

CORAL SEA MARINA SUPERYACHT GUIDE

*Discover the heart of the
Great Barrier Reef*



Let the adventure begin...
you'll love every moment

Welcome to Coral Sea Marina Resort,
the gateway to the Whitsunday Islands
and the heart of the Great Barrier Reef

With unrivalled access to the cruising grounds of the Whitsunday Islands and Great Barrier Reef, Coral Sea Marina Resort has emerged as a premier Superyacht destination on the east coast of Australia and the marina of choice for captains and crew.

In addition to being voted Australia's Marina of the Year for four consecutive years, winning Australian Superyacht Industry Service Provider of the Year in 2024, plus being voted "Best Superyacht Marina" in the 2022 ACREW Superyacht Awards, Coral Sea Marina Resort was Queensland's first Five Gold Anchor Platinum accredited marina, the highest industry accolade, setting an industry benchmark as a globally recognised destination marina.

Having received multi-million dollar investment including development of waterfront restaurants, private helipads, 2.5-hectare gardens, private guest and crew lounge, gym and a boutique waterfront resort, the award-winning marina resort offers a vibrant guest experience in the heart of the Whitsundays.

The team at Coral Sea Marina Resort go the extra nautical mile providing exceptional service that reflects both quality and value, with a dedicated concierge service available for captains and crew.

Boasting 520 wet berths, impeccable marina facilities and an outstanding team of professionals, Coral Sea Marina Resort has gained the well-earned reputation of being the ideal destination to **stay, play and explore** the natural wonders of Australia.

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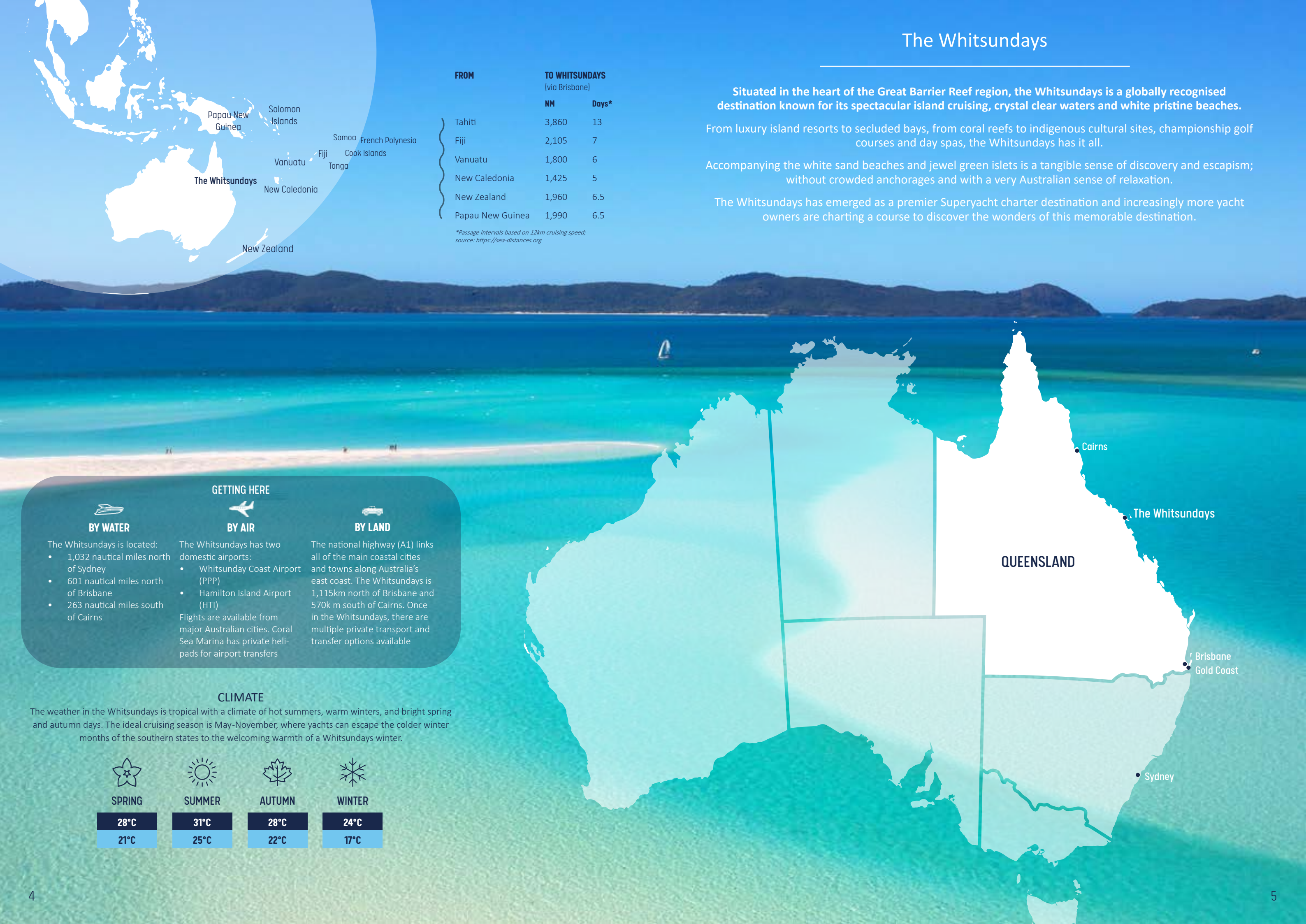


