Eco Certified suggested itinerary – 2 days | 3 nights

Discover the best of The Whitsundays with this action-packed 2-day, 3-night itinerary blending iconic sights, soft adventure, and tropical relaxation. Begin with a tranquil sunset sail aboard a luxury catamaran before diving into a full day of exploration with Ocean Rafting to Whitehaven Beach, Hill Inlet and the Great Barrier Reef. Then, slow the pace with Red Cat's Falls to Paradise tour — a rainforest-meets-beach day trip complete with waterfalls and cocktails. For those squeezing in one last thrill, top it off with a morning jetski ride skimming across turquoise waters before departure.

Browse the list of deals on experiences and accommodation on the QTIC website here

Arrival Day

Airlie Beach Sunset Sail

Wings Sailing Charters | Event deal available

Visit website

Set sail in style aboard Wings' spacious catamaran for a relaxing 2-hour sunset cruise around Airlie Beach, complete with grazing platters and complimentary bubbles. As the sun dips below the horizon, soak up uninterrupted ocean views, sea breezes, and the laid-back Whitsundays atmosphere.

Day 1: Whitehaven Beach, Hill Inlet and the Great Barrier Reef

Northern Exposure or Southern Lights Tour

Ocean Rafting | Event deal available

Visit website

Experience Hill Inlet and Whitehaven Beach and snorkel the Great Barrier Reef on a fast-paced adventure with Ocean Rafting. Option to add a scenic flight in the morning to see Heart Reef and Hill Inlet. The Northern Exposure Tour includes more snorkelling (two spots) and a little bit less beach time, and the Southern Lights tour includes more beach time and slightly less snorkelling (one spot).

Day 2: Explore the locals' secret spots

Falls to Paradise

Red Cat Adventures

Visit website

Explore the wonders of The Whitsundays mainland with the Falls to Paradise Tour with Red Cat Adventures. Visit Cedar Creek Falls and enjoy a seaside lunch at Northerlies Beach Bar and Grill.

Departure Day: Optional morning activity

Airlie Adventure

Whitsunday Jetski Tours

Visit website

Say goodbye to The Whitsundays in style with the Airlie Adventure by Whitsunday Jetski Tours, a thrilling 1.5-hour guided jet ski ride through the turquoise bays and coastline around Airlie Beach. Spot marine life, soak up island views, and enjoy a perfect mix of adrenaline and scenic cruising — no experience needed. The morning tour starts at 7.30am and has you back on dry land by 10am.

OR

Explore Airlie Beach

Spend your final morning soaking up the charm of Airlie Beach. Unwind by the Airlie Beach Lagoon, a free public swimming spot with ocean views, shaded lawns, and shallow areas perfect for relaxing before your journey home. If you're up for a stroll, take a scenic walk along the Bicentennial Boardwalk, stretching from the lagoon to Cannonvale Beach — a peaceful way to take in the coastline and marina views.

Pop into the Airlie Beach Markets (if it's a Saturday) for handmade gifts, fresh produce, or last-minute souvenirs, or browse the local boutique stores for coastal fashion and unique finds. If you're feeling active, The Honeyeater Lookout Hike in Airlie Beach is a 2.5-hour return walk through lush rainforest, leading to a breathtaking lookout with panoramic views over the town, Coral Sea, and Whitsunday Islands — perfect for nature lovers and sunrise seekers.

Whether you're looking to wind down or squeeze in a little more exploring, Airlie has something to offer right up until the moment you leave.

Accommodation options

Magnums Accommodation | Event deal available

Visit website

Magnums is a budget-friendly retreat situated in the heart of Airlie Beach. Offering a variety of accommodations, from ensuite cabins to private rooms with shared bathrooms, it's ideal for travellers seeking affordability without compromising on location. Guests can enjoy the lush tropical setting while being just steps away from the town's vibrant nightlife and dining options.

Mantra Club Croc

Visit website

Mantra Club Croc is a coastal-inspired resort located in Cannonvale, just a short drive from Airlie Beach's main attractions. The property features 160 well-appointed rooms, a large lagoon pool with adjoining spa, tropical gardens, a bistro-style restaurant, and a gymnasium. It's a perfect choice for families, couples, and groups looking for a blend of comfort and convenience.

BIG4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort | Event deal available

Visit website

This award-winning, family-friendly resort offers a range of accommodations, from camping sites to luxury condos. Set amidst 26 acres of landscaped gardens, the resort boasts a lagoon-style pool, 13 water slides, mini-golf, and a kids' club, ensuring entertainment for all ages. It's an ideal base for families exploring the Whitsundays.

BIG4 Whitsundays Tropical Eco Resort | Event deal available

Visit website

Nestled within 7 acres of tropical rainforest, this eco-friendly resort provides a tranquil escape just minutes from Airlie Beach. Accommodation options include villas, condos, eco-lodges, and powered sites, with pet-friendly options available. Guests can enjoy facilities like a solar-heated pool, outdoor cinema, and a well-equipped camp kitchen.

The Boathouse Apartments

Visit website

Located on the Port of Airlie Marina, The Boathouse Apartments offer luxury two and three-bedroom self-contained apartments with private balconies overlooking the water. Amenities include a resort-style swimming pool, tennis court, and easy access to the town centre and ferry terminal. It's a perfect choice for those seeking a blend of comfort and prime location.

For further accommodation deals, visit the QTIC website here.