

GREAT BARRIER REEF

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SuperYacht Group
GREAT BARRIER REEF

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Welcome!

The Superyacht Group Great Barrier Reef is a non-profit industry consortium promoting Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef region as a premier superyacht destination for cruising, refit and maintenance, training and charter.

The Superyacht Group Great Barrier Reef's charter is to provide complimentary information on all our stunning region has to offer, from things to see and do, through to first class services to ensure your visit here is exceptional.

- Customs Clearances and Crew Visas
- Great Barrier Reef Cruising Regulations
- Marina Berthing and Island Access
- Cruise and Land-based Itineraries
- Superyacht Refit and Maintenance Facilities
- High Quality Local Providers
- Private Jet and Helicopter Services
- Crew Training and Sourcing
- Guides and Agents Details

The Superyacht group works with visiting yachts to assist with vital research being done to preserve the Great Barrier Reef for future generations, in partnership with Citizens of the Reef, Great Barrier Reef Legacy, The International Seakeepers Society and the Coral Sea Foundation.

Join us at our monthly Nautical Nights networking events held in Cairns at the Salt House, within walking distance of the marina and our regular Captains welcome lunches.

We hope to meet you at the National and International boat shows and Rendezvous, where we can share stories on our natural attributes, authentic cultural and outback experiences. Please come and see our ancient wet tropics Rainforest and world heritage listed Great Barrier Reef to experience world class diving and snorkelling for yourself – we promise you won't be disappointed!

For more information, please contact us at info@superyachtgroup.com



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SuperYacht Group

GREAT BARRIER REEF





A Word from our Chair



It is a privilege to be Chair to this amazing group of over 80 members who are so passionate and dedicated to providing unparalleled services to the worldwide Superyachts visiting our magnificent coastline. The Great Barrier Reef region, stretching from Gladstone to Torres Strait, represents Australia's premier superyacht destination, offering an extraordinary 2,300-kilometre marine highway through the world's largest coral reef system.

Our region provides multiple world-class entry points for custom clearances, each strategically positioned to offer unique experiences. Cairns remains our flagship gateway with deep water access into the port and 12 dedicated Superyacht berths, including the largest in the Southern Hemisphere at 140m on Sailfish Quay in the Cairns Marlin Marina. Moving south, the Whitsundays offer 21 purpose-designed superyacht anchorages amid 74 tropical islands, whilst the town of Airlie Beach offers ample superyacht berths at both Coral Sea Marina and service berths at Shute Harbour. Mackay and Gladstone also provide additional premium berthing facilities and comprehensive marine services, as well as rapid clearance services.

Our infrastructure capabilities span the entire corridor, from Cairns' current 1120t mobile boat hoist and projected 5000t ship lift for the Cairns Marine Precinct, to state-of-the-art facilities at Hamilton Island Marina, Coral Sea Marina in Airlie Beach, and the expanding capabilities at Hayman Island and Gladstone Marina.

The Superyacht Group Great Barrier Reef's mission extends beyond individual ports – we promote this unique destination as a complete superyacht experience. From the pristine waters of Torres Strait and Cape York in the far north, through the iconic Whitsunday Passage, to the southern gateway at Gladstone, we offer owners access to UNESCO World Heritage-listed reef and rainforest, first-class refit facilities, premium tropical provisioning, accessible high-quality fuel, high-end chandlery services, and exceptional concierge experiences throughout the region.

Our strategic positioning allows superyachts to island-hop through some of the world's most exclusive destinations – from the remote wilderness of Cape York and Torres Strait, through the luxury resorts of Hamilton Island and Hayman Island, to the gateway ports of Cairns and Port Douglas. Each location offers distinct experiences while maintaining our consistently high service standards that encourage these majestic vessels to return year after year.

Through the long term invaluable ongoing financial support from Cairns Regional Council, Ports North, and our SYGGBR membership base, along with strong investment from both Whitsunday and Mackay Regional Councils, plus the Gladstone, Mackay, Shute Harbour and Coral Sea Marinas, the Superyacht Group Great Barrier Reef maintains a continual, consistent global marketing and membership presence at international boat shows and events each year, all aligned to our strategic plan to showcase the full breadth of our regional offering.

Our group proactively supports our national body Superyacht Australia, and we have been instrumental in working with them to develop purpose-designed crew visas, establish new superyacht anchorages throughout our region, and secure new legislation allowing foreign flagged superyachts to charter within Australian waters – opening unprecedented opportunities across our entire Great Barrier Reef corridor.

Should you be interested in joining us as a member or require support with your visit to our region we welcome you to contact us at info@superyachtgroup.com. As chair, I look forward to welcoming you onboard to be part of this fantastic service network that truly supports the unique superyacht industry across the entire Great Barrier Reef region – from the tropical gateways of the north to the southern harbours, united in delivering world-class experiences to the international superyacht community.

Kathleen Ferguson
Chairperson



DIAMOND MEMBERS



Meet Our Diamond Members

Cairns Marlin Marina

Providing 261 berths, the marina is a colourful mix of reef boats, game fishing fleet, waterfront bars and a floating seafood restaurant. The jewel in the crown is Sailfish Quay which caters exclusively to superyachts up to 60m inside a floating pontoon, or 140m on the outside fixed wharf. Recognised as the superyacht hub of Australia, the Cairns Marlin Marina has the friendly staff to match, and the marina setting is beautiful.

Enter Trinity Inlet and be welcomed by a stunning vista of mountains cradling the city of Cairns. Berth near the vibrant CBD where you can take in the many restaurants, nightclubs, shopping, the casino, and luxury hotels. Spend time along the foreshore's kilometres of parks, picnic and exercise facilities, the Esplanade swimming lagoon, or the lively street cafes and iconic Rusty's Markets.

Berthing at the Cairns Marlin Marina offers access to three world-class shipyards and a bustling refit and marine district just a 5 minute drive away and the international airport is only 10 minutes away.

Viva Energy

Viva Energy is the largest supplier of marine fuels in Australia, including both residual and distillate fuel grades. We own and operate the Geelong Refinery, which has the capability to locally manufacture world-class quality fuel to any specifications your vessels require.

Our experienced Marine team will support you with advice to help maximise engine efficiency and reduce downtime. Then you can focus on what's important – your business.

Viva Energy has recently taken over the fuel operations at Cairns Marlin Marina and we are excited to work with local businesses, delivering safe and reliable fuel solutions. We can offer the following refuelling options:

- Easy mooring for both commercial and recreational vessels up to 22 metres in length at MW19 (Fuel Berth)
- Full time staff on site 7days a week to assist with refuelling.
- Refuelling berth supplies Diesel and Unleaded 91 that can pump up to 180 litres per minute
- Road bunker available from Sailfish Quay by arrangement

Shangri La The Marina Cairns

Add Shangri La: Experience the warmth of genuine Australian hospitality at Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns. The hotel sits between Marlin Marina and the Coral Sea, in the heart of the city's waterside dining precinct. Laze by the pool, relax in tropical gardens and take in panoramic Trinity Inlet views. The hotel is steps from the city's Reef Fleet Terminal – where boats depart daily for the Great Barrier Reef, close to World Heritage-listed rainforests, and only minutes from Sailfish Quay, Australia's largest Superyacht Berth.

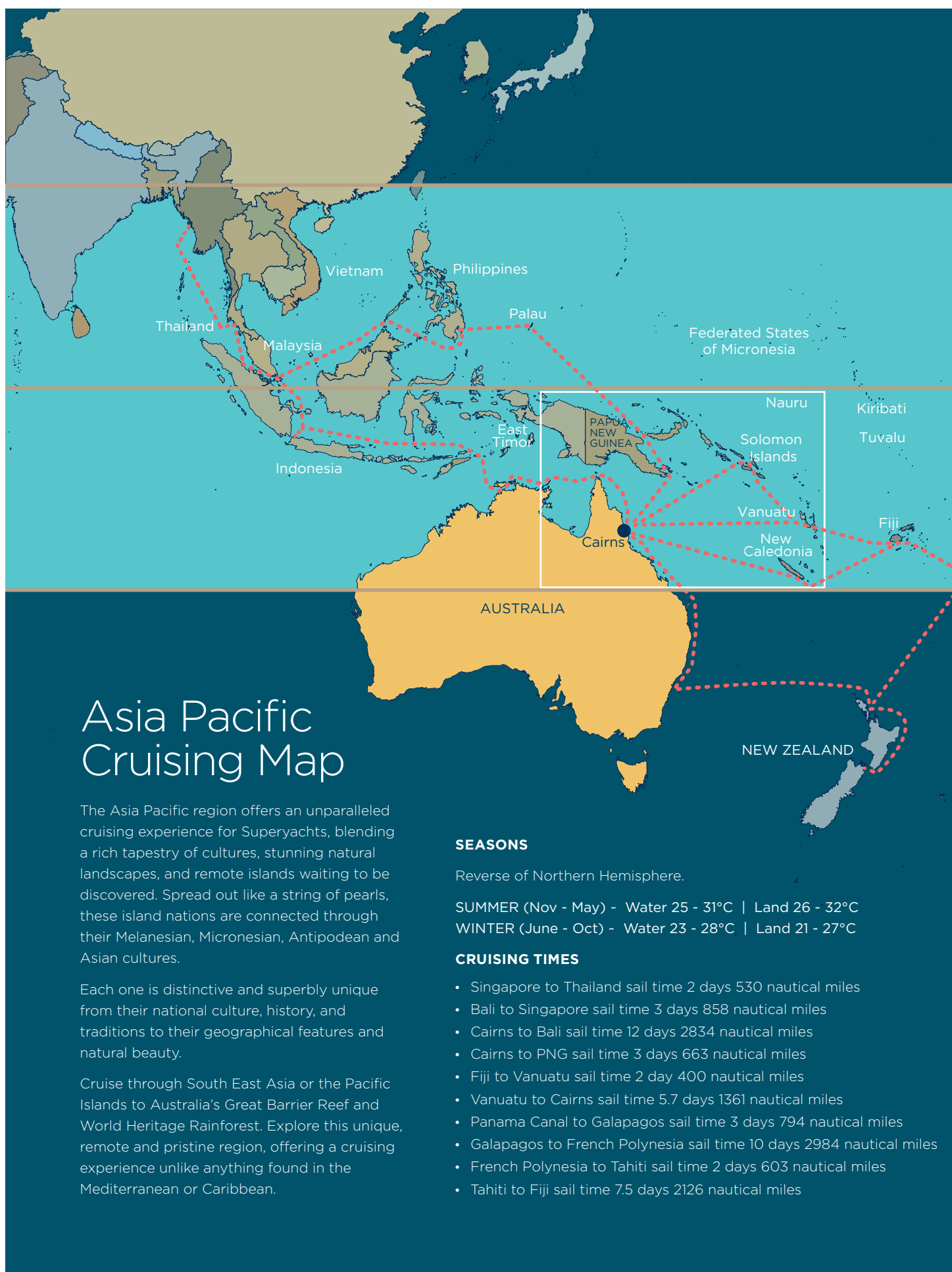
- Mesmerising mountain and marina views over Trinity Inlet.
- Waterfront Restaurant and Bar.
- Outdoor pool with lush tropical garden surrounds.
- Captains and crew are welcome to utilise our premises under a day pass arrangement

Pantaenius Yacht Insurance

Since its arrival into the Australian market a decade ago, Pantaenius Sail & Motor Yacht Insurance has established itself as Australia's preferred Marine Insurers. Pantaenius prides itself in providing its clients with a genuine service.

The claims department is also known within the industry for going above and beyond to alleviate any stresses of their clients and get their vessels back on the water as quickly as possible. The Pantaenius team are all boaties at heart and therefore understand the value boat owners place on their vessels and the importance of providing the best service and cover possible. This sincere core identity has stayed consistent since the Baum family first begun providing cover in 1963 in Hamburg, Germany.

To this day Pantaenius is still a family business with an ever-growing worldwide recognition and respect in the marine industry. At Pantaenius the team knows boats, they know the risks and they can help with sound advice on the best way to safeguard your marine assets, no matter where in the world you may be voyaging!



Asia Pacific Cruising Map

The Asia Pacific region offers an unparalleled cruising experience for Superyachts, blending a rich tapestry of cultures, stunning natural landscapes, and remote islands waiting to be discovered. Spread out like a string of pearls, these island nations are connected through their Melanesian, Micronesian, Antipodean and Asian cultures.

Each one is distinctive and superbly unique from their national culture, history, and traditions to their geographical features and natural beauty.

Cruise through South East Asia or the Pacific Islands to Australia's Great Barrier Reef and World Heritage Rainforest. Explore this unique, remote and pristine region, offering a cruising experience unlike anything found in the Mediterranean or Caribbean.

SEASONS

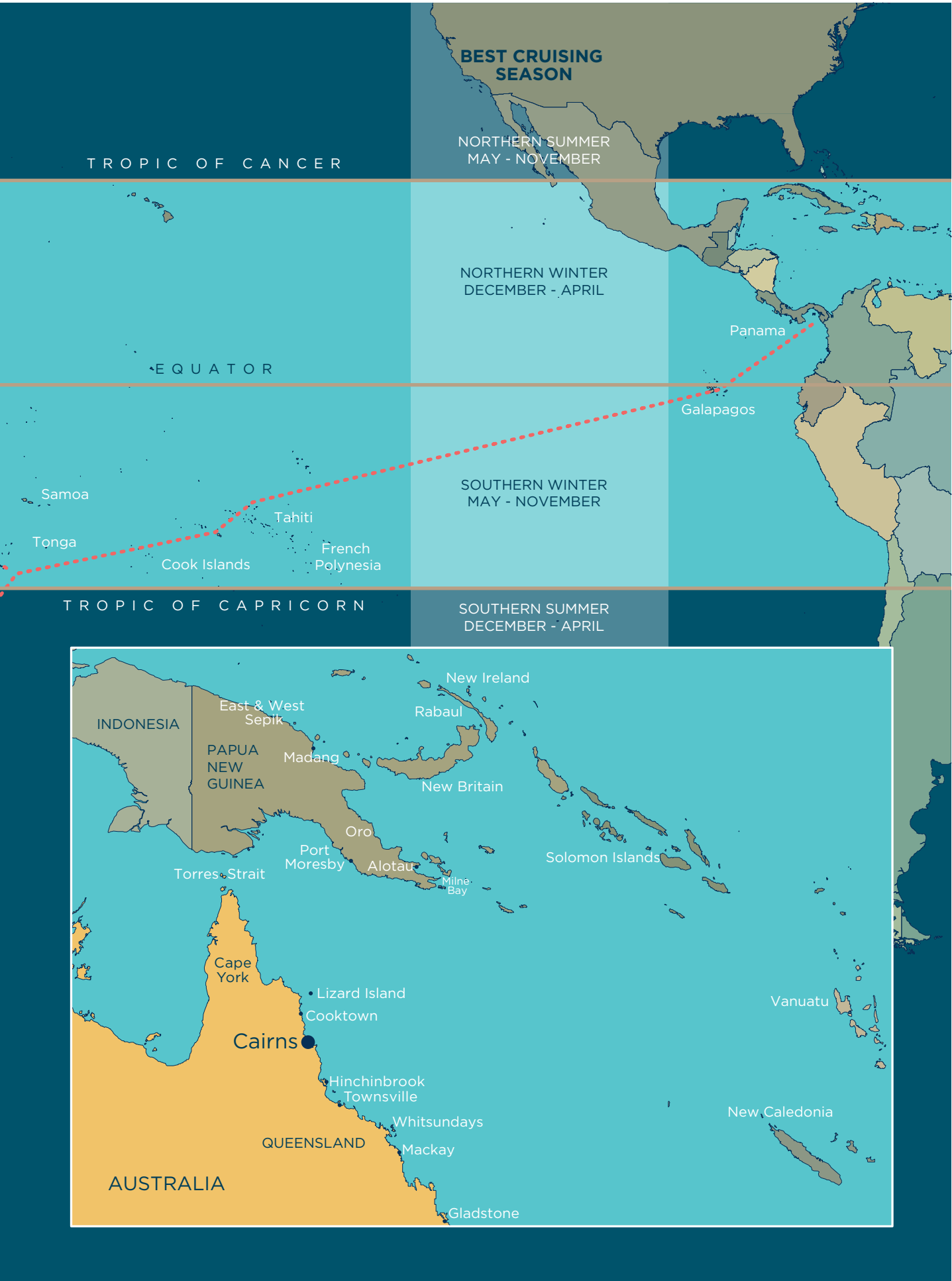
Reverse of Northern Hemisphere.

SUMMER (Nov - May) ~ Water 25 - 31°C | Land 26 - 32°C

WINTER (June - Oct) ~ Water 23 - 28°C | Land 21 - 27°C

CRUISING TIMES

- Singapore to Thailand sail time 2 days 530 nautical miles
- Bali to Singapore sail time 3 days 858 nautical miles
- Cairns to Bali sail time 12 days 2834 nautical miles
- Cairns to PNG sail time 3 days 663 nautical miles
- Fiji to Vanuatu sail time 2 day 400 nautical miles
- Vanuatu to Cairns sail time 5.7 days 1361 nautical miles
- Panama Canal to Galapagos sail time 3 days 794 nautical miles
- Galapagos to French Polynesia sail time 10 days 2984 nautical miles
- French Polynesia to Tahiti sail time 2 days 603 nautical miles
- Tahiti to Fiji sail time 7.5 days 2126 nautical miles



Marinas

Customs
Entry and
Departure
Port



CAIRNS MARLIN MARINA

Cairns Marlin Marina provides first class facilities and service, featuring 261 berths including Sailfish Quay catering exclusively to Superyachts with 12 dedicated, fully secure Superyacht berths up to 140m. The state-of-the-art floating marina is set in the heart of Cairns City only 10 minutes from the international airport and 3 world class shipyards, a short stroll will find you in the lively dining and entertainment precinct.



CORAL SEA MARINA

As the region's only 5 Gold Anchor Platinum accredited marina, Coral Sea Marina's vibrant marina resort precinct, range of dedicated superyacht facilities, plus variety of leisure activities, make it the marina of choice for captains and crew. With premium berthing for up to 80m/5 LAT, impeccable marina facilities and an outstanding team of professionals, Coral Sea Marina is a premier superyacht and tourism destination on Australia's east coast.

Latitude Longitude	16° 55' S 145°46' E	20° 16' S 148° 43' E
Address	1 Spence Street, Cairns City Queensland 4870 Australia	1 Shingley Drive, Airlie Beach Queensland 4802, Australia
E	marina@portsnorth.com.au	marina@csmr.com.au
P	61 7 4052 3866	61 7 4946 2400
W	www.portsnorth.com.au/cmm/super-yachts	www.coralseamarina.com
Nearest airport	Cairns International and Domestic Airport	Whitsunday Coast Airport Hamilton Island Airport
Marina VHF Channel	16	9
Port of Entry (Australia)	Yes	On Request
Access draft	9.5m channel - 6.5m inner berth	5m LAT
Max. height	None	None
Max. length	140m	80m
Total Berths	262	520
Superyacht Berths >24m	14	126
Superyacht Berths >50m	4	16 x 40m + 1 x 80m
Berth type	Floating pontoons and fixed wharf	Floating pontoons
Marina electricity	Up to 200 amp	Three phase - 32/63/125/200/400 amp. Single phase - 15 amp
Marina fuel	Available in-berth via tanker	In-berth high flow bunkering available. 24 hour fuel wharf
Pump-out facility	Via truck	In berth pump out available
Other facilities / notes	CCTV, 24h security, showers, laundry, restaurant, bar, alongside access, wifi.	CCTV, security gate access, a/hrs security, resort, spa, gym, restaurants, bars, helipads, superyacht storage facility, crewing & concierge agent on site.