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The Whitsundays

Situated in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef region, the Whitsundays is a globally recognised destination known for its spectacular island cruising, crystal clear waters and white pristine beaches.

From luxury island resorts to secluded bays, from coral reefs to indigenous cultural sites, championship golf courses and day spas, the Whitsundays has it all.

Accompanying the white sand beaches and jewel green islets is a tangible sense of discovery and escapism; without crowded anchorages and with a very Australian sense of relaxation.

The Whitsundays has emerged as a premier Superyacht charter destination and increasingly more yacht owners are charting a course to discover the wonders of this memorable destination.



FROM	TO WHITSUNDAYS (via Brisbane)	
	NM	Days*
Tahiti	3,860	13
Fiji	2,105	7
Vanuatu	1,800	6
New Caledonia	1,425	5
New Zealand	1,960	6.5
Papau New Guinea	1,990	6.5

*Passage intervals based on 12km cruising speed;
source: <https://sea-distances.org>

GETTING HERE



BY WATER

- The Whitsundays is located:
- 1,032 nautical miles north of Sydney
 - 601 nautical miles north of Brisbane
 - 263 nautical miles south of Cairns



BY AIR

- The Whitsundays has two domestic airports:
- Whitsunday Coast Airport (PPP)
 - Hamilton Island Airport (HTI)
- Flights are available from major Australian cities. Coral Sea Marina has private helipads for airport transfers



BY LAND

The national highway (A1) links all of the main coastal cities and towns along Australia's east coast. The Whitsundays is 1,115km north of Brisbane and 570k m south of Cairns. Once in the Whitsundays, there are multiple private transport and transfer options available

CLIMATE

The weather in the Whitsundays is tropical with a climate of hot summers, warm winters, and bright spring and autumn days. The ideal cruising season is May-November, where yachts can escape the colder winter months of the southern states to the welcoming warmth of a Whitsundays winter.



SPRING

28°C

21°C



SUMMER

31°C

25°C



AUTUMN

28°C

22°C

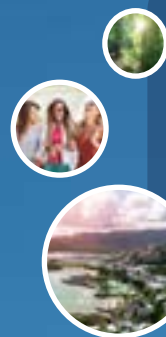


WINTER

24°C

17°C

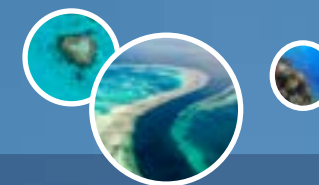




AIRLIE BEACH

Discover a vibrant coastal town, set against a tropical landscape and with a quintessential Australian atmosphere. Enjoy dining, nightlife, hiking trails, beaches and soak up the Whitsundays way-of-life.

