon, break up into teams of two or four for a golf buggy scavenger hunt around the island. Race to the finish line at One Tree Hill for sunset drinks and take in the 270 degree views that includes Dent Island, Passage Peak and Catseye Bay. Tonight's dinner is at qualia's restaurant, Pebble Beach, which is available exclusively for guests of the luxury resort. The restaurant has a Modern Australian menu that features local seafood and organic produce.

### DAY 3

This morning, transfer 10 minutes by boat to Dent Island for breakfast at Hamilton Island Golf Club's Club House. Play a game of golf on the 18-hole, par 71 championship grade course. Designed by five-time British Open winner Peter Thomson, the course features a variety of challenging obstacles and views of nearby islands. While the course caters for all experience levels, an alternative to playing golf this morning is a spa session at Spa wumurdaylin, that uses Li'TYA products which include indigenous Australian plants. Lunch today is on the deck at Hamilton Island Yacht Club. In the afternoon compete in a sailing regatta on Sunsail's catamarans, which can accommodate 10 people per boat with a total of nine boats in their fleet. Tonight take part in a sunset dinner cruise on the Denison Star, one of the largest Huon Pine vessels ever built. The boat can accommodate 46 people for a seated dinner and 75 for canapés.

### WHAT'S NEW

**Beach Club Resort, a luxury five-star beachfront resort on Hamilton Island, recently underwent a refurbishment. The resort's 57 rooms received new bathrooms and a full refresh of furnishings and interior design.**



## EVENTS

### AUDI HAMILTON ISLAND RACE WEEK

Held annually in August, Audi Hamilton Island Race Week is Australia's most prestigious offshore sailing festival. The festival combines top-class racing with onshore events that include fashion parades and long lunches.

### WHITSUNDAY REEF FESTIVAL

Whitsunday Reef Festival, held in August in the coastal town of Airlie Beach, features fireworks, street parades, market stalls and pop up bars.

## EXPLORE FURTHER AFIELD

### AIRLIE BEACH

Airlie Beach is located on the coast of Queensland and is a 30-minute drive from Proserpine airport or a 60-minute boat trip from Hamilton Island Marina. Airlie Beach's Abell Pint Marina, which has recently undergone a refurbishment, includes a dedicated heli taxi, new restaurants and an outdoor deck at Sorrento Restaurant & Bar that is available for functions. The town has a number of accommodation options available including luxury hotel, Peppers Airlie Beach.



Audi Hamilton Island Race Week

## ADD THE WOW FACTOR

For a meeting space with a view of the Great Barrier Reef, hold your event on a permanently moored pontoon, 40 nautical miles from land. Cruise Whitsundays' Reef World Pontoon, located on Hardy Reef, can hold up to 100 people seated or 300 people standing and offers a number of activities including snorkelling.

## DID YOU KNOW?

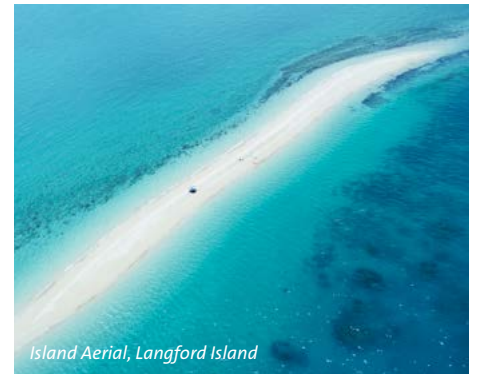
Day Dream Island Resort and Spa has one of the world's largest man-made living coral reef lagoons. Living Reef Lagoon is home to 83 types of coral and 140 species of marine life, including barramundi, stingrays and sharks.



Hamilton Island Golf Club

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Whitsundays features unique outdoor venues including Langford Island, located 800 metres across from One&Only Hayman Island. Groups of up to 50 people can transfer by speedboat to the island for cocktails and canapés on the tidal spit, while larger groups can be accommodated upon application.



Island Aerial, Langford Island

## PLANNING AND LOGISTICS

### ACCESS

The Whitsundays has two airports, Hamilton Island Airport and the Whitsunday Coast Airport at Proserpine. Direct and connecting flights from most Australian capital cities make the region easily accessible.

### ACCOMMODATION

The Whitsundays offers over 6,000 accommodation rooms. The diverse range of accommodation includes privately owned luxury island resorts, hotels and apartments.

### WEATHER

The Whitsundays has a tropical climate. Average maximum temperature:

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Temperature °C	31°	30°	30°	28°	26°	23°	23°	24°	26°	28°	30°	30°
Temperature °F	88°	86°	86°	82°	79°	73°	73°	75°	79°	82°	86°	86°

### VENUE CAPACITY

The region caters for groups of up to 1,000 delegates. With a range of conference facilities and distinctive outdoor venues, the Whitsundays has something unique on offer for your next conference or incentive group.