SHUTE HARBOUR MARINE TERMINAL

Offering the quickest most idyllic access to the 74 islands of the Whitsundays, including the famous island resorts of Long Island, Daydream Island, Hamilton Island and Hayman Island. Located in a natural harbour itself, the calm waters and deep draft of the marina allow for easy access and accommodate vessels in excess of 40m. The Coastal town of Airlie Beach is a short 10-min drive away.



MACKAY MARINA VILLAGE

Mackay Marina is the Whitsunday's only official Port of Entry into Australia. Ultra High flow premium Diesel available with volume discounts available. Six luxury superyacht berths up to 55m capacity with alongside vehicular access. Close proximity to large shopping centres and airport, Mackay Marina is the perfect base for exploring the Whitsundays and Great Barrier Reef.



GLADSTONE MARINA

An accredited 5 Gold Anchor marina located within Gladstone Harbour. The marina is perfectly positioned to explore the secluded anchorages, tropical islands and pristine coral reefs in the area. Gladstone Marina offers premium berthing and personalised service for vessels to 50m, with up to 125 amp power available. A luxury courtesy bus is available for airport transfers and the marina is close by to restaurants and bars.

20° 29.28 S 148° 78.58 E

Lot 296 Whitsunday Drive, Shute Haven, Queensland, Australia

shuteharbour@whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au

61 7 4946 6616

www.shuteharbourmarine.com.au

Whitsunday Coast Airport
Hamilton Island Airport

16

Mackay

6m

None

45m

12

8

2

Floating pontoons

Three phase - 32/63/125 amp
Single phase - 15 amp

High Flow Diesel, 98 Premium ULP

N/A

Restaurant, bar, off premise liquor sales, ice & bait sales, penthouse style function space

21 6.25° S 149 13.54° E

4/46 Mulherin Drive, Mackay Harbour, Queensland 4680 Australia

Reception@Mackaymarina.com

61 7 4955 6855

www.mackaymarina.com

Mackay Airport

16

Yes

4.5m LAT

None

55m + on request

435

12

6

Floating pontoons

Three Phase 32/63/150 amp
Single phase - 15 amp

Ultra High Flow Diesel and ULP

Yes. Via Truck

CCTV, 24h security, showers, laundry, restaurant, bar, chandlery & gift shop, ATM, wifi.

23 49.56° S 151 14.40° E

Bryan Jordan Dr, Gladstone, Queensland 4680 Australia

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61 7 4976 1398

www.gpcl.com.au

Gladstone Domestic
Brisbane International

82

Yes

4m LAT

None

50m

300

5

2

Floating pontoons and fixed wharf

Three Phase 32/63/125 amp
Single phase - 15 amp

Fuel dock - Diesel and unleaded

Yes

CCTV, onsite cafe, wifi, laundry, showers, BBQ, courtesy bus to shops.

Marinas Continued



HAMILTON ISLAND MARINA

The Hamilton Island Marina is located in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, where your boating paradise awaits. With a jet airport serviced by Virgin Australia, Qantas and Jetstar, and with direct flights from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, upon arrival you are just minutes away from being on your vessel. This makes it the perfect location to keep your vessel to cruise and explore hidden bays and iconic beaches



HAYMAN ISLAND MARINA

InterContinental Hayman Great Barrier Reef invites you to experience the Resort, travelling to Hayman Island onboard your private vessel. Whether you are planning a day trip or an overnight stay, elevate your holiday in the Whitsunday Islands and visit the frontier of Australian luxury. Berth bookings are subject to availability and therefore are required to be confirmed by the Marina team before entering the marina.

Latitude Longitude	20° 21' S 148° 57' E	20° 03.64' S 148° 52.92' E
Address	Hamilton Island Queensland 4803 Australia	1 Raintree Ave, Hayman Island, Queensland 4801 Australia
E	marina@hamiltonisland.com.au	Haymanmarina@ihg.com
P	61 7 4946 8353	61 7 4940 1036
W	www.hamiltonisland.com.au	www.haymanisland.intercontinental.com/hayman-marina
Nearest airport	Hamilton Island Domestic Airport	Hamilton Island Domestic Airport
Marina VHF Channel	68	06
Port of Entry (Australia)	No	No
Access draft	4m	2.1m LAT
Max. height	> 8m stay clear of flight path	N/A
Max. length	43m	45m
Total Berths	300	15
Superyacht Berths >24m	32	6
Superyacht Berths >50m	1	N/A
Berth type	Floating pontoons	Floating Pontoon
Marina electricity	Three phase - 32/63/125 amp Single phase - 15 amp	Three phase - 32/63/125 amp Single phase - 15 amp
Marina fuel	24h Self Service Fuel Jetty, Diesel, ULP	Prior appointment required. Diesel and Unleaded (Subject to availability)
Pump-out facility	N/A	N/A
Other facilities / notes	Jet airport, transfers, restaurants, bars, supermarket, bottle shop, resort facilities, pools, beach, laundry, accommodation, adventure activities.	Resort access available with marina bookings.

Superyacht Support



AFFILIATES

Superyacht Australia

www.superyacht-australia.com

APSA

www.apsuperyacht.org

Cairns Regional Council

www.cairns.qld.gov.au

Cairns Chamber of Commerce

www.cairnschamber.com.au

Tropical Tourism North Queensland

www.tourism.tropicalnorthqueensland.org.au

Tourism Queensland

www.queensland.com

MYBA

www.myba-association.com

United States Superyacht Association

www.ussuperyacht.com

International Superyacht Society

www.superyachtsociety.org

CREW TRAINING & RECRUITMENT

Champion Crewing & Concierge

www.championcrewing.com

YOA Yacht Crew Agency

www.yoaagency.com

Great Barrier Reef International Marine College

www.gbrimc.com.au

PILOTAGE

Auriga Pilots

Auriga Pilots offers specialised pilotage and advisory services for superyachts in the Great Barrier Reef, in addition to traditional pilotage services. Our team of highly professional Marine Pilots provides customised guidance to ensure safe navigation through the environmentally sensitive and Heritage-listed marine region. With origins back to 1872 along the Queensland coast, Auriga has evolved into a sophisticated state-of-the-art operation, with safety, professionalism, innovation and customer satisfaction our highest priorities. Trust Auriga Pilots to deliver professional and reliable pilotage services for your next adventure through the Great Barrier Reef and beyond.

www.auriga.com.au

SUPERYACHT AGENTS

Carter Marine Agencies

Sarah Toxward

CMA delivers expert yacht agency and concierge services for superyachts cruising Australia. With 60+ years of combined experience as ex yacht crew, we offer trusted, professional support tailored to the unique needs of the superyacht industry. Endorsed by AYSS, Superyacht Australia, and the Superyacht Services Guide, we're proud to be Australia's leading superyacht agency, known for our excellent customer service, vast local knowledge and going the extra mile.

www.cartermarine.com.au

Major Yacht Services

Geoff Majer

Since 1997, Major Yacht Services has supported over 750 superyachts cruising Australian waters. Specialising in berths, fuel, and customs clearance, MYS offers tailored agent services for captains and owners alike - handling both routine logistics and extraordinary requests to ensure seamless visits throughout Australia's premier superyacht destinations.

www.majoryachtservices.com.au

CHARTER BROKERS

The Yacht Life

www.theyachtlife.com

Superyacht People

www.thesuperyachtpeople.com

Ocean Alliance

www.oceanalliance.com

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Coral Sea Foundation

The Coral Sea Foundation is a not-for-profit marine conservation organisation based in North Queensland, their mission is to raise awareness of the importance of our oceans and promote sustainable management of the Coral Sea, Melanesia, and the Great Barrier Reef. Using science, gender equity, and sustainability alongside captivating visuals and social media to achieve this. The organisation develops reef monitoring solutions and collaborates with Indigenous reef custodians to establish marine reserves that benefit fisheries, enhance marine biodiversity, and create ecotourism assets. Their team has extensive experience in expedition vessel operations throughout the region and support the marine conservation benefits that Superyacht visitation can deliver.

www.coralseafoundation.net

The International Seakeepers Society

The International SeaKeepers Society promotes oceanographic research, conservation, and education through direct involvement with the yachting community. Providing educational resources and hands-on marine science experiences to students is the primary focus for ensuring the future wellbeing of our planet. SeaKeepers enables the yachting community to take full advantage of their unique potential to advance marine sciences and raise awareness about global ocean issues.

www.seakeepers.org

Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre

www.cairnsturtlerehab.com

Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef Great Reef Census

www.greatreefcensus.org

Eye on the Reef - GBRMPA

www.gbrmpa.gov.au/help/eye-on-the-reef

Great Barrier Reef Legacy

www.greatbarrierreeflegacy.org

Parley for the Ocean

www.parleyfoundation.org

Reef Restoration Foundation

www.rrf.org.au

Tangaroa Blue

www.tangaroablue.org

Arrival Procedures

All information regarding Arriving or Departing Australia and Superyacht Regulations can be advised by your Superyacht Agent.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A superyacht Crew Visa subclass 408 is required for all non-Australia and non- New Zealander crew in advance of their arrival.

- Visa can be requested for 3, 6, or 12 months
- Visas required for longer than 3 months require sponsorship
- Sponsorship must be applied for in prior to lodging individual visas
- Visa extensions require sponsorship and can be lodged whilst crew are still in Australia or overseas
- Visas are multiple entry
- Visa period commences for first date of arrival into Australia

AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE

When you arrive in Australia, you must first call at a declared Port of Entry, where the Australian Border Force and Biosecurity checks can be completed. All vessels must display the International Pratique Q-flag and are required by law to give 96 hours of intended arrival and each person onboard must hold a valid visa and passport.

Vessels need to provide:

- name of vessel
- country and port of registration
- intended first Australian port
- date and time of arrival
- last 6 ports of call
- full details of all crew and passengers onboard
- details of any illness or disease
- details of firearms and animals
- Depending on the vessels intentions whilst they are in Australia will depend on whether they are to be imported and operate under a Control Permit. Control Permits can be granted for 12 months, however ABF will discuss this with each vessel at arrival clearance.

See ABF QR Code for all Entry and Exit Information.

AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Biosecurity/Quarantine)

ABF and Department of Agriculture clearance must be completed before you go ashore. Keep all food and animals secure until your vessel has been inspected by Biosecurity.

You must report if you are carrying:

- restricted and performance enhancing drugs
- animal or plant material
- protected wildlife and products made from them, food items i.e. meat products, dairy, eggs, grains etc.

- high risk items must be declared and will be taken and destroyed.

Biosecurity reporting is completed online, use QR Code for Pre-arrival Report and Checklists

GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK PERMITS

The Great Barrier Reef was placed on the World Heritage list in 1981 and regulations are in place to ensure its protection and long-term sustainability. Recreational and Commercial Superyachts must ensure they are compliant and operating under responsible reef practices. The Reef Authority's new Eye on the Reef app works outside of mobile range and your valuable data contribution helps Reef managers understand and protect these precious eco systems.

The Reef Authority's app enables you to access:

- Zoning Maps & GBR Permits
- Whale Watching Regulations
- Record Reef Health
- Log Marine Sightings
- Check Fishing Closures



PILOTAGE REQUIREMENTS

Coastal and Reef Pilotage for the Great Barrier Reef is compulsory for vessels with LOA 70 metres up.

Port pilotage requirements are risk based and can vary dependent on the port area being accessed. Superyachts over 50m LOA must take a port pilot in Queensland ports. Please refer to individual port procedures or contact your local port agent.



TAXATION

Yachts operating privately and cruising Australian waters on control permits, or superyachts entered under a temporary importation, will be able to obtain repairs or refits free of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) by presenting a copy of their control permits and vessel registration certificate to their service provider. Your local agent can assist with this

CHARTERING IN AUSTRALIA

To charter in Australia, foreign-flagged vessels need to either obtain a temporary licence or be fully imported. The most suitable method of entry may depend on how long you will be in Australia and your plans while you are here. The licence is valid for a period of 12 months and additional licences can be applied for before the completion of each 12 months. A full importation has no time limit on how long you can stay.

Chartering in Australia has local tax implications that can be complex; however, there are also opportunities to access local tax credits. We recommend that you contact one of our local agents well before you arrive to make sure your taxes can be appropriately managed while you are here. Australia has the most extensive domestic fleet of superyachts available for charter in the Asia-Pacific. The majority of these vessels are based in New South Wales and Queensland, however vessels will regularly conduct charters through Western Australia, Northern Territory, Victoria and Tasmania.





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CREW SUPPORT - CHANDLERY

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GRIFFIN MARINE

Griffin Marine is a proudly Australian owned and operated company, employing over 200 staff around the nation. GM is a national leader in shipbuilding, repair, maintenance, and management, offering a comprehensive suite of services.

Our capabilities include ship construction and repair, marine engineering, above and below waterline preservation, insulation fabrication and installation, mechanical fitting, maintenance delivery, project management, and 24/7 emergency response. Griffin Marine operates across Australia with workshops and teams strategically located in Perth, Sydney, Darwin, and Cairns. Our culture is based on responsiveness, safety, and exceptional performance.

Griffin Marine supports the superyacht industry nationally and internationally with tailored solutions for both planned maintenance and urgent defect repairs. We understand the unique demands of international vessels and offer advanced reverse engineering capabilities to address long lead times and parts obsolescence. Whether it's a critical component or a bespoke system, our team can rapidly develop and deliver high-quality replacements to keep operations running smoothly.

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Perth | Sydney | Darwin | Cairns

<https://griffinmarineservices.com.au>




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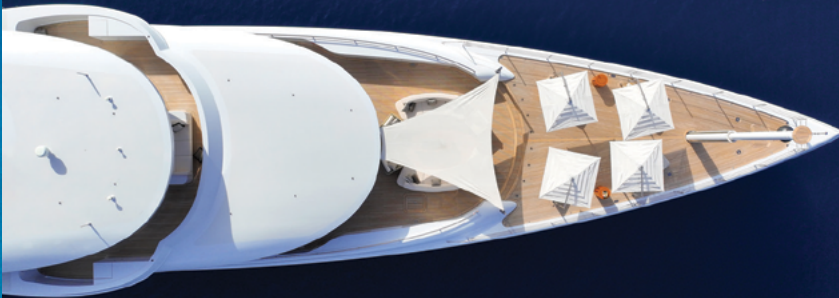
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Cape Tribulation looking south to Snapper Island

Great Barrier Reef

“ Discovering the incredible GBR region has been a revelation! Australia and Tahiti are at both ends of the South Pacific and we have strong common bonds: UNESCO biospheres, incredible coral reefs and marine life – ocean conservation is a priority –, UNESCO world heritage sites, fabulous food, safe and secluded cruising grounds as well as a network of experienced professionals ensuring visiting yachts will have the best possible time. The South Pacific and Australia are definitely appearing on more and more owners' bucket list and for the right reasons. ”

Christelle Holler, Director
Tahiti Private Expeditions.
International Superyacht Society.



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How can we help the Reef?

The Great Barrier Reef, and reefs around the world, are under increasing pressure from climate change and other local threats. But the Great Barrier Reef is not dead. The reality is much more complex than that, with areas of damage but also areas of incredible beauty and life. It's a resilient ecosystem and still a place of incredible beauty and life, but we need everyone's help to keep it that way.

It's easy - ask us how to get involved in the Great Reef Census program with Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef and do your part to help us survey the 40% of the reef that is currently undocumented!

There are many more opportunities for you and your crew to get involved in the future preservation efforts on the Great Barrier Reef and to clean up our beaches!

We work closely with the following foundations in our region and can also assist you to find a scientist/marine biologist to come on board your vessel:

- Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef
- Coral Sea Foundation
- Great Barrier Reef Legacy
- Parley for the Oceans
- Stuart Ireland - Reef Today Series
- International Seakeepers Society

Come and experience the beauty, magnificence and diversity of the Great Barrier Reef for yourself!



“ There is a gross misunderstanding about the condition and health of the Great Barrier Reef. The way the reef bounces back from cyclone damage is a thing of beauty. The change since cyclone 'Debbie' hit the Whitsunday islands in 2017 is inspiring. Perhaps more attention should be paid to the way this wonderful living organism heals itself and less newsprint given to people's opinion voiced from far away. Come see for yourself. If you make the effort to visit the Great Barrier Reef, you will not be disappointed! ”

Captain Robert “Johnno” Johnston - SY Fidelis

UNESCO GBR Quick Facts

- It makes up about 10% of the world's coral reef ecosystems.
- It is one of the most complex natural systems on earth.
- It covers 344,400km² in area, and stretches 2,300km along the Queensland coast.
- Includes the world's largest coral reef ecosystem, with 600 types of hard & soft coral.
- Consists of 3,000 coral reefs, 600 continental islands, 1625 types of fish and 133 varieties of sharks and rays.
- It is roughly the same area as Japan, Germany or Italy. Around 80% of all tourism activity occurs within just 7% of the Great Barrier Reef region.
- Cairns is the Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, with closest access points to the reef from Cairns, Port Douglas, Mission Beach and Cape Tribulation.
- The region provides the most diverse options in outer reef, inner reef, island, beach and coral cay experiences.
- It is the best managed reef in the world.
- The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park sets a global benchmark for marine protected area management. All commercial and recreational activities are regulated by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.
- Best practice management and a firm commitment from the tourism industry to its conservation, result in best reef management and protects the values of the Marine Park.
- Best management tools applied:
 - Partnerships and innovative best practice initiative
 - Education and community awareness
 - Permits and licenses
 - Research
 - Zoning

For more detailed information on permits and zoning maps, visit www.gbrmpa.gov.au





GBR LEGACY'S TOP TIPS

A few tips from the Great Barrier Reef Legacy. The Great Barrier Reef is the size of Italy so to get the best out of your reef experience you may want to:

1. Hire a quality guide with experience in the area of operation (speak to Superyacht Group Great Barrier Reef info@superyachtgroup.com)
2. Consider the calendar of natural history events:
Eg: In June and July the northern Great Barrier Reef is host to one of the world's most incredible wildlife experiences, - swimming with Dwarf Minke whales. This is a special permit activity so you will want to hire a whale guide and permit to snorkel/dive with the friendliest mammals on the planet or Turtle nesting in Nov-December. See Humpback Whales and Bottlenose Dolphins between May and August.
3. Take advantage of the various regional airports such as Hamilton Island, Lizard Island, Lockhart River or Horn Island to rendezvous with your vessel and access the best reefs and wildlife experiences.