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THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Coral Sea Marina Resort is the perfect launching pad for the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef. Swim, snorkel, dive, cruise and fly over this natural wonder.

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INTERCONTINENTAL HAYMAN ISLAND RESORT

HYDEAWAY BAY / DINGO BEACH

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WHITEHAVEN BEACH AND HILL INLET

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CORAL SEA MARINA RESORT

A premium Superyacht facility on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef and Whitsunday Islands, and the region's marina of choice for captains and crew.

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HAMILTON ISLAND RESORT

THE WHITSUNDAYS COAST AND HINTERLAND

With national parks, lush rainforests, a breathtaking coastline and charming towns, the Whitsunday coast and hinterland is brimming with scenic beauty, adventure, a rich history and culture.

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THE WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS

With 74 island wonders to explore, the Whitsunday Islands are a boating paradise. Drop anchor at pristine beaches, encounter incredible wildlife, pull up to luxury island resorts or set yourself adrift in nature.

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Explore the region's
Superyacht anchorages

Coral Sea Marina Resort

A Superyacht marina designed with you in mind

The Marina Facilities

- Premium berthing for vessels up to 80m
 - Deep water access berths to 5m LAT
 - Power to 400amp (3 phase)
 - 24hr fuel wharf with high flow diesel
 - Bunkering in-berth
 - In-berth pump out
- CCTV surveillance, security gate access and after-hours security patrol
- Guest / crew lounge (The Lookout Lounge)
- Functional fitness gym
- Courtesy car fleet
- In-berth WiFi
- Superyacht storage
- Superyacht tender berths
- Daily dockhand service
- Marine services onsite
- Superyacht crewing and concierge agent

The Marina Experience

- Vibrant marina resort village
- Platinum Superyacht Crew Club
- Coral Sea Resort- boutique resort with poolside restaurant
 - Resort pool access
 - Private waterfront beach cabanas for hire
 - Discounted accommodation rates available
- Boutique day spa
- Private helipads with transfer service
- Cafes, restaurants and bars
- Waterfront boardwalk into Airlie Beach
- Eclectic calendar of marina events

Join the Club

The **Platinum Crew Club** provides Superyacht crew with exclusive access to crew events and networking, club discounts and deals, and the opportunity to make a positive impact on the environment and community. Sign up for free and be part of something more!

Scan to join



SOUTH MARINA VILLAGE

Restaurants, cafes, jet skis and overnight charter boats

NORTH MARINA VILLAGE

Restaurants, cafes, marine services, day tours and charter boats

THE LOOKOUT LOUNGE & GYM

OCEAN CLUB

Sundeck, BBQ, Business Centre and amenities

THE GARDENS

AIRLIE BEACH

CORAL SEA RESORT

Accommodation, pool, beach, day spa and restaurant

PRIVATE HELIPADS

Dock and discover Australia's most awarded marina



The Whitsunday Islands and Great Barrier Reef

With 74 tropical islands, white pristine beaches and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park on your doorstep, the Whitsunday region is renowned for being one of the best cruising destinations in Australia.

Explore the maze of rugged and mountainous islands, stumble across hidden tropical gems and dive beneath the surface to witness the unforgettable vibrancy of the Great Barrier Reef.

