

AIRLIE BEACH The Whitsundays



Itinerary Information

In the Heart of the Great Barrier Reef lies The Whitsundays, home to 74 islands and an iconic tropical resort town Airlie Beach.

The Whitsundays is located along Queensland's central coast in northeastern Australia, approximately 1,120 km north of Brisbane and 630 km south of Cairns. The Bruce Highway is the main route connecting Queensland's coastal cities and towns. It passes through Proserpine and Bowen, with Airlie Beach just a 20-minute drive from Proserpine. Simply follow the signs to Airlie Beach and the Whitsunday Islands along Shute Harbour Road.

With its reliably sunny weather, the Whitsundays is an ideal destination year-round, boasting an average of 300 days of sunshine. Whether you're interested in whale watching in winter, enjoying hot tropical summers, or experiencing the tranquil yet action-packed shoulder seasons, the Whitsundays has something for everyone. And with water temperatures around 25°C year-round, it's always a great time to dive in.

Average daily temperatures in The Whitsundays are:

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
°C	31	30	29	28	26	24	23	25	26	28	31	31
°F	88	86	84	82	79	75	73	77	79	82	88	88



Packing list

- Casual clothes for warm weather
- · Comfortable shoes for walking
- Thongs/flip-flops and sneakers
- Small backpack/daypack for boat trips
- Reusable water bottle
- A light jacket/cardigan/sweater
- Umbrella or alternative for potential showers
- Sunscreen
- Swimwear
- Hat
- Camera and a BIG SMILE 😊



	DAY 1
	Welcome to Airlie Beach, your perfect starting point for exploring the Great Barrier Reef and the Whitsunday Islands!
Morning	Located amidst the lush tropical hills of Conway National Park and the endless blues of the Coral Sea, Airlie Beach offers plenty of adventure, relaxation and fun.
Worning	Head over to one of the many cozy café's at Coral Sea Marina village for a delicious breakfast. Just a short walking distance from the main street, Australia's most awarded marina is the perfect spot to start your Airlie Beach adventure. Watch the world go by as you savour your morning coffee or smoothie and get excited for a thrilling three days ahead.
	Let the fun times begin!
10am	Check-in at Pioneer Adventures' office at the marina and jump on an 800-horsepower jet boat ride that will have you screaming, laughing and wet from head to toe. In just 30 heart-pounding minutes you will arrive at the vibrant shores of Daydream Island. Meet with a marine biologist in the Living Reef, where you'll dive into a hands-on marine experience. Watch friendly stingrays being fed, pat quirky sea stars, and give some squishy sea cucumbers a gentle squeeze!
	After the marine magic, enjoy 45 minutes of free time to explore this stunning small island. Then, it's time to hop back on the jet boat for a thrilling ride back to Airlie Beach.
	Wow, what an exciting and welcoming experience that was!
	Make your way to your accommodation, Magnums Airlie Beach, located in the most central spot of Airlie Beach. Check-in with the friendly reception staff and head over to your eco-friendly cabin.
1.30pm	Magnums Airlie Beach offers a range of affordable accommodation options. This award- winning property is only seconds away from Airlie Beach Main Street with easy access to everything that the town has to offer: lagoon, supermarket, cafes, shops and bars.
	After settling in your room, grab your swimmers and take a short 500-meter walk to Airlie Beach Lagoon, located at the picturesque Airlie Beach Foreshore. It's the perfect spot for a refreshing swim or picnic and meet with like-minded fellow travellers and locals.
	This afternoon, embark on a 2-hour sunset sailing adventure aboard the luxurious Wings sailing catamaran. Bring your favourite drinks and head to Coral Sea Marina to meet the crew.
4.45pm	Relax on the spacious deck, taking in breathtaking views of the sunset as you gently cruise along the shores of Airlie Beach Bay, heading toward the stunning Pioneer Rocks within the Whitsunday Islands. Indulge in a complimentary tropical welcome drink, and enjoy your own refreshments, perfectly complemented by a freshly prepared antipasto grazing platter and decadent dessert canapés served onboard.



	How amazing was that! A perfect way to kick off your first day in Airlie Beach.	
Evening	Depending on your energy levels, you can either head back to your accommodation for a well-deserved rest or keep the excitement going at the lively pubs and clubs along Airlie Beach's main street. For a truly local experience, make sure to stop by The Pub at Airlie Beach Hotel, a vibrant hotspot offering refreshing drinks, tasty meals, a sports bar, and entertainment.	
	If you're a fan of a perfectly cooked steak, you can't miss KC's Bar & Grill. Just a short 50- metre stroll from your accommodation, this beloved, locally owned bar and grill has been serving up mouthwatering Aussie cuisine for over 40 years. Enjoy a delicious meal while soaking in the lively atmosphere and live music every night.	
Overnight Accommodation	Magnums Airlie Beach	