RECOMMENDED DIVE GUIDES

GBR REGION

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Great Barrier Reef Legacy
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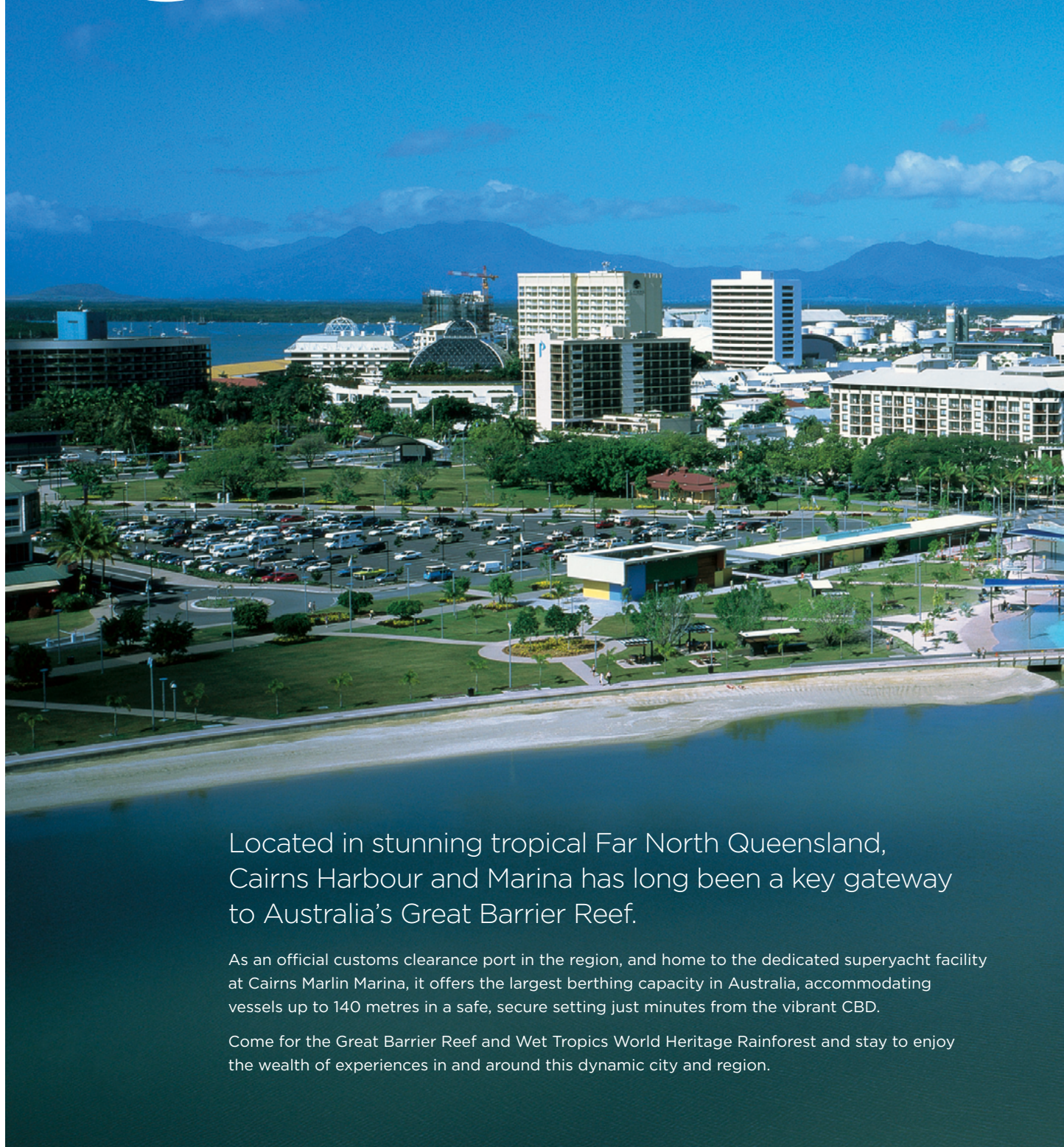
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City of Cairns



Located in stunning tropical Far North Queensland, Cairns Harbour and Marina has long been a key gateway to Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

As an official customs clearance port in the region, and home to the dedicated superyacht facility at Cairns Marlin Marina, it offers the largest berthing capacity in Australia, accommodating vessels up to 140 metres in a safe, secure setting just minutes from the vibrant CBD.

Come for the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics World Heritage Rainforest and stay to enjoy the wealth of experiences in and around this dynamic city and region.



A WORD FROM OUR MAYOR

Welcome to Cairns – a city unlike any other, where the world's most iconic reef meets rainforest, and where superyachts are not just welcomed, but valued.

Positioned as the gateway to two World Heritage-listed wonders, Cairns continues to attract luxury vessels from around the globe. But it's not just our location that sets us apart. It's the spirit of our people, the quality of our service, and the seamless access to world-class experiences — on land and sea.

With pristine cruising waters, a tropical climate, and Australia's largest marine tourism fleet, Cairns has earned its reputation as a must-visit superyacht destination.

Our marina sits at the heart of the CBD, with international airport access less than 10 kilometres away, and full-service shipyards and specialist marine trades just steps from your berth.

Cairns is one of the few places where customs and quarantine clearance can be completed at your berth for foreign-flagged vessels — making it not only an exceptional leisure destination, but a practical one for refit, maintenance and crew logistics.

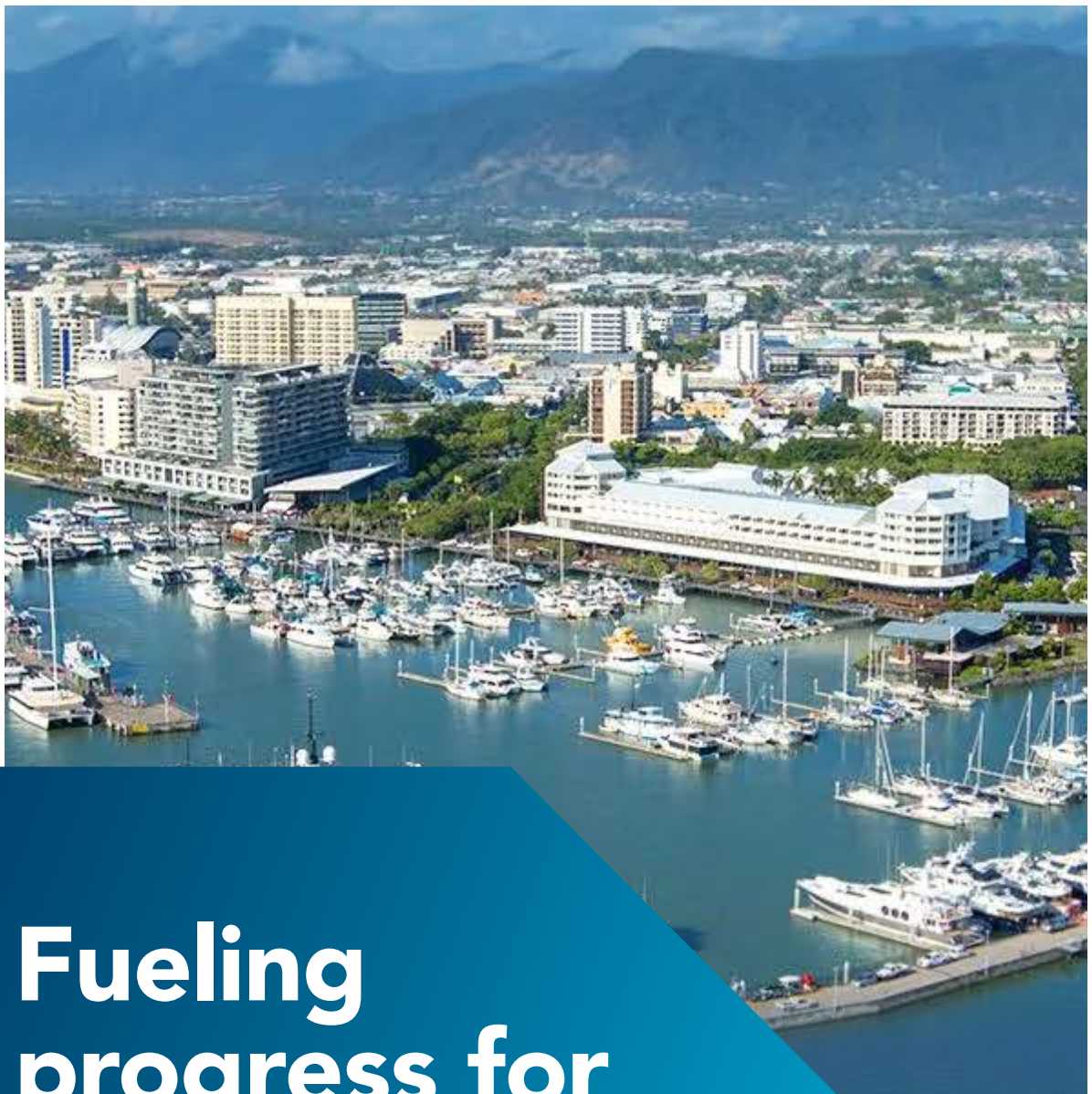
Cairns Regional Council recognises the economic and strategic value of the superyacht industry and proudly supports the Superyacht Group Great Barrier Reef in promoting our world-class capabilities.

Whether you're visiting for the reef, rainforest, refit or relaxation — you'll find a city ready to welcome you.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Amy Eden
Mayor of Cairns





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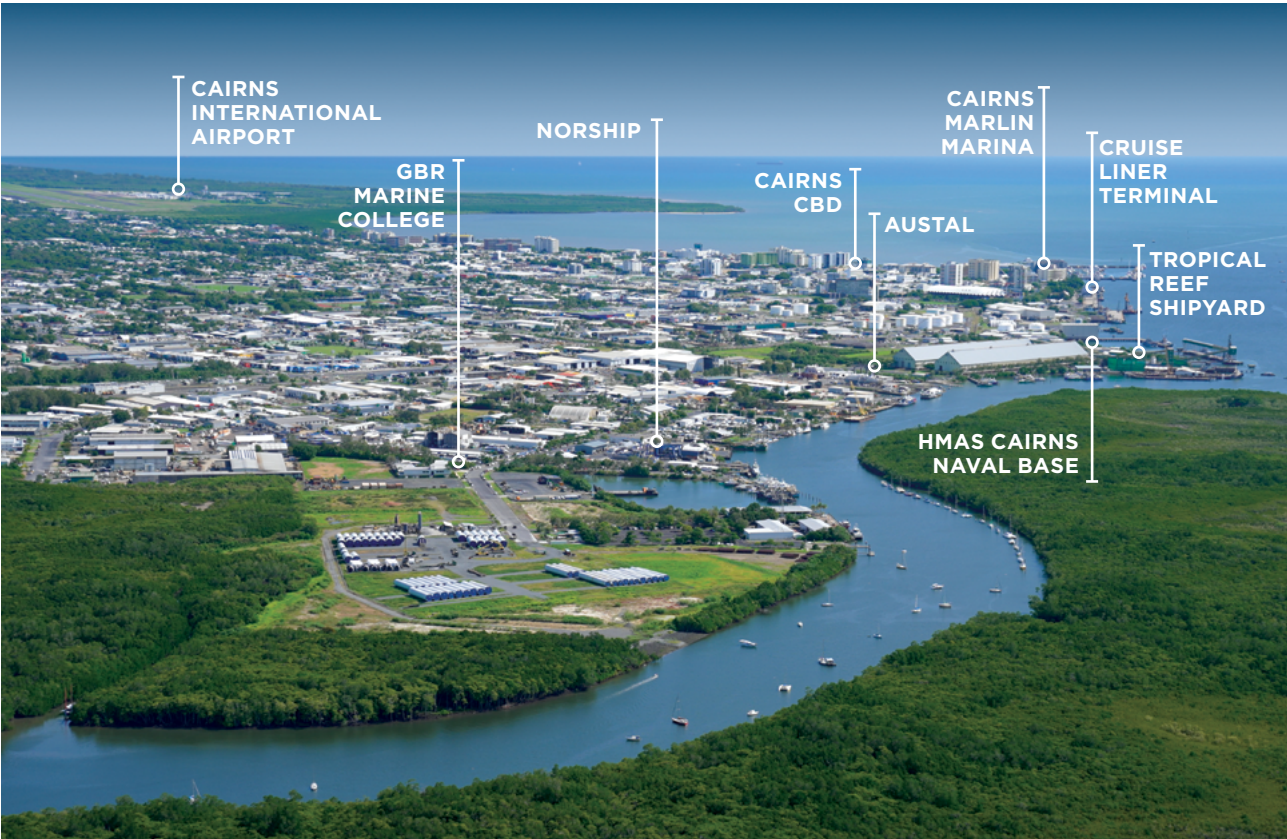
The Port of Cairns, boasting a dedicated superyacht marina up to 140m, easy channel access, deep berths, no shipping congestion, and a world-class maritime industry, is the most northern port on the eastern seaboard of Australia and situated only 15 minutes from an international airport, providing ease of access for vessels, guests, and supplies. Five-star accommodation and the region's natural attributes make this the perfect destination for all your maintenance requirements.

The Cairns Marine Precinct is a leading maritime maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) destination for vessels across Australia and internationally. The precinct services approximately 15% of all Australian registered vessels and close to 80% of all North Queensland registered vessels over 15 metres.

As the gateway to the Pacific region and the Great Barrier Reef, it is of major economic importance to Cairns and North Queensland and is the premier MRO destination for the region, boasting three major Lloyds accredited shipyards. The Pacific's largest mobile Boat Hoist lifting 1120t can be found at Austal Cairns, while Tropical Reef Shipyards operates a 3000 Tonne Slipway and the Norship facility includes 3 Travel Lifts ranging from 60-400 Tonnes.

All shipyards are only an 8 minute or 2.5 km's drive from Sailfish Quay, the dedicated superyacht marina and work with teams of OEM's and highly specialised and experienced tradespeople who provide unparalleled world class services and reliable project management.

Location	No. of Haulout Lifts	Lift Type	Max Tonne	Max Length	Max Beam	Max Draft	Air Height
Austal	2	Travel Lift	1,120	60	17.5	6+	Unlimited
		Rail Slip	1,200	80	20	3.5	
Norship	3	Travel Lift	400	68	11.5	5	12.1
		Travel Lift	160	40	7.6	3	11.2
		Travel Lift	40	18	4.8	4	5
Tropical Reef Shipyards	1	Rail Slip	3,000	105	19.6	7	Unlimited



Tropical Reef Shipyard

Tropical Reef Shipyard, (TRS) provides maintenance, repair, refit, and conversion to Commercial, Leisure and Naval Vessels. Supporting our customers with FIFO in remote areas, TRS has gained a proud reputation for quality and on-time delivery.

Operating for over 40 years TRS boasts the largest lift capacity in Northern Australia, with a capability to haul out 3000 tons and 110m OAL vessels. Unencumbered entrance with 9.2m ALW channel and wet berths and dry dock length of 135m and 20m beam. Wet berths fully serviced including craneage up to 250 tons.

TRS provides all services for through-life support. Highly experienced Boilermakers, Fitter & Turners, Blasting & Painting, and wide-ranging partners provide all maintenance capabilities to complete works, including supporting surge works.



Norship

Strategically located near Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef, Norship is Northern Australia's leading shipyard for superyacht refit, repair, and maintenance.

Its state-of-the-art 62m all-weather refit shed - the first of its kind in the region - features humidity control and full filtration. Trusted by Defence, commercial, and superyacht clients, Norship delivers discreet, tailored service from urgent repairs to precision refits and premium coatings.

Backed by decades of marine expertise and the region's largest, most skilled marine workforce, Norship meets the highest standards expected by visiting superyachts.

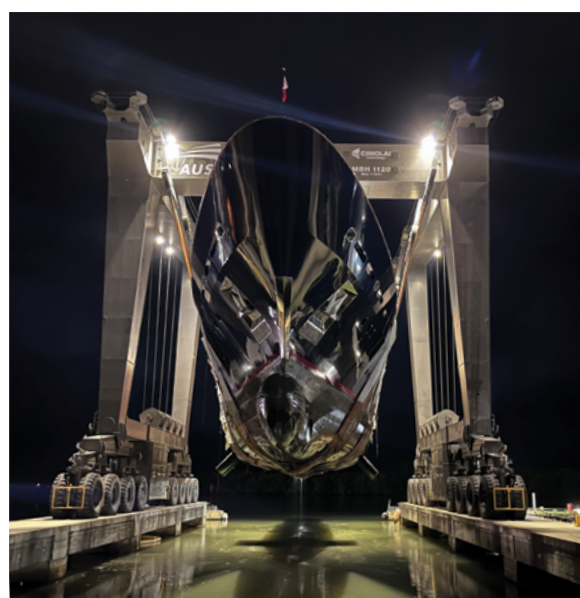


Austal

In June 2019, Austal Cairns commissioned the Pacific's largest Mobile Boat Hoist. Capable of moving 1120 tonnes, the Italian built seven story high hoist is able to lift vessels straight out of the water for transfer to hard stands and offers greater flexibility and improved scheduling, capacity and efficiencies for cruising yacht clients.

Austal Cairns Service Centre has an impressive refit capability complete with a 1200 tonne rail slipway (80m LOA and 22m beam) and over 360 metres of serviced wharf space.

Add in a team of highly skilled and experienced tradespeople and it's easy to understand why Austal Cairns has become the shipyard of choice for cruising yachts in northern Australia.



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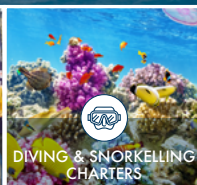




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Cairns, nestled on the Queensland coast, between the Reef and the Rainforest is the perfect base from which to explore.

Cairns Lagoon Pool

Things to See and Do

Rafting and River Tubing

Experience some of the best rafting rivers in the world, where freshwater rushes through lush rainforest terrain. For a fun half-day trip, try the Barron River with a mix of easy and moderate rapids. For a bigger thrill, take on the Grade 3 and 4 rapids of the Tully River on a full-day excursion. If you prefer something more relaxed, river tubing offers a calm float down a pristine rainforest stream, with just the right balance of adventure and fun.

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Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

Embark on a fascinating journey of discovery and unlock the secrets of the world's oldest tropical rainforest with Skyrail Rainforest Cableway in Queensland's Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. Enjoy a unique perspective as you glide above the ancient canopy before descending to explore the rainforest at Red Peak and Barron Falls. Discover the rainforest's stories on a Ranger Guided Tour, at the Rainforest Discovery Zone and from the Edge Lookout. This 90-minute experience is accessible for people of all ages and abilities, and is conveniently located just 15 minutes from Cairns or 50 minutes from Port Douglas.

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Josephine Falls

Rainforest Waterfalls

Steamy mountain ranges and wet tropics rainforest create the ideal environment for cascading waterfalls and pristine swimming holes. Pack a towel, your bathers and walking shoes and enjoy a bespoke guided Waterfall Tour which begins with a cultural stop at the majestic Cathedral Fig Tree, and leads onto the stunning Babinda Boulders. Next, ride the natural water slide at Josephine Falls, then head to the Atherton Tablelands to visit the stunning Millaa Millaa Falls and swim in the volcanic crater lakes.

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Milla Milla Falls

Wildlife TNQ

Welcome to our wonderful wildlife attractions where we provide guests with the opportunity to see, engage and participate in a range of unequalled wildlife experiences. Each of our attractions offer a variety of ways to experience wildlife in the tropics.



Hartley's Crocodile Adventures is one of the oldest running tourist attractions in beautiful Tropical North Queensland. It was also the first place in Australia to breed crocs in captivity. Its world famous Crocodile Attack Show is a real eye opener and crowd thriller.

Birdworld Kuranda and **Kuranda Koala Gardens** are both located in the rainforest Village of Kuranda, in the mountains behind Cairns. Our Kuranda Koala Gardens is one of only a few places in Australia where you can cuddle a koala, while Birdworld Kuranda has one of Australia's largest collection of free-flying birds.

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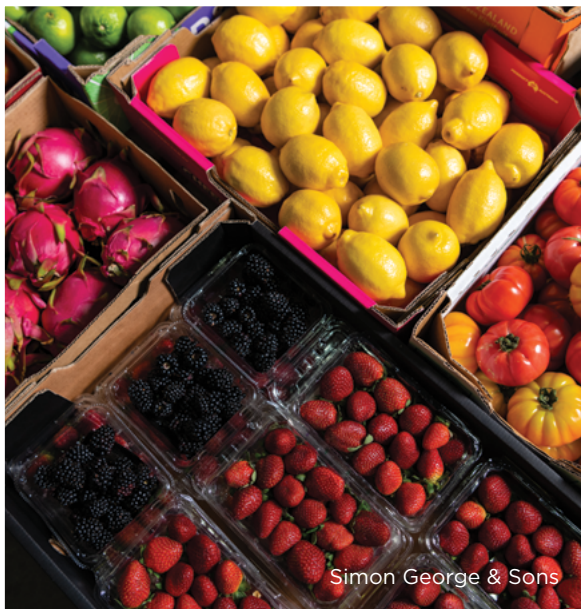
SJD Fine Wine Merchant

Born out of a passion for premium quality, SJD WINE specialise in bespoke wine procurement for the Superyacht industry. The knowledgeable team has access to a wide portfolio of fine wines to fulfil all of clients' discerning requirements.