THE WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS

There are 27 pristine Superyacht anchorages throughout the Whitsunday Islands to be enjoyed, allowing yachts to discover the diversity and variety of experiences on offer. Whether you are looking to explore pristine beaches, dive into fringing coral gardens or hike through lush island rainforests, the Superyacht anchorages available in the Whitsundays include some of the most secluded and stunning anchorages in Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

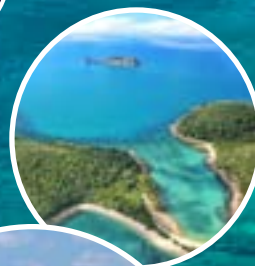
The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park includes the fringing reefs that surround the islands themselves, as well as the outer Great Barrier Reef, home to the iconic Heart Reef. There are many amazing reef systems to be explored and local Dive Guides or Master Reef Guides available to make the most of your exploration.

ISLAND RESORTS

Check in to some of the most unique and inviting tropical island resorts. Discover world-class luxury at Qualia resort on Hamilton Island, enjoy 18 holes at the PGA Championship Golf Course on Dent Island, treat yourself to a spa day and culinary delights at Intercontinental Hayman Island or a Yoga Retreat at the exclusive eco-friendly Elysian Resort.

WHITEHAVEN BEACH AND HILL INLET

Sink your toes into the white silica sands of the world-famous Whitehaven Beach. The 7km stretch of pristine crystal waters and the spectacular blue-green swirling hues of Hill Inlet make this beach a must-see when you visit the region. This stunning beach is perfect for a beach picnic or sunset drinks.



Quick Reef Facts

- Spans 348,000km² – about the size of Italy or 70 million football fields
- 2,300km in length
- 1 of 7 natural wonders of the world
- It is the largest living structure on the planet and visible from space
- 980 individual islands along the length of the Great Barrier Reef
- The Great Barrier Reef as we know it 6,000-10,000 years old
- 25% of all known marine species live here – including 6 of the 7 world's species of marine turtle, 1625 species of fish, 133 varieties of sharks and rays, 30 species of whales and dolphins

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Meet the Locals...

- The Whitsundays is the first Whale Heritage Site in a UNESCO World Heritage Area. In the winter months (June- September), thousands of humpback whales migrate to the warmer waters of the Whitsundays to give birth. Breaching whales, mothers and calves, and pods playing in the shallow waters are a common sight
- Don't miss the stingrays and harmless lemon sharks in the shallow waters of Whitehaven Beach
- Meet 'George', the friendly Maori Wrasse that joins you on your snorkel at the northern end of Hook Island
- Find Nemo hiding in his anemone home
- Keep your eyes peeled on the surface for the many turtles that cruise the waterways
- Jump in with over 1,500 colourful tropical fish species



Adventures and Experiences

Dive, snorkel, hike, sail, eat, sleep and repeat

The Whitsundays boasts a diverse range of experiences and activities. Coral Sea Marina Resort lies in the heart of it all and is ready to act as your home port during your discovery of this spectacular region.

TAKE TO THE SKIES

Witness the magic from the air via private heli-tours or seaplanes (or even a sky dive). Opt to land at private pontoons or secluded areas of the Great Barrier Reef for the ultimate experience.

FEET ON SOLID GROUND

Step ashore and explore hiking trails through tropical rainforests and bushland. Go by foot or by mountain bike and experience the untouched beauty of the islands and coastline.

ABOVE THE SURFACE

Discover why the Whitsundays is a world-famous aquatic playground. From sports fishing (hire your own guide) to jetski thrills, sailing regattas or cruising relaxation, the options above the surface are endless.

BELOW THE SURFACE

Hire a private dive guide to seek out the best snorkel sites and lesser-known diving hidden gems. Get to know a Master Reef Guide, the world's leading reef ambassadors, as they share the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage area. Culture-seekers can trace the Ngaro underwater marine sculpture trail and discover the incredible underwater art that encourages coral growth.

Cultural History

The Ngaro Aboriginal people, also known as the 'Canoe People' or 'Island People', are one of Australia's earliest recorded Indigenous groups and were seen by Captain James Cook whilst exploring the Whitsunday Islands. The Ngaro people lived throughout the island chain and neighbouring tribe Gia (Giya) inhabited the coastal mainland, with Juru towards Bowen in the north.

