



ISLANDS  
OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

# Fact Sheet

## Hamilton Island

Perfectly situated in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, nestled among the Whitsunday Islands, Hamilton Island offers an experience like no other: glorious weather, azure waters, brilliant beaches, awe-inspiring coral reefs, fascinating flora and fauna, fine food and wines, and activities almost too numerous to mention.

With a wide range of restaurants, bars, takeaways, boutiques and shops plus a commercial marina, sports complex and chapel (Could there be a more perfect place to say "I do"? – not to mention 20 kilometres of bushwalking trails – Hamilton has it all. Whether you're looking for action, relaxation, romance or a fun family getaway, it's all here in abundance, with new experiences and adventures waiting around every corner.

### Activities

Discover the picturesque waterways in a private dinghy or sail the day away on board a luxury yacht, stopping off at Whitehaven Beach, renowned for the dazzling perfection of its white sand. Swim, dive or snorkel to your heart's content, then test your sporting prowess with a full-day game fishing trip, followed by a dinner of the day's catch (yours, of course) cooked to perfection on the barbecue.

For a change of pace, grab your walking shoes (and a gourmet picnic hamper) and hit the trail to Passage Peak where you'll be rewarded with spectacular 360° views of the Whitsundays. Or simply bask on pristine beaches or by one of the many enticing swimming pools. Then make your way to the award-winning Beach House for what might prove the longest (and best) lunch you've ever had – our five-course degustation menu.

Lovers of fine food can mingle with some Australia's best chefs at the Great Barrier Feast or Chef's Table Weekends. And sailors won't want to miss the Audi Hamilton Island Race Week – the largest offshore yacht-racing event in Australia.

Take a scenic flight, cuddle a koala, go twilight sailing or do nothing at all. At Hamilton Island, it's all about doing exactly what you please.

### Five key selling points

1. Easy access with direct flights from most major cities
2. Great Barrier Reef destination, plus over 40 activities
3. Variety of accommodation, ranging from 3–5 star
4. Ten restaurants (ranging from à la carte to casual), six bars and an assortment of shops and boutiques
5. Closest island with access to world-famous Whitehaven Beach and Heart Reef

### Style of accommodation

Hamilton Island offers a variety of accommodation types, ranging from 3-star island-style garden bungalows, extremely spacious 4-star hotel rooms, luxurious 5-star waterfront rooms and a wide range of 3 to 5-star self-catering properties spread throughout the island.

### Hotels

Located resort side and in close proximity to Catseye Beach, the main pool and resort centre, the island's hotel accommodation includes the 3-star Palm Terrace and Palm Bungalows, the 3 1/2-star one-bedroom Whitsunday Holiday Apartments, the 4-star Reef View Hotel and the 5-star Beach Club. Perfect for guests looking for the convenience of hotel service.



### Self-catering properties

The island's individual self-catering rental properties, including apartments and houses that sleep from one to eight people, are set in their own grounds, with most sharing landscaped gardens and a swimming pool. There are a variety of styles including studio, split level and two storey. All properties include a complimentary four-seat buggy. Four-night minimum stay applies.

### Destination highlights

- Easy access to spectacular Whitehaven Beach
- Exploring the island on a golf buggy
- Scenic flight over Heart Reef
- Diving, snorkelling, glass-bottom boat tours of Hardy Reef
- Koala gallery wildlife experience and educational tour

### Spa experience

Hamilton Island's Relaxation Centre offers a variety of holistic and massage therapies, ranging from aromatherapy, therapeutic and oriental head massages to rejuvenation, de-stress and "especially for him" body treatments. A pregnancy massage is provided for mums-to-be (three to six months gestation only) while other special modalities, including Thai, Kahuna, Lymphatic, Acupressure and Reiki, are available on a restricted basis.

### Great Barrier Reef access

- Fringing reef and snorkelling straight off the beach
- Day cruise to Reefworld (the largest offshore facility on the Great Barrier Reef – includes underwater viewing chamber, semi-submersible coral viewer, P.A.D.I. introductory and certified dives, plus guided snorkelling tours with a resident marine biologist)
- Reef-sleeps and nocturnal viewing
- Full and half-day luxury boat reef trips
- Night and day glass-bottomed boat trips of fringing reef
- Private charter boats
- Helicopter and seaplane scenic flights.

### The Whitsundays

Surrounded by the Great Barrier Reef and cradled by the calm waters of the Coral Sea, the 74 (mostly uninhabited) Whitsunday Islands offer glorious weather, azure waters, brilliant beaches, awe-inspiring coral reefs and fascinating flora and fauna. Discover the wonder that is Heart Reef. Sink your feet into the dazzling white sands of world-famous Whitehaven Beach. Or simply sail at sunset across the crystal-clear waters. This quintessential wonderland awaits your pleasure.

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### Access

Regular direct flights to Hamilton Island are available from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Cairns.