Simon George & Sons

Simon George & Sons is the premier supplier of fresh produce across North Queensland and the Torres Strait.

As a fourth-generation family business with branches in Cairns, Adelaide, Brisbane, Darwin, Melbourne, and Townsville, we are trusted by Australia's leading chefs and culinary professionals for our quality, consistency, and service. We specialise in sourcing the finest seasonal



Simon George & Sons

produce from the fertile Atherton Tablelands and unique tropical exotics from our own backyard and beyond.

With one of the largest fresh produce facilities in Far North Queensland, we're perfectly positioned to support your onboard requirements, ensuring you're stocked with the finest ingredients, delivered with precision, freshness, and care.



The Preston Family

Preston Fresh Seafood

Preston Fresh Seafood is a family owned and operated Seafood Retail located in Smithfield, Cairns. We have a huge selection of seafood from Fresh Fish, Prawns, Oysters, Bugs, Lobsters, Ready to cook seafood, House Smoked Seafood, delicious Homemade Takeaway Meals plus so much more. We fillet our fresh fish and shuck fresh oysters here on premises.

There is really something for everyone - whether you're in the mood to whip up something amazing in the kitchen or simply take one of our meals and reheat at home for ultimate convenience.

Pacific Provisioning

We're a collection of former yacht Chefs, Chief Stewards and Pursers, with experience living and operating in complex and remote destinations such as Papua New Guinea, The Solomon Islands and other Pacific destinations. Provisioning in these regions is not as simple as cruising into the next port and calling a local supplier. Our Australian base and established supply chain allows us direct access to a number of surrounding islands to ensure you receive the quality of products your guests expect.

Shopping and Markets

Explore Oceania Walk's high-end fashion boutiques, quirky shops, and enjoy great coffee. Visit the iconic Rusty's Markets (Friday-Sunday) for fresh tropical produce and local artisan goods. The city's art gallery features local artists, Indigenous art, and handcrafted jewellery in the gift store.

Right at the Marina doorstep, The Pier offers premium swimwear and resort wear, spa treatments, and unique wildlife encounters—including the chance to pat a koala!

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Where to Eat & Drink



Salt House

The Sailfish Quay leads you straight to the Salt House with its perfect marina views, day beds, ponds and fire features to while away an afternoon. Unwind at the bar with tapas, woodfired pizza, share boards and an olive menu to accompany the cocktail list or dine at the iconic waterfront venue with impressive views and a menu and wine list to match!



Wolf Lane Distillery & Three Wolves

Head down to discover a small lane off Abbott St to meet the makers and taste the tropics with spirits infused with mango, grapefruit, finger lime and Davidson plum at the Wolf Lane Distillery and visit their intimate bar Three Wolves for tapas and craft cocktails, you'll be howlin' if you miss it!

Flamingos Tiki Bar

Get your aloha on, at the intimate Flamingo bar, a tropical oasis hiding below street level on the Cairns Esplanade. Tropical prints, neon, palm trees, bamboo and hula girls grace the walls while you sip away on a classic Zombie cocktail or a Flamingos original. Good vibes guaranteed!

Prawn Star

Prawn Star takes the cake for the most exciting location, dining on one of their two boat decks situated right on the water at the marina. Teamed with their Jumbo Platter featuring fresh oysters, prawns, sashimi and bugs (and only \$5 for beer and wine), it's fun, it's tasty and it's perfect for those warm tropical days.



Tha Fish

Winner of the 2022 Seafood Restaurant of the year is Tha Fish, with a stunning view over the marina on The Pier boardwalk. Choose between four different fish types and pair it with one of four cooking styles. Tha Fish List changes monthly, with each month featuring a variety of different options and an ever-changing menu of flavours and styles. The hardest part will be picking which combination you'd like the most!



C'est Bon

Cairns' only truly French restaurant, an indulgent journey of the senses. It's the perfect marriage of French sophistication and down-to-earth local charm. With all the trappings of traditional French cuisine, we also acknowledge the splendor and abundance of fresh local produce, blending the two to bring you a true taste of France – North Queensland style!

Backyard

Up here in Far North Queensland, The Backyard sits between vast stretches of rainforest, sand and sea. It's a land of endless summers, where lush Australian produce finds its natural match in the bold flavours of Southeast Asia.

Executive chef Aaron Habgood and sous chef Rochelle Uy-Rylewski have drawn upon our tropical climate as their muse. Driven by sustainability and seasonality, the lion's share of our produce has been sourced within 150km of this hotel. There's the glistening Etty Bay Barramundi caught an hour's drive away, the sweet bite of behemoth Skull Island tiger prawns, and the treasure trove of ingredients from pineapple to pandan, all cultivated by local producers with a passion for their craft.



Backyard

Maclister Brewing Company:

We are proud to be a family owned and run, independent business. We employ great local people and use local tradesmen and suppliers wherever possible. We make fresh beer in Cairns for the Cairns region to enjoy, and have a rotation of Cairns' best food trucks visit our brewery bar.

We operate a 200 seat venue at the brewery and have regular events for you to enjoy. Our venue is family friendly, inclusive of all, and is on a single level with easy access to the facilities for wheelchairs. We sell packaged product from the brewery for takeaway and supply keg product to the trade and private customers.

Where to Stay



Shangri La, The Marina Cairns

Discover a tropical oasis at Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns – an elegant retreat nestled between Trinity Inlet, the Coral Sea, and the vibrant Cairns Esplanade. Revel in sweeping views of Marlin Marina and the lush surrounding mountains from the comfort of your stylish sanctuary. Lounge poolside with a handcrafted cocktail, indulge in the sophisticated flavours of North Queensland at our waterfront restaurant, The Backyard, or let the hotel serve as your luxurious gateway to the region's most iconic natural wonders.



Pullman Reef Hotel Casino

Nestled by Trinity Inlet and only 250m from Cairns Marina, the five-star luxury hotel features elegant rooms with spa bath and water view balconies. Relax in the tranquil roof top pool, choose from a selection of restaurants and bars and be entertained at the boutique casino.

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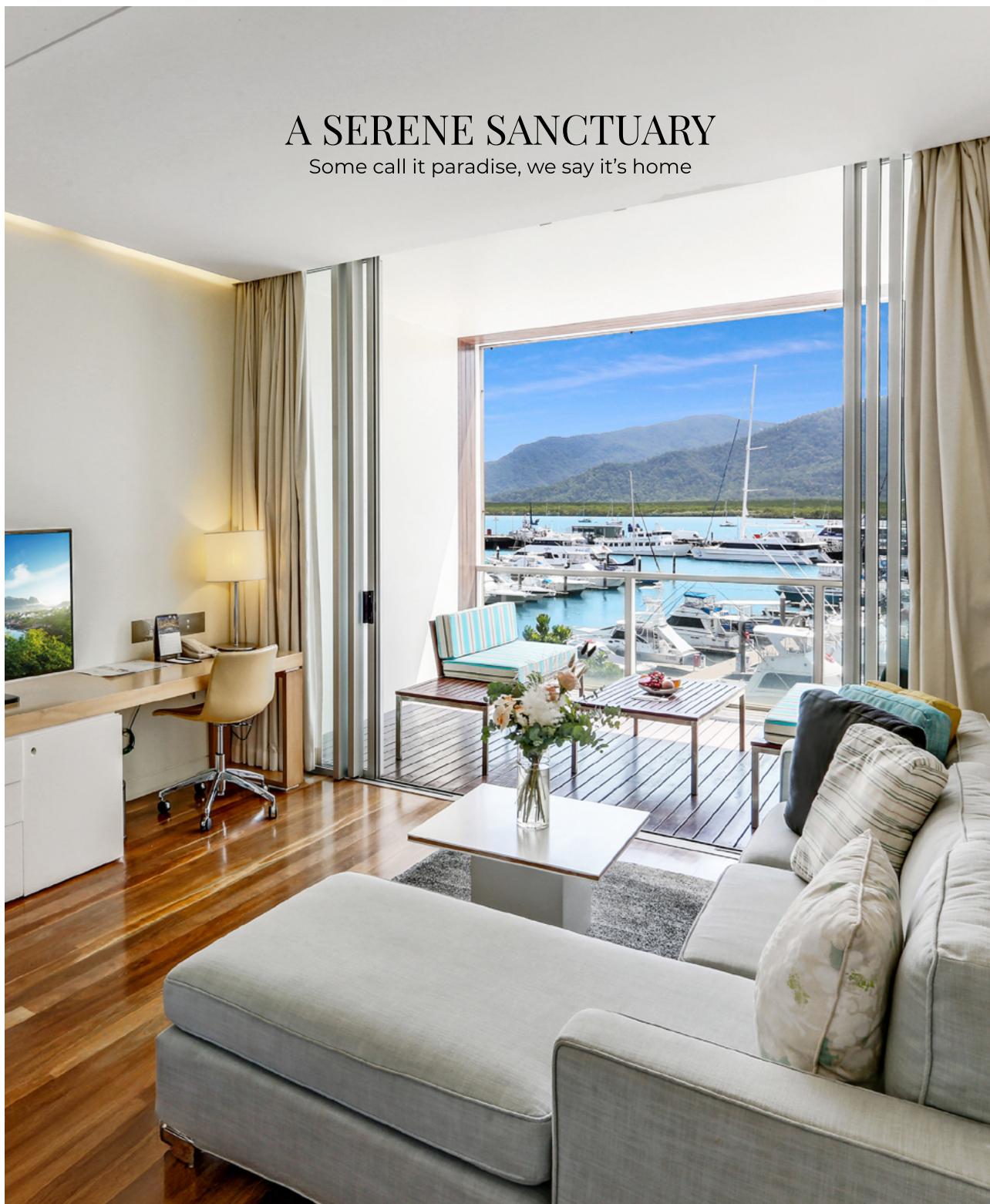
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Indigenous Culture

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Embark with Mandingalby Tours on a cruise and bush tucker walk with the first female Indigenous rangers. Snorkel alongside Sea Rangers on Dreamtime, at Green Island or aboard your yacht. Insights into Indigenous art with painting lessons at Janbal or delve into ancient history at the Quinkan Rock Art sites.



Uncover the rugged outback with Cultural Connect or join Kuku Yalangi traditional owners for a beach adventure. Rejuvenate your senses at Talaroo Hot Springs or head north to embark on an journey with Strait Experiences to the Torres Straits.



A trip to Australia isn't just a visit to the land down under, its home to an ancient people imbued with warm wisdom.







Daintree Rainforest

Daintree Rainforest

The World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest located a 2-hour drive north of Cairns, is over 135 million years old and 1200 square kilometres, making it both the oldest and largest rainforest in the world and is home to many threatened animal and plant species not found anywhere else on the planet.

The Wet Tropics Rainforest contains relicts of the great Gondwanan Forest that covered Australia and part of Antarctica. All of Australia's unique marsupials and most of its animals originated in rainforest eco systems and their closest living relatives occur in the Wet Tropics today making it of universal value.

For hiking enthusiasts, the Daintree rainforest provides a wilderness experience that ranks as one of the most exotic and challenging in the world. Private river cruises offer an intimate ecological exploration along the Daintree River, spotting for saltwater crocodiles and tropical bird species such as the great-billed heron, kingfishers and even cassowaries.



Cape Tribulation

Cape Tribulation

For the adventurous, have an epic off road adventure as you cross the Daintree River by ferry to Cape Tribulation, enter an untouched world where the ancient rainforest meets the fringing reef. Hike or mountain bike ride through rainforest tracks, take a dip in the chilled rainforest swimming holes or explore the rugged terrain of the Bloomfield Track by 4WD.

Where To Stay

Silky Oaks Lodge

Long regarded as Tropical North Queensland's luxury bolthole, Silky Oaks Lodge overlooks the gently flowing Mossman River and neighbours the World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest. Forty contemporary suites offer a peaceful sanctuary, complete with essential hammock. Guests dine in the open-air theatre of the Treehouse Restaurant, sip cool cocktails on the jungle perch, explore the crystal-clear river and relax in the Healing Waters Spa.



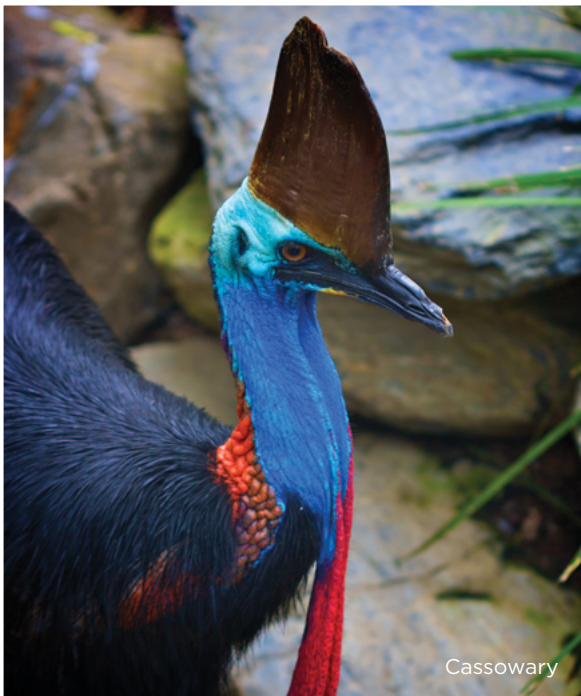
Silky Oaks Lodge



Private Daintree Rainforest Tour

Open your mind, share your spirit and connect with Traditional Owners on this engaging, full day Cairns Daintree Rainforest tour. Travel deep into stunning wilderness areas where you can swim, cruise, explore and engage your senses. Be welcomed to country at Mossman Gorge with a smoking ceremony, cruise the Daintree River snaking its way from rainforest to sea providing habitat for saltwater crocodiles and waterbirds and explore the rainforest with your personal guide. You might even see a Cassowary!

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Cassowary

When to Visit

May to December are the cooler, dryer months to visit Northern Queensland, however we have Superyachts visiting year-round and with our tropical climate, anytime is a good time to dive the Great Barrier Reef!

Water temperatures fluctuate between 22c in winter and 29c during summer with the best visibility and glass out days from September to December.

July to December is the ideal time for sports fishing, the early months abound with juvenile black marlin and the region consistently produces more grander black marlin than anywhere else in the world.

May to July attracts Dwarf Minke Whales and the region is one of the only places to snorkel with these inquisitive creatures. July to September brings the Humpback Whales on their annual birthing migration north, look out for 'Migaloo' one of the world's only albino whales.

As the water warms, November showcases the annual Coral Spawning event, November to February sees Turtles laying and hatching and March to April, the birthing of Reef Sharks.

NOTABLE EVENTS

Cairns

CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR (CIAF)

July Australia's premier Indigenous art fair delivers an ethical art market and offers a cultural exchange through music, dance, and fashion.

CAIRNS AMATEURS RACING CARNIVAL

September Three days of racing, fashion, fun, and festivities! Don't miss the Gala Ball to start the racing action!

CAIRNS FESTIVAL

September Ten days celebrating Tropical North Queensland with live music performances, vibrant street parade, an illuminated city light party and so much more!

SHINE ON GIMUY

October

Shine On Gimuy is an immersive First Nations-led, multi-arts Festival showcasing the wealth of Indigenous arts and culture in Tropical North Queensland — a celebration of art, culture, language and history — a journey of exploration and connection to the world's oldest culture.

North of Cairns

LAURA DANCE FESTIVAL

July A unique celebration of aboriginal culture through dance, song and storytelling set on traditional Bora ground. Visit nearby Jarramali to witness the ancient rock art.

COOKTOWN DISCOVERY FESTIVAL

July-August Featuring a costumed re-enactment of Captain Cook's landing and the connection with the Guugu Yimithirr people. Celebrations include the Endeavour Ball and lantern parade, a great time making history fun!



Northern Great Barrier Reef

The only place in the world where two UNESCO World Heritage sites meet.

This region offers world-famous natural assets and a rich cultural history with outstanding access to Australia, Malanesia, Indonesia, Micronesia, Asia and the world. From world-class sportsfishing to unbelievable snorkelling and diving (winning best Australian Voyage of the Year), this region has it all and has to be seen to be believed!



Bespoke Superyacht Charter

For ultimate privacy, exceptional service and bespoke itineraries tailored to your leisure style, chartering a Superyacht is a must. Cruising the Great Barrier Reef takes you to secluded sand cays, pristine reefs and a marine life playground like no other.

The Superyacht People

The Superyacht People's mission is simple; we love making people happy. As an award-winning leader in the superyacht industry, we're a close-knit team of specialists who find true joy in seeing our clients relish their time on the water. Whether you're celebrating a milestone in a stunning destination or simply enjoying the serenity of the sea, we're dedicated to making your experience effortless and unforgettable.

Ocean Alliance

As an established luxury yacht agency, we provide bespoke, unforgettable entertainment on the water. Welcoming your guests to an experience created just for them, we design your time onboard to deliver entertainment and enjoyment, in a relaxed setting which inspires memories. For both experienced owners and charterers and those making their first foray into the superyacht world, our extensive knowledge of the market and international networks open doors and present you with the most choice possible. Locally, we organise charters which celebrate with you; with a yacht chosen to suit your needs and attention to detail which supports your vision. Whether corporate success or private celebration, charters can stretch for a few hours, a day or longer, allowing your guests to escape their day-to-day and truly be allowed to unwind.

Luxury Charter Yachts

M/Y Flying Fish

An opulent 32m luxury motor yacht set on the brink of unparalleled Great Barrier Reef cruising grounds. Luxuriously appointed and complete with its own heli-pad, the yacht offers spacious interior living quarters across three decks; all of which feature mahogany finishes, timeless styling and luxe furnishings. The vessel can privately accommodate up to eight guests in four luxurious staterooms. Guests can access the best dive sites, remote beaches and fishing spots utilising the vessel's fully equipped 8.4m tender jet boat, Flying Cutlass.

M/Y Beluga

A custom built 34m Moonen explorer motor yacht built to go anywhere, sleeps up to 10 guests in 5 staterooms. Sophisticated styling, beautiful furnishings and sumptuous seating feature throughout her living areas to create an elegant and comfortable atmosphere over four decks. Two RIB tenders, scuba equipment, jetskis, wakeboards and fishing gear will complete your Great Barrier Reef adventure!

M/Y Atlantic Princess

A luxury 86ft long-range superyacht. She has been designed for optimum space and comfort with stabilisers for smooth travelling and fully air conditioned. This vessel is designed for extended trips and remote cruising featuring a master stateroom and two twin staterooms with ensuite and luxury toiletries catering up to 12 guests and 8-10 overnight. Perfectly poised on the Great Barrier Reef for family getaways, island hopping and game fishing charters.

M/Y Northern Escape

A 41 metre Benetti Oasis yacht, Northern Escape offers guests the very best chartering experience with the highest level of bespoke service and custom-designed accommodation. Bathed in natural light, the interiors feature a formal dining room with two large wine cellars, a private salon and terrace. The expansive upper deck offers ample space for sunbathing, complete with jacuzzi, sun beds, bar, grill and alfresco dining for 12 guests. The main deck salon is the perfect place to enjoy unobstructed views of the open sea and kick-back on soft white sofas.

Lizard Island

Port Douglas

Charter a luxury Superyacht from Port Douglas for an indulgently private cruise to snorkel and dive the Great Barrier Reef, fish for Black Marlin and get sand between your toes on Lizard Island, and pristine sand cays. With berths to 50m Port Douglas is a haven on the Tropical North Queensland coast.