Many sites throughout the Whitsundays are of cultural significance and hold special meaning for the Traditional Owners of this area, such as the Ngaro rock art in the caves at Nara Inlet (dated to be approximately 8,000-9,000 years old).

Local indigenous guides are available to join you onboard or meet with you to immerse you fully in the rich and deep cultural heritage of the Whitsunday region and Great Barrier Reef.

Main image courtesy of Tourism Events Queensland

Discover more adventures and experiences



Airlie Beach

Airlie Beach is a vibrant coastal town nestled in the mainland heart of the Whitsundays and only a 10 minute walk from Coral Sea Marina Resort.

Known for its tropical climate, stunning ocean views and lively atmosphere, this diverse town is a hub of activity with a range of dining options, a thriving nightlife, a fresh water lagoon and sandy palm-fringed beaches.

BEACHES AND SWIMMING

Bask in the sun at Boathaven Beach, a sandy stretch with calm clear waters for swimming. Laze under the palms at the Airlie Beach Foreshore, or enjoy a swim and a BBQ at the Airlie Beach Lagoon.

DINING

There are no shortages of places to eat in Airlie Beach. From fresh seafood and cocktails to al fresco dining and live music, there is something to suit everyone's taste buds.

SHOPPING

Explore the various unique boutiques or specialist stores, pop into a favourite high street shop, or wander the vibrant Airlie Beach Foreshore markets each Saturday to find yourself something special.

NIGHTLIFE

Well known for its vibrant nightlife, Airlie Beach is home to a variety of restaurants, bars and nightclubs. From boutique cocktail bars, to sports bars, live music venues or nightclubs, Airlie Beach delivers an unforgettable nightlife experience.

SCENIC WALKS AND HIKING TRAILS

Stroll the leisurely scenic Bicentennial Walkway that traverses the coastline or, for the more adventurous, explore the various hiking trails through the neighbouring National Parks to secluded beaches or epic views.

Private dining on The Jetty at
Coral Sea Resort

Join a Tuk Tuk Progressive Dinner

Soak up the sunset

Local's Tips

- Best seafood: Coral Sea Pavilion
- Best live music: The Pub, Airlie Beach Hotel
- Best cocktails: The Garden Bar Bistro
- Best Asian cuisine: Eastwoods
- Best local's hideout: Anchor Bar
- Best location for sunset: Sorrento Restaurant & Bar
- Best beachside views: Northerlies Beach Bar & Grill

Meet the Locals...

- Time a visit to Cape Hillsborough National Park with sunrise or sunset and meet with the local Kangaroos on the beach
- Spot the shy platypus in the fresh waters of Eungella National Park or try something truly unique and book a rainforest scuba dive
- Come face to face with crocodiles in their native environment with Whitsunday Crocodile Safari whilst also enjoying traditional Australian culture with fire-cooked damper and billy-tea
- Surround yourself in Australian bushland on a personalised adventure at Bredl's Wild Farm: Cuddle a koala, hold snakes, meet the crocs and pet the wallabies



The Whitsunday Coast and Hinterland

Whilst the Whitsundays is an aquatic playground, there is so much to explore ashore...

With lush rainforests, rugged hills, a stunning coastline and charming towns, the Whitsunday coast and hinterland areas boast waterfalls, national parks, outdoor adventures, breathtaking scenery and a rich heritage.

HYDEAWAY BAY / DINGO BEACH

A true hidden gem of the Whitsundays, these two beachside destinations offer charming beaches, crystal-clear calm waters, and a typically laid-back Queensland atmosphere. Enjoy cocktails at the two local resorts or simply explore the secluded bays.