	DAY 2
	Rise and shine - another epic Whitsundays day awaits!
	Craving caffeine or a quick bite? Swing by The Deck Airlie Beach (just across the road) for a delicious breakfast before the real fun begins.
Morning	Today, you're off on an unforgettable Northern Exposure adventure with the award- winning Ocean Rafting team. Expect snorkelling, island-hopping, and serious wow-factor views across the Whitsunday Islands and Great Barrier Reef. Don't forget to pack: swimwear, sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, water bottle, camera, and anything else you'd take for a beach day.
	Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea are included - but bring some cash or a card if you'd like to grab a drink or snack onboard (think soft drinks, juices, wine, beer, or chocolatey treats).
	Have the best day out there!
	Meet your Ocean Rafting crew at the bus stop in front of X Base Backpackers - just a 3- minute stroll from your accommodation.
7.45am	From there, it's time to jump aboard for a high-speed adventure across the turquoise waters to Whitsunday Island. First stop: the legendary Hill Inlet Lookout, accessed via a short, guided walk through the land of the Ngaro people – the Traditional Owners of the Whitsundays. Along the way, you'll learn about their rich culture and deep connection to Country.
	After the walk, cool off with a swim and enjoy lunch on the iconic Hill Inlet Beach, famous for its swirling white sands and clear, calm waters. Then it's all about the reef! You'll visit two hand-picked snorkel sites around Hook Island – think vibrant coral gardens, tropical fish, and maybe even a turtle or two. Led by your Master Reef Guide, you'll gain insight into the incredible underwater ecosystem of the Great Barrier Reef – the largest living structure on Earth. This eco-adventure is a snorkeller's dream – prepare to be wowed.



	What an epic day!
3.30pm	Ocean Rafting will provide a complimentary return transfer to your accommodation. Freshen up and enjoy your time at leisure.
	Be sure to explore the many shops along the main street and marinas, where you can find unique local souvenirs or update your holiday wardrobe.
	Feeling hungry?
Evening	If you're up for a short drive out of town, hop on the Northerlies Beach Bar & Grill courtesy bus and head to this beloved local hotspot. Nestled on the mainland, this beach bar captures the essence of island vibes, offering the perfect escape. Enjoy a tempting selection of Australian favourites, from comforting pub classics to fresh, flavourful seafood platters. All of this is served in a laid-back, tropical setting with stunning ocean views, music, and refreshing drinks to complement your meal.
	Once you've had your fill of all the goodness, take the courtesy bus back to Airlie Beach.
	The night is still young! Put on your dancing shoes and head down to one of the nightclubs to dance the night away.
Overnight Accommodation	Magnums Airlie Beach

	DAY 3
Early Morning	 Good morning. Stretch out and get ready for your final adventure day in Airlie Beach. You can't leave the region without seeing all this beauty in the air! This morning you will be joining Skydive Australia for a once-in-a-lifetime thrill as you jump off a plane 15,000 feet high. Put on your closed shoes and let's do this, woohoo! Hot tip - make sure to order the video that your instructor will capture of your entire skydive experience! Paying a bit extra is so worth reliving this epic experience for the rest of your life and obviously, to show everyone the magic of the moment – and the sheer lunacy of your freefall face.
7am	Meet your skydive crew just outside of your accommodation for your pick-up. After a short 10-minute drive you will be at the beautiful Whitsunday Airport and ready for your safety briefing and to meet your tandem master. Take in the stunning beauty of the Whitsunday Islands, sparkling mainland coastline, and crystal-clear waters as your plane climbs to altitude. Then–get ready for the ultimate adrenaline rush. Leap into free-fall at over 220 km/h for up to a wild 70 seconds before gently floating beneath the parachute for 5 to 7 unforgettable minutes. Soak up jaw- dropping views of Airlie Beach, The Whitsundays, and the iconic Whitehaven Beach. It's no wonder this spot is ranked as one of the most spectacular places to skydive in Australia.



10am	After your sky-high adventure, ease back into the day with a scenic 1km stroll to Coral Sea Marina. It's the perfect way to burn off that adrenaline buzz and share some of the high vibes with fellow walkers. Feeling like a little post-jump treat? Head over to Coral Sea Pavilion, the poolside, oceanfront bar and dining spot at Coral Sea Resort. With stunning views and a relaxed atmosphere, it's the ideal place to kick back, recharge, and toast to your epic skydive before diving into your next adventure.
1pm	It's time for your last thrilling ride on the water! Make your way to the Whitsunday Jetski Tours office at Coral Sea Marina to meet your guides and get ready to explore on your own jetski for a great mixture of adrenalin and adventure. Over the next 90 minutes, cruise past the Whitsunday Islands, glide through the beautiful bays around Airlie Beach, and keep an eye out for turtles as you explore the coastline. After your trip the jetski crew will drop you back at your accommodation in Magnums.
Afternoon	It's been fun, but all good things must come to an end. Wishing you a safe journey home. As you leave town, take a short detour to Cedar Creek Falls—just a scenic 25-minute drive from Airlie Beach. Nestled within the lush Conway National Park, this hidden gem offers the perfect escape into nature. Surrounded by towering cedar trees and crystal-clear rock pools, the waterfall creates a serene setting ideal for relaxing, swimming, and soaking in the beauty of the rainforest.