Things to See and Do

Hartley's Crocodile Adventures

At Hartley's Crocodile Adventures you'll be as educated as you are entertained as you wander through the Cassowary Walk and Gondwana Gateway, pausing for a number of unique native wildlife demonstrations including the Croc Attack Show. Enjoy Big Croc Feed and a range of privately guided tours. Celebrating their 90th anniversary, no trip to Hartley's is complete without a cruise on Hartley's Lagoon to observe crocodiles in their natural ecosystem.

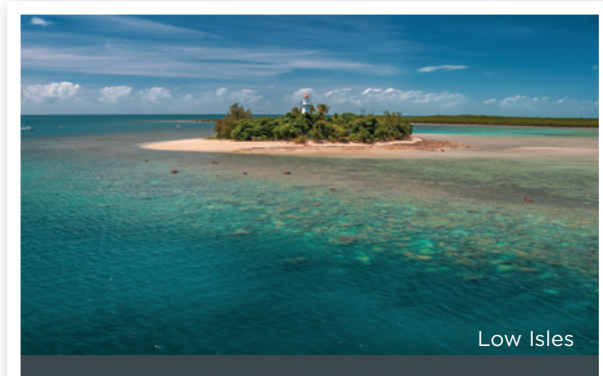


Lizard Island

Low Isles

Made up of Low and Woody Islands, these idyllic tropical islands are just eight nautical miles from Port Douglas. They are surrounded by 55 acres of coral reef, much of it close to the shore which forms a protected blue lagoon creating a calm snorkeling site.

With spectacular coral gardens and marine life below the water, above there is a plethora of spectacular migratory bird life such as mangrove kingfishers, sea eagles and ospreys. The islands are home to a research centre and a lighthouse built in 1878.



Low Isles



Lizard Island

Lizard Island is ruggedly beautiful with 24 secluded beaches and a private resort. The ultimate spot for luxurious seclusion, serious game fishing and world class diving. The Lizard Island group offer sheltered anchorage within a well-developed fringing reef packed full of pristine coral and marine life.

For 360° blue water views, retrace Cook's footsteps and climb to the top of Cook's Look. The Southern Cross constellation appears in the night sky, migratory humpback whales and inquisitive dwarf minke whales are a common sight. Famous Black Marlin breed from September, and November sees the coral spawn and the Lizard island classic game fishing competition take place.

Superyacht guests are welcomed to experience private beachside dining with a 7 course degustation menu with wines to match and the Executive Chef will personally design the menu to suit. Crew can relax at the Marlin Bar and provisions can be flown in with the resort providing concierge service.

Where to Stay

Lizard Island Resort

Lizard Island is truly like nowhere else, a luxury lodge of Australia, and the only luxury resort located directly on the Great Barrier Reef. Disembark for a few days of solitude, rejuvenate at the Essentia Day Spa and experience the signature cuisine. Lizard Island's villas and suites offer serene luxury and private location, designed to be in harmony with the natural island beauty and surrounding ocean.



Cooktown

The story of Cooktown is fascinating. Boom to bust on a magnified scale. It has been inhabited by indigenous people for thousands of years, prior to Cook's landing in 1770. In 1872 gold was discovered in the Palmer River, by 1873 it was reported men were finding 1oz each per day and the gold rush was on. By 1885, Cooktown's population passed 35,000, it had 65 hotels and a busy commercial port was welcoming supplies and dispatching gold, beef, pearls, bêche-de-mer (sea cucumbers) and timber.

By the early 1990's Cooktown's economic windfalls had all but disappeared but now modern minerals have been found and new industries created. The little village of Cooktown has sprung into life once again and it has become the heart of Cape York. Now listed as one of Australia's ultimate must-do experiences, Guurrbi Tours is a magical, award-winning experience guided by Nugal-warra Elder and Guugu Yimithirr speaker, story-keeper, Willie Gordon.

Cape York Peninsula

Rich with Aboriginal culture and Australian pioneering history, Cape York Peninsula is an untamed wilderness area waiting to be explored. Drive along red outback roads, explore wetlands brimming with birds and fish, discover gold town ruins, try your luck at isolated fishing spots and cool off in a pristine waterfall.

The Kuku-yalanji people invite you to experience the rugged beauty of Cape York Peninsula. 330 km north west of Cairns near the historic town of Laura is located

the Quinkan Rock Art which UNESCO regards as one of the Top Ten most significant bodies of Indigenous Rock Art in the world, which is outstanding for its variety, quantity and quality. Be inspired by a pristine and culturally significant rock art site called 'Magnificent Gallery' that archaeologists predict is a 20,000-year-old outback museum. Access by Either 4WD and helicopter.



Dive Sites

A selection of favourite sites north of Cairns.

OPAL REEF

NORTH OPAL REEF - 16° 13.615' S 145° 53.389' E
Kayaking, Snorkeling and Paddle Ski.

Let the current take you. Float with turtles and manta rays. Amazing experience. Big game fishing in season, September to November.

MACKAY CAY

SAND CAY - 16° 6.602' S 145° 38.254' E

Sand cay ideal for sundowners! Shallow snorkelling and novice diving with turtles, eagle rays, anemone fish, clams and coral nurture program nursery.

NURSERY BOMMIE

AGINCOURT REEF 16° 01.964' S 145° 51.211' E

A Pinnacle dive considered as one of the most spectacular in the Agincourt Reef system. Dive only on an incoming tide. Expect to see a huge number of different types of fish from rays, pickhandle barracudas and numerous clown and pink anemone fish.

STEVE'S BOMMIE

RIBBON 3 - 15° 30.159' S 145° 47.363' E

A pinnacle renowned for its incredible diversity. Start your dive ascending the base, at 22m you will find Steve's memorial plaque. Wind your way around the pinnacle to the surface, see pristine coral, sea snakes, sharks, lion and scorpion fish, schools of snapper and yellow goatfish.

JOANIE'S JOY

RIBBON 3 - PATCH REEF - 15° 31.656' S 145° 46.616' E

A wall dive and coral garden filled with giant clams, incredible coral cover and macro schooling fish.

CENTURY BAY / FLAIR POINT

RIBBON 3 - PATCH REEF - 15° 31.656' S 145° 46.616' E

Clear shallows and gentle sloping wall boasting turtles, reef sharks, giant clams and cuttle fish.

CLAM GARDENS

RIBBON 4/5- PATCH REEF - 15° 23.823 S 145° 46.778 E

A small reef running north south. Find garden eels swaying on the sandy bottom. Small bommies covered in live coral make great photographs against the wall backdrop. Diving depth 5m to 40m.

GORGE'S WALL

RIBBON 5 - PATCH REEF - 15° 23.140' S 145° 45.900' E

Steep wall dive with lots of fan corals, bull sharks and schooling fish. Great photography opportunity for macro life.

WONDERLAND

RIBBON 9 - 15° 0.153' S 145° 40.790' E

Beautiful hard and soft corals on a steep wall. Swim through snorkelling on right of mooring. Note - mooring only suitable for tenders and tides run hard at the flood.

TABLE OF THE GIANTS

RIBBON 9/10 14° 56.461' S 145° 39.544' E

8m reef top covered in large plate coral colonies and branching coral as far as the eye can see, parallel to a 90m drop off paleo channel (ancient river bed) Large pelagic and mega fauna abound. Note - No mooring or anchoring due to hard coral structures, tender only.

GOOGLE GARDENS

RIBBON 10 - PATCHES #3
14° 57.264' S 145° 40.897' E

Stunning coral coverage and topography in the northern section of the reef. Note - Drift on big incoming tide, current wraps around the southern end. No moorings, travel via tender.

CORAL PRINCESS BOMMIE

RIBBON 10 - PATCHES #3
14° 57.805' S 145° 41.173' E

Superb snorkelling and beginner diving in shallow coral gardens in low to mid tides. Note - Anchorage in sand off reef, tender in, water flow is strong during the flood.

PIXIE PINNACLE

RIBBON 10 - PATCHES #2
14° 55.790 S 145° 40.491 E

North west corner of a small plug reef. This is a pinnacle dive and an all year round site. The marine life packed onto this pinnacle is simply amazing. A torch is a must have accessory here. Towards the tip of the pinnacle the hard and soft coral is outstanding and even includes black coral. Just the best and not to be missed.

PIXIE WALL

RIBBON 10 - PATCHES #2
14° 55.577' S 145° 40.821' E

Steep, vertical wall to 18m then gently slopes to 30m sandy bottom. Beautiful corals and variety of macro life.

PIXIE GARDEN

RIBBON 10 - PATCHES #2
14° 55.793 S 145° 40.691 E

A dive site located off the western side of the southern end of ribbon #10. A bommie dive with very gentle currents and usually calm surface conditions. Suitable for novices to dive all year round. Lots of bommies in shallow water with plenty of exploring to do.

VERTICAL GARDENS

RIBBON 10 - PATCHES #2
14° 55.989' S 145° 41.480' E

Drift dive on incoming tide. Vertical walls are abundant with hanging soft corals and nudibranchs. Mega pelagics including hammerhead sharks, manta rays, marlin and tuna.

CHALLENGER BAY

RIBBON 10 - PATCHES #1
14° 39.982 S 145° 38.605 E

A sloping reef dive, this is an all year round site great for beginners with minimal currents and the surface is generally calm. This is a great night dive location. Expect to see clown fish, barracuda, red bass, sweetlips and huge schools of giant trevally.

THE MONOLITH

RIBBON 10 - PATCHES #1 - WALL DIVE

14° 54.942' S 145° 41.366' E

Night dive to see the 1000yo Pavona Klavas coral colony on the corner of the site, incredible macro like nudibranchs, skeleton shrimp and ghost pipefish. Cuttlefish, grouper, leopard sharks and sting rays. Incredible 200m drop off on left from mooring line.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

RIBBON 10 - PATCHES #1

14° 55.472' S 145° 41.588' E

Gentle drift dive along the stretch of Ribbon reef.

LIGHTHOUSE BOMMIE

U/N REEF (IN THE PADDOCK BEHIND RIBBON 10)

14° 52.5021' S 145° 41.363' E

Between June and July, this is the Minke Whale hotspot! Stunning pinnacle dive with deep and shallow bommie, lots of schooling fish, resident turtle and big grouper.

TWO TOWERS

U/N REEF (IN THE PADDOCK BEHIND RIBBON 10)

14° 52.358' S 145° 40.475' E

Opportunity to snorkel, dive and weave through two bommies soaring from the depths, home to resident olive sea snakes. Keep your eye out for Minke Whales during the season.

COD HOLE

NORTHERNMOST TIP - RIBBON 10

14° 39.700' S 145° 40.020

The world-famous Cod Hole is home to huge potato cod. These fish are used to human contact and are incredibly inquisitive offering a unique opportunity to get up close for a photo. The terraced reef also offers a great drift dive on an incoming tide.

LIZARD ISLAND

NORTH DIRECTION ISLAND/ DINGAAL BOMMIE

14° 44.749' S 145° 30.383' E

This fringing reef is ideal for snorkellers and novice divers with fabulous coral coverage and variety of marine life. Lovely beach for a stroll or picnic.

SNAKE PIT

14° 40.130 S 145° 34.210 E

Dive with olive sea snakes on this isolated reef site bringing amazing schools of fish, sharks and barracuda when the current is running.

MERMAID COVE

14° 38.771' S 145° 27.229' E

Found at the northern end of Lizard Is, this gorgeous pristine little cove offers a sheltered swimming and snorkelling site, don't forget to pack a picnic!





M.Y. Flying Fish.

5 Nights / 6 Day Itinerary

Ribbon Reef Expedition with Morris Nautical

"The Ribbon Reefs are hands-down my favourite part of the Great Barrier Reef. They're remote, and every site has its own personality. From towering bommies to drift dives through coral gardens. Late September through November is magic out here. The weather's calm, the visibility is crystal-clear, and the marine life really turns it on."

Jordan McDonald, Captain, M.Y. Flying Fish

Experience the untouched beauty of the outer Great Barrier Reef aboard a Morris Nautical vessel for an unforgettable voyage through some of the reef's most pristine and remote coral ecosystems. Choose from M.Y. Northern Escape or M.Y. Flying Fish and explore the ocean at your own pace.

DAY 1

Cairns to St Crispin Reef

Step aboard M.Y. Flying Fish in the Cairns Marina, ready to embark on an adventure to the Ribbon Reefs.

Cruising approximately six hours to St Crispin Reef, the afternoon is spent at sea with curated catering and tailored service. As the sun dips below the horizon, a seasonal degustation dinner is served on board, a celebration of locally sourced produce prepared by your private chef.

DAY TWO**St Crispin Reef to Ribbon Reef No. 3 & No. 9**

Wake to the beauty of St Crispin Reef and enjoy a morning dive at nearby Agincourt Reef, famed for its underwater clarity and thriving marine life. After a leisurely breakfast, cruise three hours north to Ribbon Reef No. 3. This outer reef system is remarkably untouched, with coral gardens and plate corals teeming with life.

Dive the legendary Steve's Bommie, a towering pinnacle known for its schools of trevally, reef sharks, rays, barracuda, and rich macro life. In the late afternoon, continue north to anchor at Ribbon Reef No. 9 for the night.

DAY THREE**Exploring Ribbon Reef No. 9**

Ribbon Reef No. 9 offers a diver's dream. Begin the day at Vertical Gardens, where sheer walls are adorned with soft corals, whip corals, and vibrant sea fans. Drift through Pixie Pinnacle and Pixie Gardens, renowned for their brilliant marine biodiversity and postcard-perfect visibility.

As the day unfolds, descend upon Lighthouse Bommie, a towering coral column rising from 25 metres to just beneath the surface. Expect to see clouds of snapper, swirling trevally, and encounters with reef sharks, turtles, lionfish, sea snakes, and more.

DAY FOUR**Ribbon Reef No. 10 to Cod Hole and Beyond**

Begin your morning at Ribbon Reef No. 10 with a dive at No Name Reef, where gardens of Dwarf Staghorn Coral play host to thousands of fish.

Cruise to Cod Hole for an encounter with its famous residents: potato cod weighing up to 100 kilograms, who approach divers with curiosity and grace. The site also draws reef sharks, rays, turtles, and a flurry of tropical fish.

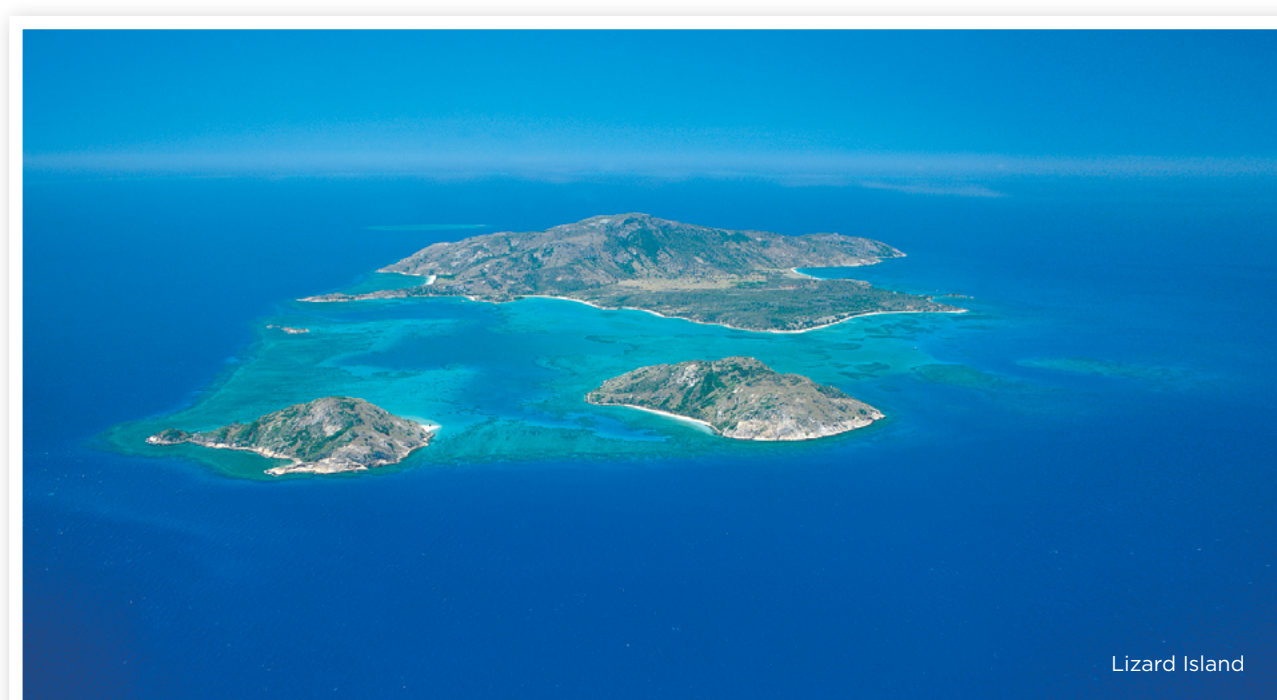
DAY FIVE**Ribbon Reef No. 10 to Cod Hole and Beyond**

Wake to another day on the Great Barrier Reef, and opt for a drift dive through Dynamite Pass, where the action continues with schooling jacks, bumphead parrotfish and sharks. Conditions permitting, the Snake Pit offers a rare opportunity to see olive sea snakes, dolphins, eagle rays, and dogtooth tuna among the coral bommies. Enjoy a sunset steam into Lizard Island, spending the night in Watson's Bay, watching tawny nurse sharks under the boat as the day finishes on the Great Barrier Reef.

DAY SIX**Arrival at Lizard Island**

Anchor in the turquoise shallows of Watsons Bay at Lizard Island. Begin the day with a hike to Cook's Look, 359 metres above sea level, for panoramic views over the reef below. Spend the morning snorkelling calm coral gardens, or tender around to the Blue Lagoon to admire its surreal palette of blue hues.

In the afternoon, your luggage will be transferred to the Lizard Island airstrip. Your private guides will escort you to meet your onward flight, marking the close of an unforgettable ocean odyssey.

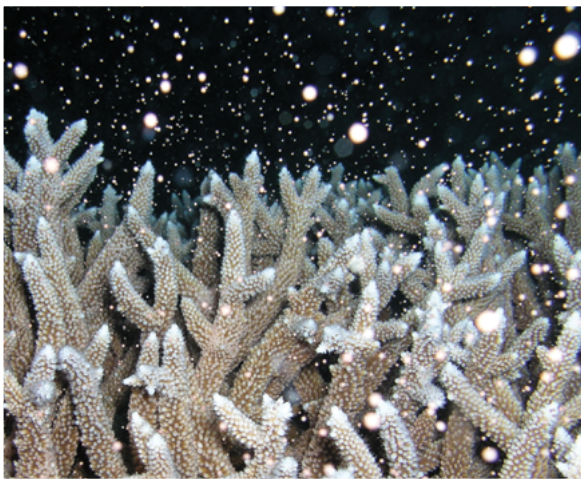


Lizard Island

Coral Spawning

Coral spawning on the Great Barrier Reef is a mesmerizing natural phenomenon that occurs annually at night, usually during the warmer months following the full moon in November or December, attracting researchers and scuba divers from across the globe. This synchronized event involves coral species releasing millions of tiny egg and sperm bundles into the water, creating a breathtaking underwater spectacle lasting a few days.

The timing of coral spawning is crucial for the reef's reproductive cycle, allowing for genetic diversity and the growth of new coral colonies. When an egg is fertilized it develops into coral larva called Planula, which finally settles to bud and develop a coral colony.



Efforts to study and protect coral spawning events are essential for understanding the reef's resilience and addressing threats such as climate change and coral bleaching. Local dive operators are well versed in this phenomena and plan trips to coincide with the mass spawning. By raising awareness about the significance of coral spawning, we can promote conservation initiatives that safeguard the Great Barrier Reef's ecological integrity for future generations to cherish and explore.