CEDAR CREEK FALLS

Just a short drive from Airlie Beach through rugged countryside is this picturesque waterfall, that generally flows during the wetter summer months. With a plunge pool perfect for cooling off on a hot summers day, a climb to the top of the waterfall and beyond, or space to relax under a shady tree, this is a nice way to experience the Whitsunday flora and fauna.

LAKE PROSERPINE

Lake Proserpine provides the perfect fresh water environment for watersports or barramundi fishing. Flat, calm water and a huge expansive lake makes it popular with locals and visitors for wake-boarding, jet skiing, fishing and wind surfing.

BOWEN

For a quintessential north Queensland experience, the coastal town of Bowen to the north is well worth a visit. Bowen's beaches are some of the best in the Whitsundays, where you can snorkel the reef directly off the shore.

FURTHER AFIELD...

Just to the south of the Whitsunday region lies the breathtaking Eungella National Park, brimming with tropical rainforest walking trails, epic scenic views across the valley, fresh waterfalls and quaint country cafes. It is a place not to be missed.



Unique To You

For those seeking the extraordinary, the Whitsundays offers a paradise of seclusion, exclusivity, escapism and adventure. Indulge in an iconic destination with carefully curated experiences.

Our Superyacht Concierge specialises in creating unique and bespoke experiences for the most discerning of travellers, ensuring that each moment is as remarkable as the destination itself.

BESPOKE EXPERIENCES

Whether its a personalised diving expedition to the most untouched reefs in the region, a cultural journey with your own indigenous guide, a yoga class at sunrise on one of the world's best beaches, private heli-flights, private chefs and more, every experience can be tailored to every taste. The sky is the limit.

EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Whitsundays is known as the Heart of Events and is the perfect location for a bespoke celebration. From incredible local musicians, to fire twirlers, indigenous dancing, DJs and more, creating unforgettable moments is easy in the Whitsundays.

UNIQUE DINING

Imagine dining under the stars on a secluded beach amongst the Whitsunday Islands, at a private beachside cabana or on deck amongst the calmness of the outer Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsundays serves up a feast for the senses.

EXCLUSIVE LUXURY ACCOMMODATION

The Whitsundays boasts a unique selection of exclusive luxury properties and accommodation. From the world-renowned qualia at Hamilton Island, to private estates, luxury homes, or even the reef's only underwater Reef Suite, there are accommodation options available to suit each travellers preferences.



Create your bespoke itinerary

A cruising paradise, the Whitsundays and Great Barrier Reef offer endless itinerary possibilities.

From three days to two weeks or more, and with 27 dedicated Superyacht anchorages throughout the region, you can plan the perfect itinerary to suit any taste. From adventurers to resort-goers, diving fanatics or sun-seekers, the Whitsundays is a yachting a dream.

Contact Champion Crewing & Concierge to create your bespoke itinerary:

info@championcrewing.com

Download the Better Boating Guide

Coral Sea Marina Resort have created a **Better Boating Guide - Our Guide to Greener Recreational Boating**. This guide aims to assist in minimising the impact of yachting activities on the marine environment.

The Whitsundays and Great Barrier Reef region is a major draw card for thousands of yachting visitors each year. The yachting community are in a unique position to be ambassadors of the ocean through making smart, sustainable choices and creating good yachting habits.

Join our Green-Marine movement and discover more at coralseaacademy.com



Download the
Better Boating Guide

Watch an introduction to
the Great Barrier Reef with local
Master Reef Guides



Download the
Eye on the Reef App



Travel for Good

‘Travel for Good’ refers to the concept of travelling in a way that has a positive impact on the destinations visited, the people living there, and the environment. ‘Travel for Good’ uses travel as a force for positive change, transforming the act of exploring new places into an opportunity to contribute to the greater good! Here in the Whitsundays, there are numerous ways you can contribute to the local community and environment. Pick up litter as you go, volunteer for beach clean up days, or spend time with, or donate to, a local not-for-profit organization.

Sustainability on the Great Barrier Reef

Coral Sea Marina is a certified Clean Marina Level III through the Marina Industries Association and Sustainable Tourism Certified through Ecotourism Australia.