Whale Watching

Whale watching on the Great Barrier Reef is a captivating and unforgettable experience that allows visitors to witness the majestic beauty of these gentle giants in their natural habitat. As one of the world's most renowned marine ecosystems, the Great Barrier Reef offers a unique opportunity to observe Humpback and Minke whales as they migrate along the coast.

From May to September each year, these magnificent creatures travel thousands of kilometres, providing an awe-inspiring spectacle for tourists and locals alike. Whether spotted from the deck of a luxury yacht or during a dedicated whale-watching tour, the sight of these massive marine mammals breaching, tail-slapping, and interacting with their calves leaves a lasting impression.



Approach Distance Vessels must maintain a safe distance from whales to avoid causing them stress or altering their natural behaviour. The minimum approach distance is set at 100 meters from an adult whale, 300 meters from a calf and 300m for jet skis. Note – in the Whitsunday Whale Protection Zone – no vessels within 300m. For all regulations check - www2.gbrmpa.gov.au/about-us/legislation-and-policies/whale-and-dolphin-watching-regulations

By following these regulations and guidelines, visitors can enjoy whale watching experiences in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park while contributing to the protection and preservation of these magnificent marine mammals and their habitats.

World Class Sportsfishing

The waters off Tropical North Queensland offer anglers an unparalleled fishing experience! Renown for producing record breaking Black Marlin 'Granders' (1000lb+) and an abundance of other game fish species such as sailfish, tuna, mackerel and mahi-mahi, these waters attract fishing enthusiasts from around the globe.

Lizard Island and the surrounding Ribbon Reefs, situated at the northern end of the Great Barrier Reef, is the prime destination for game fishing adventures. Its proximity to the continental shelf and deep-sea trenches creates ideal conditions for catching trophy-sized fish. Anglers can partake in thrilling deep-sea fishing excursions, explore the nearby shallow coral reefs for a diverse range of reef fish species or mix with spearfishing and scuba diving.

July to December provides the ideal timing for sports fishing. Early in the season, juvenile Black Marlin abound for light tackle enthusiasts and September onward is the time to target the giant Black Marlin on heavy tackle.



Topwater Sportfishing Charters

Discover the excitement of sportfishing with our locally owned business. We offer an array of vessel choices tailored to elevate your ultimate fishing experience. Our flagship is a 46-foot game boat meticulously crafted for live-aboard adventures spanning up to 7 days, perfect for the thrill of chasing seasonal black marlin. Beyond marlin season, indulge in luxury liveaboard sportfishing escapades.

For more tailored experiences, choose from our lineup featuring the 25-foot centre console Contender, the agile 19-foot Sportsman, and the versatile 20-foot Hewes. All vessels cater to inshore day charters departing from Cairns and Port Douglas, promising unforgettable fishing expeditions on the Great Barrier Reef.

Big Fish Down Under

Big Fish Down Under specialises in heavy tackle black marlin fishing from Cairns to Lizard Island and beyond, offering an unparalleled experience for big game anglers. We also provide morning activities like light tackle sportfishing and snorkelling in stunning coral gardens.

During the off-season, join us on the Moana III for luxury day cruises, private snorkelling and diving, island hopping, light tackle sportfishing and barramundi charters. With Capt Dan and his experienced crew, who have worked extensively with Superyachts and high-end clients, you can charter the Moana III with the confidence and confidentiality you need for an unforgettable adventure. bigfishdownunder.com

Wreck Dives

Dunk Island

Explore the Lady Bowen, an elegant old 66m schooner, built in Glasgow in 1864, newly arrived in Australia, she quickly sunk when she crashed into Kennedy Shoal near Dunk Island just off Mission Beach in 1894. A popular dive for moderate to advance divers with coral, giant groupers, sea snakes, sharks, rays, lionfish and turtles.

Townsville

Buried 12 nautical miles off Alva Beach, 88km south of Townsville, the SS Yongala is renowned as one of the world's top dive sites. The ship itself sank in 1911, but it was more than 50 years before it was discovered. This is an ideal site for giant groupers, schools of trevally and cobia, and sea snakes and turtles.

The Whitsundays

Beautiful Keswick Island in the Whitsundays Group just off Mackay is now the permanent home of The Cremer, a 50m steam ship which sank in 1945. You'll find her remnants just 10 metres offshore at this dive site, now home to Maori wrasse and grouper.

Another gem to be found off of Keswick Island near Mackay is 87m steamer, The Singapore, which met its fate when it struck a large rock just offshore in the late 1800s. This is a more advanced dive site, which boasts depths of 25 metres. Check out the pelagic fish, sharks and rays here.

Southern Great Barrier Reef

Dive at Lady Elliot Island's Severance, a two-masted sailing boat sunk in 1998 adorned with soft corals, cobia, groupers, wobbegongs, and lionfish. Explore the wreckage of Barcoola and Cetacea near 1770 and Agnes Waters, home to groupers, cod, kingfish, cobia, rays, bull sharks, and bronze whalers.



Torres Strait Islands

Where the South Pacific Ocean and the Arafura Sea mix their currents, lie the 274 islands of the Torres Strait.

One of Australia's most beautiful natural hidden gems. The Torres Strait region is a unique and magical part of Australia that very little is known about. Set against the turquoise blue sea surrounded by an abundance of tropical Islands that dot the Strait with their pristine white sandy beaches with added touch of the chilled-out sounds of Islander fused reggae music the land and seascape evokes a laid-back vibe and a platform to ease Superyacht clientele into a relaxed pace, space and place of Torres Strait Islander life.





A cultural crossroads.

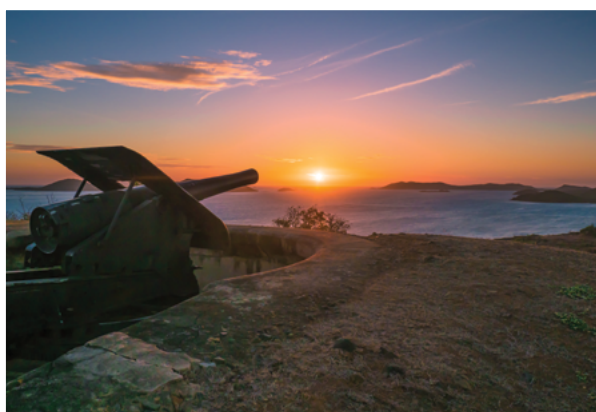
Two of the oldest cultures on Earth meet in the Torres Strait. Islanders of Melanesian descent have lived alongside Aboriginal people of Cape York for tens of thousands of years. The result is a rich and vibrant culture with strong traditions of dance, colourful headdresses, masks, carving and printmaking. Each of the islands' small communities has its own distinct practices, so you'll discover something new every day. Several islands have high-quality art centres where you can meet and buy art direct from the local artists.

Fishing is out of this world.

From a casual throwing of a line in from the wharf on Horn Island, to the extraordinary sport fishing of the eastern Torres Strait, there's a fishing adventure for you in the Torres Strait Islands. With minimal commercial fishing in the region, you'll find fish like coral trout, mackerel, golden snapper, Nannygai and red emperor in huge numbers. The area is also home to some of the highest concentration of painted crayfish in the world, with freediving and spearfishing steadily growing in the region.

Fascinating military history.

The Torres Strait Islands sit between Australia and the rest of the world, so not surprisingly it has long played a role in Australia's defence. Green Hill Fort on Thursday Island is one of the oldest military fortifications in the country, built between 1891 and 1893 to defend the



colony against a potential Russian invasion. More than 5,000 Australian and American personnel were stationed on Horn Island during World War II and the Japanese regularly bombed the island. Almost 900 Torres Strait Islanders volunteered for service here, and Horn Island was the only place in Australia where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal soldiers served side by side. Gun emplacements, slit trenches, an RAAF airstrip and even a wrecked aircraft remain on the island, a sobering reminder of how close the war came to mainland Australia. The Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion was formed in 1942, with almost all of its enlisted men being Torres Strait Islanders, making the battalion the only Indigenous Australian battalion ever formed by the Australian Army.



Australia's original pearling region.

Commercial pearling in the Torres Strait dates back to the 1870s, predating the industry in Broome by about a decade. Pearling in the region had its ups and downs, but was revived in the 1960s and you can now visit a number of working pearl farms on the islands. The farms vary in their offerings from Japanese inspired lunches using freshly caught seafood to relaxing glamping style breakaway escapes. Some farms even allow you to walk over the beds on a floating jetty, see how pearls are harvested and even take home a one-of-a-kind piece of jewellery.

Virtually undiscovered islands.

Forget crowds – in the Torres Strait Islands, there's a good chance you won't ever see another tourist. Some of that is down to logistics – with the limited transport options using being of a significant cost. Only a few of the islands permit visitors, and in most cases a permit must be arranged and obtained prior to entry. But step foot on these picture-perfect islands and that will all be forgotten. Tiny villages lined with leaves and flowers, blissful beaches and laid-back locals are waiting to welcome you to this little slice of paradise.

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The Torres Strait Islander people are the other First Nations people of Australia along with mainland Aboriginal people and share a close kinship connection with the land and sea of the Torres Strait region for many thousands of years. The Torres Strait Islander people have their own unique foods, flavours, culture, languages and way of life that is so diverse and different from our mainland Aboriginal brothers and sisters and are also quite diverse from one Island community to another across the Torres Strait region.

The Torres Strait region is a tranquil and magical place that is a truly untouched hidden gem of Australia.”

Aaron Fa'Aoso
Producer “Strait to the Plate”

Torres Strait Island Cluster Groups

The inhabited islands of the Torres Strait are commonly divided up into 5 traditional groups:

1. Top Western The islands in this cluster lie very close to the southwestern coastline of New Guinea (the closest is less than 4 kilometers (2.5 mi) offshore). Saibai (one of the largest of the Torres Strait Islands) and Boigu are low-lying islands which were formed by deposition of sediments and mud from New Guinean rivers into the Strait accumulating on decayed coral platforms. Vegetation on these islands mainly consists of mangrove swamps, and they are heavily prone to flooding and complex seawalls have been installed to mitigate these risks.

2. Western The islands in this cluster lie south of the Strait's midway point, and are also largely high granite hills with mounds of basaltic outcrops, formed from old peaks of the now submerged land bridge. Moa is the second-largest in the Torres Strait, and Badu is slightly smaller and fringed with extensive mangrove swamps.



3. Central This cluster is more widely distributed in the middle of Torres Strait, consisting of many small sandy cays surrounded by coral reefs, similar to those found in the nearby Great Barrier Reef.

4. Eastern The islands of this group (principally Mer (Murray Island), Dauar and Waier, with Erub Island and Stephen Island (Ugar) further north) are formed differently from the rest. They are volcanic in origin, the peaks of volcanoes which were active in Pleistocene times. Consequently, their hillsides have rich and fertile red volcanic soils, and are thickly vegetated.

5. Inner Islands These islands, also known as the Thursday Island group, lie closest to Cape York Peninsula, and their topography and geological history is very similar. Muralag (Prince of Wales Island) is the largest of the Strait's islands, and forms the centre of this closely grouped cluster. The much smaller Waiben Thursday Island is the region's administrative centre and most heavily populated.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW:

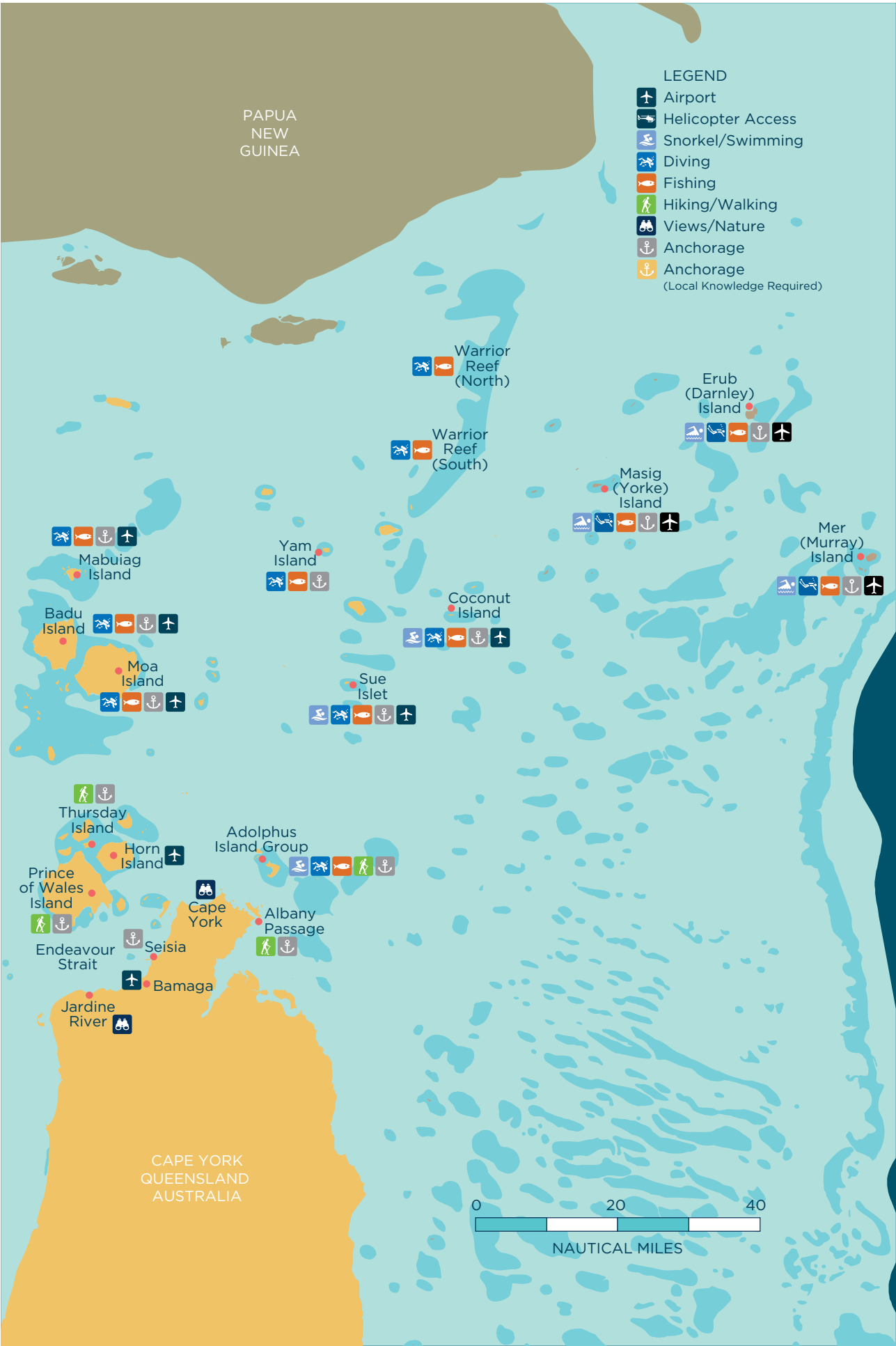
Access to the first four (1-4) cluster groups are via pre-arranged permission only. Of the Inner Islands only Horn and Thursday Island may be visited without pre-arranged permission. To book a tour and gain in-depth cultural knowledge visit straitexperience.com.au

Entry into the waters and islands of the Torres Strait is complicated and, in many cases, subject to permission to enter by the relevant Island Council. The regions land and waters are also subject to determination under Australia's Native Title Act which means it is customary to seek a blessing, access rights and a 'Welcome to Country' by Traditional Owner groups.

As the regions only locally based travel agent as well as being a majority-owned Torres Strait Islander business, we recommend using Strait Experience to ensure this process is handled respectfully and correctly. Book in advance due to the complex nature of these tours.

www.straitexperience.com.au





The below islands and points of interest do not require any permission to enter and may be accessed readily.

Thursday Island

The administrative center of the Torres Strait, Thursday Island has modern accommodation and tours all set against a world-renowned turquoise backdrop. Visit Green Hill Fort and the cannons which once guarded the island's main approaches. Its refurbished underground tunnels house the Torres Strait Historical Museum. Historical artefacts and contemporary Indigenous art can be seen at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre.



Albany Passage

This narrow passage between Albany Island and the mainland is a very historical area being the first port area of the Torres Strait / Cape Yorke. The port of Somerset was named by the Jardine brothers who first settled in the 1860's. There are now anchorages in the passage and visits ashore can be made to historic sites and the fishing lodge on Albany Island.



Prince of Wales

A large island boasting of multiple pristine beaches and wonderful bush walking with a waterfall in its centre. It is also home to deer, goats and pigs all of which are feral so may be hunted. It belongs to the Kuaraleg people - indigenous mainlanders so different social rules would apply but visitors welcomed and encouraged. Very close to Thursday Island and easily accessible in a ship's tender.



Endeavour Strait Incl. Bamaga, Cape York and Jardine River

The Strait made famous by Capt. Cook abounds in sites to visit including Cape York itself - Australian mainland northern most point. Possession Island where Cook landed and claimed the country for England - possible to land here and visit the cairn commemorating the event.

Further along is the tiny port of Bamaga where a vessel can anchor safely close to the shore - there is also a berth there but don't recommend using it. Tenders from here can take visitors into the Jardine River which abounds in crocodiles but provides magnificent cruising in tenders for some miles inland.

With pre-arranged approval it is also possible to enter the southern side of Prince of Wales Island from Endeavour Strait.

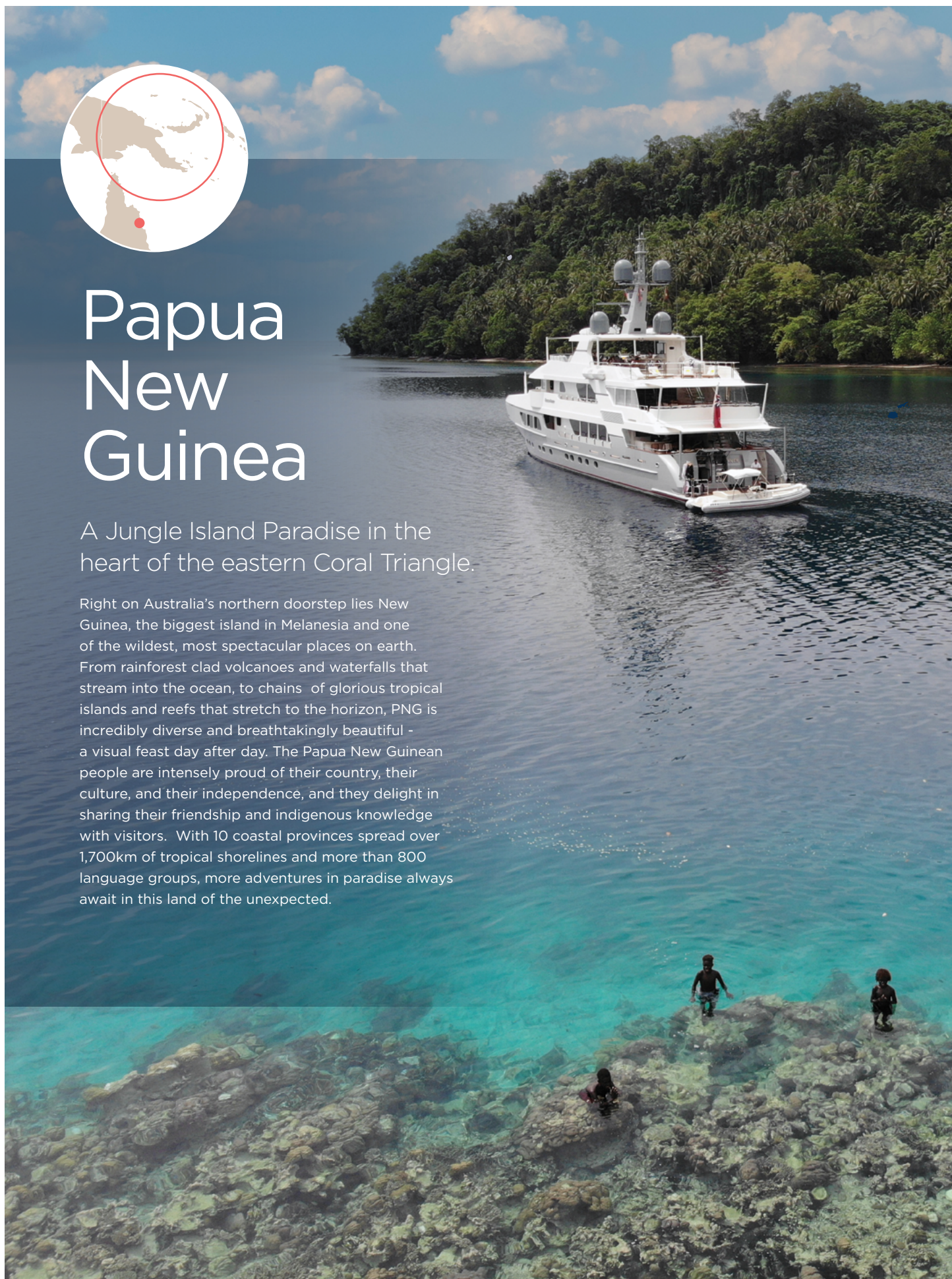




Papua New Guinea

A Jungle Island Paradise in the heart of the eastern Coral Triangle.

Right on Australia's northern doorstep lies New Guinea, the biggest island in Melanesia and one of the wildest, most spectacular places on earth. From rainforest clad volcanoes and waterfalls that stream into the ocean, to chains of glorious tropical islands and reefs that stretch to the horizon, PNG is incredibly diverse and breathtakingly beautiful - a visual feast day after day. The Papua New Guinean people are intensely proud of their country, their culture, and their independence, and they delight in sharing their friendship and indigenous knowledge with visitors. With 10 coastal provinces spread over 1,700km of tropical shorelines and more than 800 language groups, more adventures in paradise always await in this land of the unexpected.





Captain's Notes

VISITING SUPERYACHTS

May enter and remain without payment of import duty.

CUSTOMS DECLARED PORTS

Port Moresby, Rabaul, Kieta, Vanimo, Lae, Madang, Wewak, Kavieng, Kimbe, Samarai, Daru, Lorengau, Oro Bay and Alotau.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

At the first port of call, vessels are required to present clearance from your last overseas port, passports for all on board, crew and passenger list if applicable, a stores list showing high dutiable goods including fuel, oil, arms and ammunition.

IMMIGRATION

Regulations change regularly for the latest information contact your Superyacht agent.

PILOTAGE

Vessels over 30m require a pilot to enter any port. 24hrs notice is required.

GUIDE HIRE

To get the best experiences in the various provinces, hire a local guide that can show you the best, the secret and the unmissable, it will be money very well spent. A Superyacht agent can help you in this matter.

AT A GLANCE

Capital	Port Moresby, Central Province
Land Area	462,840km ²
Population	8.2 million
Languages	English, Tok Pisin, and 800 indigenous dialects
Currency	PNG Kina
UTC	GMT + 10
Code	International dialing +675





Cultural Protocols

Visiting Superyachts

If a dive site is close to a village (two nautical miles) permission should be sought from the villagers before diving. It is important to state that no taking will occur and that it is purely tourist diving. Permission is usually granted and the villagers look forward to trading fruit and vegetables with the vessel. It is good politics to purchase as well as having staples of sugar, flour and loose tea for trading.

Kina is required for purchases and artifacts. Bring plenty and small change. Payment for diving is required. Normally set at a price per diver however on larger vessels with a small number of guests a vessel rate may apply. Shore visits, dancing and guided tours are extra and will need to be negotiated.

It is important to log all dives and record GPS marks, how many divers etc and any monies paid and to whom. Many regular dive sites have visitor books and you pay whoever brings the book. In areas where there are no villages, the dives should still be logged and presented to a local representative.

If in doubt payment can be given to the PNG Divers Association for forwarding. Contact a Superyacht agent for details.

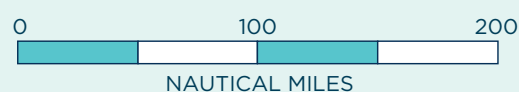
Prized Gifts To Offer:

School exercise books, pens and pencils are welcome and sunglasses, t-shirts, useful tools and fishing hooks are a big hit. Please see our website for more information on guides and dives.



Anchoring

Please take care when anchoring, avoiding sites with a coral bottom. Vessels under 30m can use moorings. Larger vessels are better to anchor off the dive site area and access it via tender.





North Queensland Tablelands & Outback

Explore the amazing
wonders west of Cairns.





Why not hire a 4wd and head west from Cairns to discover a diversly rich region with incredible natural wonders

From the rainforest mountain ranges, through the food bowl of the Atherton Tablelands, stretching to the spectacular outback landscape of wide horizons, deep gorges, and hot springs, abundant with wildlife, semi-precious gems and ancient mammal fossils.

The Atherton Tablelands

A plateau of world heritage listed rainforest, cascading waterfalls, rivers, lakes, and national parks set in Australia's richest agricultural lands. The region is renowned for crater lakes, hiking and biking trails and gourmet produce.

Kuranda

The picturesque mountain retreat of Kuranda Village is the first stop on the Tablelands trail, just 25km northwest of Cairns. Surrounded by the world's oldest living tropical rainforest, it is well known as the Village in the Rainforest with daily markets and is accessible by Skyrail and the Kuranda Rail.

What to See and Do

Kuranda Koala Gardens

Kuranda Koala Gardens is home to many of Australia's unique animals including bilbies, quokas, wallabies, wombats, snakes, gliders and freshwater crocodiles. And home to several koalas and everyone loves a

koala! Whether they are eating, sleeping or just looking adorable they are undoubtedly one of this country's most iconic creatures and you even have the opportunity to cuddle one! 'Kuranda by Design' which is a private VIP tour offering exclusive access to Birdworld and a special guided keeper tour at Kuranda Koala Gardens with a koala holding photo! Prior bookings are essential.

Yungaburra

Yungaburra is a vibrant mix of alfresco café culture, boutique shopping, and the famous Yungaburra Markets. Explore natural attractions and drive, hike or bike through stunning rainforests and volcanic crater lakes. The area is a haven for wildlife, watch for platypus, tree-kangaroos, wallabies and a large variety of birds.

WHERE TO STAY – Charming townships to stay and explore include Kuranda, the village in the rainforest and Yungaburra with a host of delightful BnBs and cafes, set in an idyllic hamlet.



Chillagoe

200kms West from Cairns, you will find the stunning 400-million-year-old limestone caves of Chillagoe, with spectacular caverns and passages decorated with stalactites, stalagmites, and flowstones. Visitors can self-explore The Archways, Pompeii Cave and the more difficult Bauhinia Cave to see the cave coral. Alternatively, engage with the National Park rangers at The Hub for a guided tour of the spectacularly lit Donna, Trezkin and Royal Arch caves and Wullumba Aboriginal rock art. For a caving adventure experience, contact info@chillagoecavingclub.org.au. The Weir is the locals favourite swimming hole, to dust off in the flowing rock pools and be sure to also visit the Car Museum, Smelter site and restored Railway and Police Station.

WHERE TO STAY – Comfortable, airconditioned cabins are available at the Observatory and Eco Lodge, where you can also book a guided stargazing tour. There is also a Guesthouse and a variety of accommodation options at the Chillagoe caravan parks. <https://www.coel.com.au/chillagoe-observatory/>



Mt Mulligan Lodge

With the backdrop of its 18-kilometre long sandstone namesake, Mt Mulligan Lodge offers laid-back luxury in the outback. A member of the Luxury Lodges of Australia and set on a 28,000-hectare cattle station, Mt Mulligan Lodge invites 30 guests to experience the spirit of the outback through a captivating landscape steeped in Indigenous significance dating back 37,000 years. The expansive property bears the marks of the historic gold and coal rush and in its current operation, the pastoral history of Australia. A range of experiences have been designed to ignite adventure and connect guests with Queensland's history, culture and outback.



Undara Lava Tubes

280kms south-east of Cairns, along the Savannah Way, you will find the Undara Volcanic National Park famous for its Lava Tubes and volcanic activity from 164 craters. Major eruptions 190,000 years ago created this geological phenomenon producing 24 cubic kilometres

of lava distributed over 100kms, the longest flow in the world from a single volcano.

WHERE TO STAY – Choose from a range of accommodation from restored Railway Carriages to the newly appointed Homesteads. www.undara.com.au

Talaroo Hot Springs

100km further west from Undara, you will find the outback oasis of Talaroo, offering a truly unique visitor experience combining the culture of the traditional Ewamian people and their connection with the 65million year old hot springs. To deeper form a reconciliation between people, culture and place, guided tours with a

traditional owner take place along the purpose-built boardwalks and include a bathe in the healing communal pool or book your own private soaking pool naturally fed by water seeping underground heated by hot granite rocks.

WHERE TO STAY – Try a genuine camping experience with a comfy queen bed in an Eco Tent! There is a café open until 6pm. www.talaroo.com.au

Cobbold Gorge

Immerse yourself in the natural wonder of Cobbold Gorge, cruise, kayak or paddleboard along the gorge then walk atop over the fully glass bridge, bushwalk to the top of the escarpment, along the way you can see



native plants such as the Soap Tree Acacia. At the top, take a rest on the extensive rocky plateau and enjoy spectacular views of the twisting chasm below. Ensuite accommodation, licensed restaurant, infinity pool, swim up bar and helicopter tours are available..

WHERE TO STAY – Cobbold Gorge offers ensuited Boundary Huts, with a king bed and outdoor sitting area. www.cobboldgorge.com.au

Riversleigh

A world heritage site, in the Lawn Hill National Park inscribed for its outstanding natural universal values. One of the most significant mammal fossil deposits found in the world, which has revealed records of Gondwanan life forms which existed back 25 million



years to the late Oligocene period. The site provides reports of groups of mammals, an exceptional example of the extinct marsupial lion and features reptiles, turtles, fish, crocodiles, pythons and birds embedded in the limestone.

WHERE TO STAY - Accommodation can be found at Adels Grove 50kms away so make sure you book ahead! www.wugudaji-adelsgrove.com.au

Hughenden

Take a paleo tour of Outback Queensland with a visit to see 'Hughie' a life-sized skeletal Muttaborrasaurus, a plant eating dinosaur that roamed the region 100 million years ago. You'll find him at the Flinders Discovery Centre in Hughenden, where there is also fossil collections, interactive displays and Australian dinosaur bones found in digs from 1865 to the present day. If you want to see more dinosaurs, include the Dinosaur Trail, through Winton and Richmond into your travel plans. You'll gaze at fossils of gigantic dinosaurs from around 98 million years ago (many dug up in outback paddocks!) and marvel at the famous 100 million year old dinosaur footprints at Lark Quarry.

WHERE TO STAY – a variety of hotel rooms and caravan park cabins are available.

NOTABLE EVENTS

UNDARA OUTBACK ROCK AND BLUES

Undara – April

Outback Rock and Blues is an amazing weekend of music and mates in one of North Queensland's most unique locations. The ANZAC Day Dawn Service is hauntingly beautiful and something that you will never forget.

SAVANNAH IN THE ROUND

Mareeba Sept-Oct

As country music explodes around the world, Savannah in the Round is set to become one of the regions most anticipated events with 3 days of live music at Kerribee Park, Mareeba.

TABLELANDS FOLK FESTIVAL

Yungaburra – Oct

A boutique festival which presents a refreshing look into original music, arts and culture featuring some of Australia's best singer songwriters in the heritage village of Yungaburra.

MOUNT ISA RODEO

Mt Isa – August

The Mount Isa Mines Rodeo is where the romance of the Australian Outback meets the grit of a mining town, east meets west for non-stop rodeo action.

OAK PARK RACES

Oak Park Station Einasleigh – July

Join in the excitement of a traditional country race meeting with all the trimmings of Fashions on the Field and a Formal Country Ball.



Southern Great Barrier Reef

Begin your journey south with more wonders to enjoy.

You must not miss the famous Yongala wreck dive for advanced divers and the spectacular Orpheus Island Lodge. Other highlights are the Frankland Islands and Hinchinbrook Island National Park where rainforest and eucalypt forest descend to a mangrove-lined channel in the west with bays, beaches and rocky headlands along the east coast with more Great Barrier Reef diving and snorkeling along the way!



Orpheus Island



Southern Islands

Orpheus Island Lodge

Orpheus Island Lodge is an island paradise accommodating just 28 guests on the Great Barrier Reef. Showcasing a plethora of once-in-a-lifetime experiences, the island's fringing reefs boast 1,100 of the 1,500 species of fish on the reef and 340 of the 359 varieties of hard corals. The local waters are a fishing haven and teeming with sought-after reef species. Guests can take the helm of a motorised dinghy, with gourmet picnic, and discover the many private coves that envelope Orpheus. Not to be missed is Dining with the Tides; an intimate degustation dinner under a starlit canopy on the jetty.

Yongala Wreck Dive

Recently voted in the top 10 wreck dives of the world, the shipwreck SS Yongala, Australia's largest and most intact historical shipwreck is 100m long and 15-30m deep. Come face-to-face with the charismatic mega marine life of the world heritage Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. For advanced divers, this is a diving experience for those with a sense of adventure, a passion to explore, to learn about the tragic history and to witness marine life matched by few other places on the face of this planet. Don't forget your permit!

Pelorus Island

The Great Barrier Reef's much loved Pelorus Island is poised to undergo a major transformation with the addition of a private boutique retreat. A 30-minute helicopter flight from Townsville, or accessible to guests via private yacht, the retreat is situated on an unspoilt sandy spit at the south-west corner of the island. The tropical hideaway is embraced by white sandy beaches, superb coral gardens and a lush verdant hillside. Boasting five luxuriously-appointed and expansive suites and best shared with family and friends, the exclusive residence will be ideal for intimate groups who wish to share a memorable getaway together.

Magnetic Island

Only a 20 minute cruise is a tropical continental island with fringing reefs, so grab a snorkel and explore the kaleidoscopic colours or paddle board and kayak to discover the surrounding marine park. Hike along the bounty of national park reserves, explore hidden beaches, and meet the koalas that call the island home.





Townsville

Fill your days exploring by land or sea and visit the town's treasure trove of activities.

Home to one of the world's top dive sites- the historic S.S. Yongala Shipwreck or see the reef without getting your feet wet - the town boasts the much-lauded Reef HQ Great Barrier Reef Aquarium. The world's largest living coral reef aquarium, this educational centre boasts a 2.5 million litre exhibition,

and a rehabilitation centre for sea turtles. The reef also brings the Museum of Underwater Art's inaugural sculpture "Ocean Siren" to life, which can be seen from The Strand Jetty as it changes colour according to the temperature of the water. Back in town itself, there's more than enough offerings to keep guests entertained. Days can be spent trawling the collection of cafes, boutiques and galleries, or the wander along the waterfront promenade The Strand. Make the trek up to the top of Castle Hill to see 360-degree views and the chance to enjoy the stunning sunsets.



Museum of Underwater Art

Dive or snorkel into a world of wonder and explore the Coral Greenhouse and Ocean Sentinels of MOUA, the Museum of Underwater Art at John Brewer Reef.

Descend into the Coral Greenhouse, a groundbreaking underwater museum by world renowned artist Jason deCaires Taylor. The surface of this architectural wonder evolves as marine life thrives, ensuring every visit turns into a unique encounter with the reef's dynamic ecosystem.

Surface between the Ocean Sentinels, a captivating series of underwater sculptures that blend human figures with marine elements, fusing art, and science. Each sculpture pays tribute to famous marine scientists or conservationists, highlighting their significant contributions to reef protection.

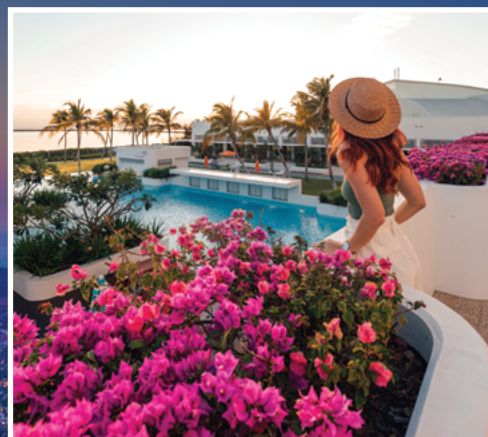


Ardo

A new \$88 million luxury resort is about to take shape perched on the edge of the Great Barrier Reef. From the visionaries behind The Ville Resort — Casino, the Morris Group, comes a new development destined to capture the attention of leisure seekers across the globe. Due to be completed in late 2023, the resort will feature hotel rooms and suites, dining venues, a rooftop infinity edge pool and an in-house day spa.

The Ville Resort-Casino

Rising from the edge of the Great Barrier Reef, The Ville Resort – Casino in tropical North Queensland combines casual sophistication with the vibrant, playful spirit of modern Australia. Whether it's for a fleeting escape, or a lingering slice of solitude, find your paradise at The Ville.





Whitsundays

A patchwork of 74 bold green shapes lying in a turquoise sea make up the islands of the Whitsundays.

Located just off the east Queensland coast, this continental group is home to untouched sun-soaked beaches with sand as fine as powder. Expect well protected anchorages, coral reefs, lush bushland, impressive granite peaks and some remarkable flora, fauna and sea life.





A WORD FROM OUR MAYOR

Welcome to the Whitsundays — a world-class superyacht destination set among the turquoise waters of the Coral Sea and the heart of the Great Barrier Reef.

Home to 74 tropical islands, the Whitsundays offers an unmatched cruising experience. From the iconic white sands of Whitehaven Beach to the vibrant marine life and secluded anchorages dotted across the archipelago, our region is a paradise for adventurers, ocean lovers, and luxury travellers alike.

We're proud to host a premier network of superyacht marinas, including Coral Sea Marina, Port of Airlie, Bowen Marina, and the newly redeveloped Shute Harbour Marine

Terminal. Supported by a strong marine training sector and a trusted network of service providers, the Whitsundays is well equipped to meet the highest standards of the global superyacht fleet.

As the official home of sailing for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games, the Whitsundays is ready to welcome the world — and the years ahead are full of opportunity as we prepare to showcase our spectacular region on the international stage.

Whitsunday Regional Council remains committed to supporting sustainable tourism and marine-based investment, ensuring our region continues to thrive as Australia's premier cruising destination.

We look forward to welcoming you, your guests and crew to the Whitsundays — and sharing the natural beauty, warm hospitality, and unforgettable experiences that make our region truly extraordinary.

Ry Collins

Mayor, Whitsunday Regional Council



Whitsunday Islands

Cruise into paradise and discover the Whitsundays, a gathering of 74 sandy isles scattered across the heart of the Great Barrier Reef.

Airlie Beach

Airlie Beach is the tourist hub of the Whitsunday region, being the largest town on the Whitsunday Coast and is known as the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and Whitsunday Islands. Coral Sea Marina Resort is the perfect base for larger Superyachts in the Whitsundays with berths available to 80m/5m LAT.

Enjoy a five minute scenic stroll from Coral Sea Marina Resort to the vibrant coastal township and discover the quintessential Australian atmosphere. Here you can enjoy dining, a range of nightlife options, along with many entertainment options, leisure activities, local beaches and shopping, all perfect for crew relaxation.

Airlie Beach and neighbouring suburbs provide all the necessary facilities and services for visiting Superyachts, with fantastic provisioning readily available.