It is Coral Sea Marina’s goal that every visitor discovers a connection with nature, becomes an ambassador for the Great Barrier Reef, and leaves with a greater understanding and passion for living sustainably.

CORAL SEA ACADEMY

The Coral Sea Academy is Coral Sea Marina Resort’s edutourism platform and is designed to provide guests, visitors and the local community with access to a range of engaging events and educational content, providing opportunities to consciously connect people to boating, the environment and themselves.

WHITSUNDAYS SEAGRASS RESTORATION PROJECT

The Whitsundays Seagrass Restoration Project is focused on collecting, cultivating and germinating seagrass seeds to enhance the seagrass meadows in Pioneer Bay, adjacent to Coral Sea Marina’s rock wall.

Coral Sea Marina supports this project by hosting the seagrass nursery in the north marina and working alongside the Coastal Marine Ecosystems Research Centre at CQUniversity, Reef Catchments and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation.

Seagrass flowers are collected from Pioneer Bay with help from community volunteers and are held at the nursery until seeds form and can be harvested. These seeds will help restore damaged meadows, boosting biodiversity and resilience in the Reef’s ecosystems.

MASTER REEF GUIDES

The Whitsundays is proud to have a number of Master Reef Guides in the region. These local guides have been trained to serve as advocates and storytellers, providing visitors with better information about the Great Barrier Reef.

EYE ON THE REEF

Brought to you by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA), the Eye on the Reef program is one of the easiest ways for the boating community to get involved in reef protection. By joining this citizen science movement, it allows you to provide Marine Park managers and researchers with up-to-date information that will help inform management decisions and actions towards the ongoing protection of the reef.

REEFCLEAN

The ReefClean program is a project that aims to remove and prevent marine debris in the Great Barrier Reef region through various initiatives such as clean-up events and volunteering opportunities, education initiatives and collecting valuable marine debris data. Since the program began, more than 97.5 tonnes of marine debris have been collected- that’s the equivalent weight of around 3 humpback whales!

Award-Winning

In 2019, Coral Sea Marina Resort became the first marina in Queensland to attain Platinum level under the 5 Gold Anchor Global Marina accreditation scheme. By continually setting industry benchmarks and being recognised globally as a premium destination, Coral Sea Marina Resort has been awarded the following industry awards / accreditations:

- ⚓ 5 Gold Anchor Platinum Global Marina Accreditation
- ⚓ Superyacht Ready Accreditation
- ⚓ Australian Superyacht Industry Service Provider of the Year 2017, 2021 and 2024
- ⚓ ACREW Superyacht Business Awards- Best Superyacht Marina 2022
- ⚓ Australian Marina of the Year 2017/18, 2019/20 and Hall of Fame 2021
- ⚓ ACREW Superyacht Business Awards - Best Superyacht Marina (Runner-Up) 2021
- ⚓ ACREW Superyacht Business Awards - Best Australasian Marina (Runner-Up) 2020
- ⚓ Whitsundays Business of the Year 2024
- ⚓ Sustainable Tourism Certified, Ecotourism Australia
- ⚓ Eco Excellence Award- Whitsunday Business Awards 2025
- ⚓ MIA Best Community Support 2022/23
- ⚓ MIA Best Community Engagement by a Marina 2019/20
- ⚓ MIA Innovation by a Marina 2017/18
- ⚓ Winner of Wedding Industry Awards- Wedding Venue 2023 and 2024
- ⚓ Major Tourism Attraction (Gold) - Queensland Tourism Awards 2017
- ⚓ Major Tourism Attraction (Finalist) - Australian Tourism Awards 2017
- ⚓ Major Tourism Attraction (Gold) - Whitsunday Tourism Awards 2016, 2017, 2018, Hall of Fame 2019
- ⚓ ecoBiz Star Rated Partner 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

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