Whitehaven Beach

Located on Whitsunday Island, this stretch of crystal-clear waters and white silica sand is known as one of the world's best beaches and is often regarded as the most breathtaking attractions in the Whitsundays. For Superyachts, it's not just a scenic stop, it is a signature destination, providing an unforgettable experience of natural beauty.

The famous white sand is 98% pure silica, as fine as talcum powder and stays cool under foot. At the northern end of Whitehaven Beach you will find Hill Inlet, where the tide shifts create swirling patterns of white sand and aquamarine water. This is best viewed from the lookout which is accessible via Tongue Bay, a Superyacht anchorage.

The waters are shallow, calm and clear, perfect for swimming and paddleboarding, and there are lush rainforest tracks to be explored each with incredible vistas. Being 7km in length, there is ample space to find seclusion and privacy despite being an iconic destination.

Where to Stay

Hamilton Island

Largest of the 6 inhabited islands, Hamilton Island has a fully serviced commercial airport, splendid restaurants, five star accommodation as well as over 60 different activities. Superyachts up to 43m can berth in the marina. Moorings are available in the Dent Passage or anchor off the north west of the island and access the marina via tender. A luxury concierge service is available on the island to make your visit seamless.

The marina side of the island bustles with people, restaurants and bars. The stunningly designed Hamilton Island Yacht Club and the world renowned qualia resort is close by. Looking out over to Dent Island is where you will find a world-class 18 hole golf course and club house. Up and over the hill, your golf buggy will take you to the main accommodation side and private residences of the island. Hamilton Island, with its slopes overlooking Catseye Bay, is the pacific version of Porto Cervo with unique Australian flavour.

www.hamiltonisland.com.au



Hamilton Island



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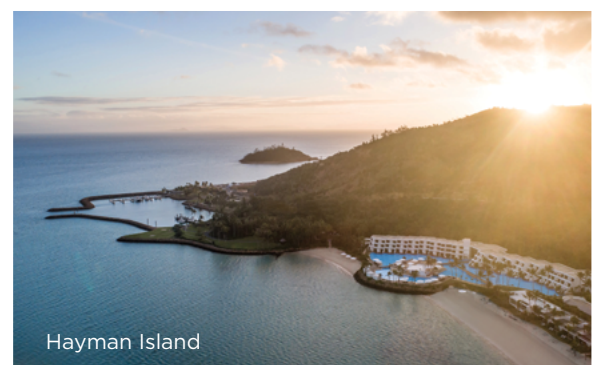
A unique Australian expression of luxury, nestled in the most pristine and secluded position on Hamilton Is. Facilities include two serene pools, private dining, two bars and spa. Guests have a buggy at their disposal to explore the island at a leisurely pace.



Hayman Island

Positioned within the heart of Australia's Great Barrier Reef, InterContinental Hayman Great Barrier Reef is home to an immersive collection of 182 guest rooms, suites and villas. Four distinct wings – Pool, Lagoon, Beach, and Pavilion – are artfully intertwined with spectacular swimming pools, panoramic seascapes, and tropical rainforest gardens, while four Hayman Residence's sit atop the island's prestigious hilltop.

www.haymanisland.intercontinental.com



Hayman Island



Coral Sea Marina Resort

Located spectacularly on the Whitsundays oceanfront lies Coral Sea Resort. Conveniently located along the scenic walkway between Coral Sea Marina and the township of Airlie Beach, this boutique resort boasts stunning views of the islands and Coral Sea and is a Whitsundays mainland favourite to locals and visitors alike. With a 25-metre swimming pool, oceanfront dining at Coral Sea Pavilion, waterfront private cabanas and a private beach, Coral Sea Resort facilities are free of charge for Coral Sea Marina guests, captains and crew to enjoy. Discounted accommodation is also available.



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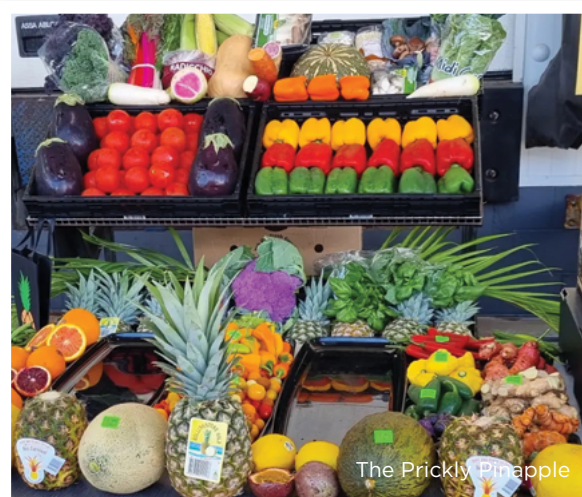


Indigenous History

Follow in the footsteps of the traditional owners of the Whitsundays, the Ngaro people. Track their history along the Ngaro Sea Trail, traversing the islands over land and sea. A highlight is the walking track leading to an interpretive centre at Nara Inlet, Hook Island, where you can view Aboriginal rock paintings and listen to an interactive display explaining life from the perspective of the Ngaro elders.

When to Visit

May – November. Superyachts can escape the colder months of the south to enjoy a welcoming tropical winter in the Whitsundays. Coincide your visit with Hamilton Island Race Week in August, Australia's most successful keelboat regatta featuring superb daytime racing, balanced by an exceptional harbor side social scene.



Provisioning

The Prickly Pineapple

The Prickly Pineapple is a family-owned gourmet grocer in the Whitsundays, dedicated to providing fresh, premium produce to visiting superyachts, so guests and crew can experience the produce our region is known for. We source the finest fruits and vegetables from local farms and trusted producers across Australia, along with high-quality artisan products and ready-to-eat meals prepared daily by our in-house chefs.

Dive Sites

A selection of our favourite dive sites in the Whitsunday region.

HEART REEF

19°46.41'S - 149°14.55'E

A beautiful composition of coral that has naturally formed into the shape of a heart, sitting in its own reef lagoon. Located within Hardy Reef, Heart Reef is unforgettable and best seen from the air.



Heart Reef

HOOK REEF - Caves & Canyons

19°44.822'S - 149°10.923'E

Intermediate Dive

This site features a 60m wall with a 20m shelf. Making for a great exploration dive, this shelf is dotted with scores of bommies. Also on offer a number of beautiful coral gardens with exceptional overhangs that provides for wonderful photographic opportunities of some gorgonian fans. Mackerel, tuna and Indian steephead are regularly seen as are whales. Depth from 2m to 60m. Visibility from 5m to 35m.

BUTTERFLY BAY

20°04.2'S - 148°55.7'E

Due to being part of a Green Zone (no fishing), Butterfly Bay is abundant with marine life. With diving depths reaching 5 - 12m, there is a variety of terrain including coral bommies, swim-throughs, and shallow coral walls. The calm protected waters of the bay allow for great visibility.

BAIT REEF - Manta Ray Drop Off

19°48.399'S - 149°04.279'E

Advanced Dive

Boasts spectacular underwater cliffs and a plunging wall that drops off to 30m. The wall is covered with gorgonians, soft coral trees, sponges and sea whips. Depth from 3m to 36m. Visibility from 12m to 30m.

BAIT REEF - Gary's Lagoon

19°48.399'S - 149°04.279'E

Novice Dive

Gary's Lagoon is well protected, making it an ideal site for snorkelers and beginner divers. The coral cover here is excellent and the lagoon makes for easy diving before venturing out into deeper water just outside the entrance. The lagoon is home to all sorts of tropical marine life



Stepping Stones Bait Reef

including large soft corals, reef fish, turtles, wobbegongs and the occasional manta ray. Depth from 4m to 18m. Visibility from 10m to 20m.

BAIT REEF - Stepping Stones

19°48.399'S - 149°04.279'E

Intermediate / Advanced Dive

A series of 18 or more flat-topped coral pinnacles forming "stepping stones". These coral pinnacles provide many interesting channels and caves for divers to explore. It features large areas of plate coral with fields of blue staghorn coral, schools of batfish, giant maori wrasse, moray eels and an abundant variety of other tropical fish. Snorkeling across the top of the Stepping Stones is particularly inspiring. Depth from 4m to 30m. Visibility from 10m to 30m.

LUNCHEON BAY

20°03.7'S - 148°56.97'E

Novice Dive

Good shallow coral cover to 8m to 10m. Large bommie on eastern point. Good snorkeling all along the bay. Visibility from 3m to 5m. Diving depth 3m to 5m.

MANTA RAY BAY

20°03.612'S - 148° 57.468'E

Novice Dive

Some of the best underwater scenery in the Whitsundays. Manta Ray Bay, at Hook Island has an array of underwater valleys, caves, and swim-throughs leading all the way to the sea floor 25m below. Considered one of the best dive and snorkel sites in the inshore islands. Manta Ray Bay has a good coverage of hard and soft corals and abundant marine life including maori wrasse and manta rays in winter. This area is also good for guided snorkeling. Depth from 3m to 25m. Visibility from 5m to 30m.

SABA BAY

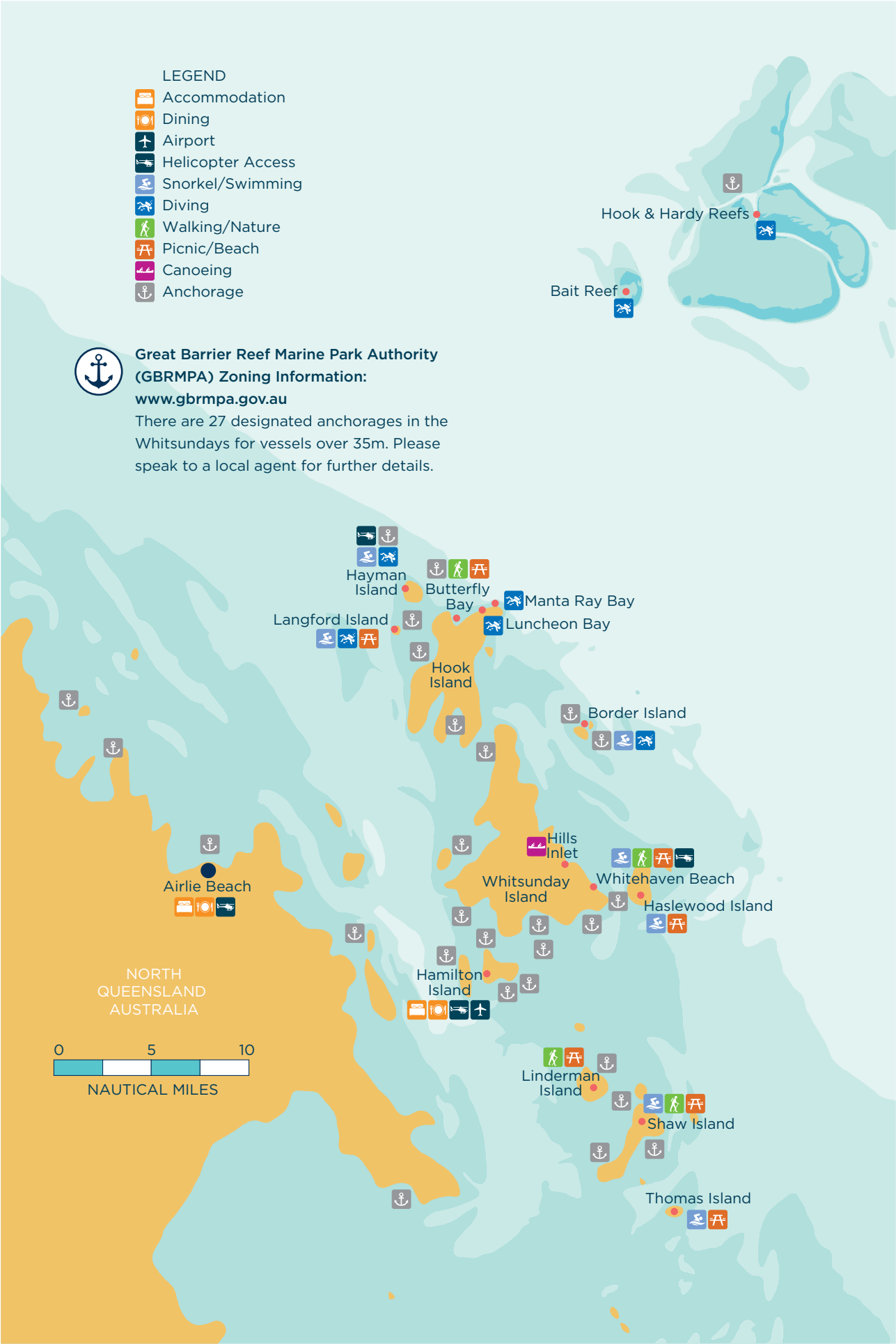
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On the northeastern side of Hook Island has an abundance of marine life and some beautiful soft corals to be explored.

BORDER ISLAND/CATERAN BAY

20°09.2'S - 149°02.1'E

Delightful anchorage with very good coral in the bay. Water clarity ranges from 2 to 12 m visibility, with depths spanning 2 to 12 m, making it suitable for all experience levels.





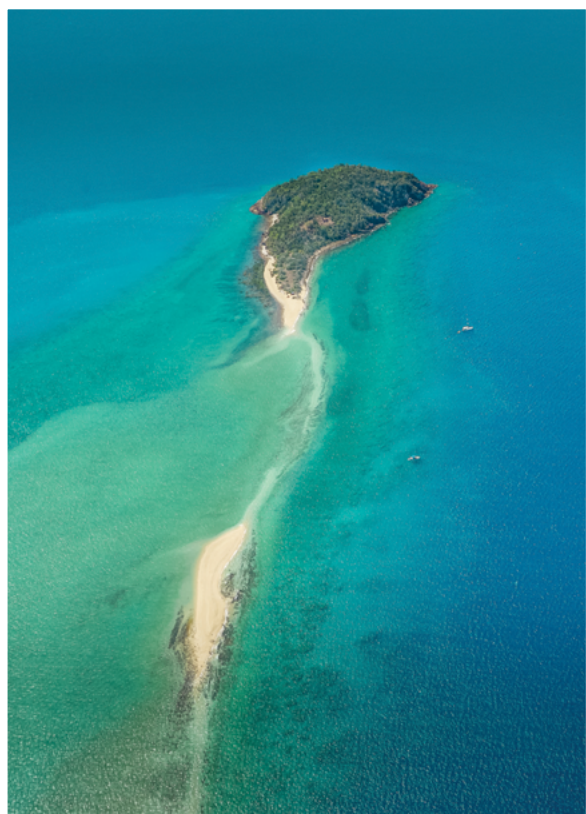
Cruising Guide

DAY 1

Coral Sea Marina > Stonehaven

Enjoy a private helicopter service from Whitsunday Coast Airport taking you directly to Coral Sea Marina where your yacht awaits.

From here it's a short 2.5 hour cruise to your first night's destination at Stonehaven Bay to enjoy some sunset fishing and anchor for the night. Stonehaven is known for its stunning sunsets.



DAY 2

Luncheon Bay > Hayman Island > Langford Island

The next morning, it is a short journey to Luncheon Bay and its neighbouring bays, Mantaray and Butterfly, for exceptional snorkelling.

Make arrangements to visit the Intercontinental Hayman Island Resort for lunch, relax by the infinity pool, enjoy the day spa, or dine at one of the award-winning outlets, before heading back on board to visit nearby Langford Island, the perfect spot for enjoying an afternoon picnic on the sand before sunset.

DAY 3 - 5

Tongue Bay > Whitehaven Beach > Chalkies

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before exploring Langford Island's stunning cay and the fringing reefs. Hop over to Black Island via tender for some exceptional snorkelling or exploring the small island's beach.

Afterwards, enjoy a leisurely cruise to the iconic Whitehaven Bay for the next two nights. Anchor at Tongue Bay first and enjoy a morning walk through the rainforest to the iconic lookout over the swirling sands of Hill Inlet.



Arrange for the tender to collect you from Betty's Beach before journeying to south Whitehaven Beach, acclaimed as one of the best beaches in Australia, with 7 kilometres of sparkling white sand made up of 98% silica. Relax on the soft sand, swim in azure waters, or relax on deck before dinner on board.

In the morning, explore nearby Chalkies Beach to enjoy the same white sand plus the opportunity to snorkel directly off the beach.

DAY 6 - 8

Hamilton Island > Turtle Bay > Chance Bay or Cid Harbour

Make the short journey to the next overnight destination, Hamilton Island, a modern island resort with an array of boutiques, an art gallery, bars, restaurants, yacht club, as well as the 5 Star Qualia Resort.

For those golf lovers, take the short trip to the PGA accredited golf course at Dent Island. Enjoy 18 holes with stunning island views.

After departing Hamilton Island, choose to enjoy Turtle or Chance Bay, both of which are perfect for watersports, particularly in northerly winds. Alternatively, explore nearby Cid Harbor to hike the Whitsunday Peak track which provides 360 degree views over the Whitsunday Islands.

Day 9 - 10

Shaw Island > Thomas Island > Coral Sea Marina Resort

Travel south to Neck Bay on Shaw Island, where you can spend time ashore on the sandy beach, explore the walking tracks or enjoy a beach BBQ. From here you can also visit Burning Point, and venture further south to Thomas Island.

If you are looking for seclusion the southern anchorages on Thomas Island and Shaw Island will suit you perfectly.

A relaxing picnic on the beach or long lunch on the deck are in order, as you enjoy the tranquility of these secluded waters before travelling back to Coral Sea Marina.



NOTABLE EVENTS

Whitsundays

GREAT WHITEHAVEN BEACH RUN

June

Step out onto the pristine sands of Whitehaven Beach for this iconic, fun and challenging race

AIRLIE BEACH RACE WEEK

August

Recognised Australia-wide as a vibrant and exciting week of action, mixing six days of offshore yacht racing with seven nights of socialising and entertainment.

HAMILTON ISLAND RACE WEEK

August

Celebrating 40 years of thrilling competition, Hamilton Island Race Week draws yachties and spectators from around the world of Australia's largest offshore sailing regatta.

GREAT BARRIER REEF FESTIVAL

August

The Great Barrier Reef Festival brings the reef to life in the heart of Airlie Beach, celebrating the Whitsundays unique coastal culture with four days of colour, connection, and community.

AIRLIE BEACH MUSIC FESTIVAL

November

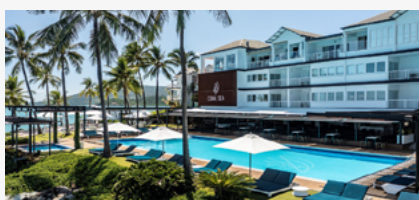
Party in paradise with the Airlie Beach Festival of Music. Steps from the Coral Sea, it delivers iconic acts, unforgettable performances against a backdrop of stunning Whitsunday Islands. The festival energy electrifies the entire town, with bars and restaurants hosting intimate gigs and rising stars.

HAMILTON ISLAND TRIATHALON

November

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With world-class marina facilities ready to welcome visiting superyachts and their crews, Mackay is the perfect blend of laid-back luxury and wide-open adventure. Step ashore and you'll find reef, rainforest, and the convenient outback all within reach — from hiking misty mountain trails and spotting platypus in the wild, to island-hopping and snorkelling the Great Barrier Reef.



In the heart of the city, vibrant streets, boutique shopping, and a thriving dining scene invite you to linger. Think fine dining by the river, Asian-inspired flavours, craft brews, and sunset drinks that turn into long, easy nights. For anything else you need, Caneland Central delivers big-city retail in a relaxed, coastal setting.

Beyond the marina, Mackay's event's calendar hums with markets, festivals, and cultural moments that make you feel instantly at home. Whether you've come to recharge, explore, or simply roam, this is where every vibe — from high-energy to slow and soulful — finds its place.

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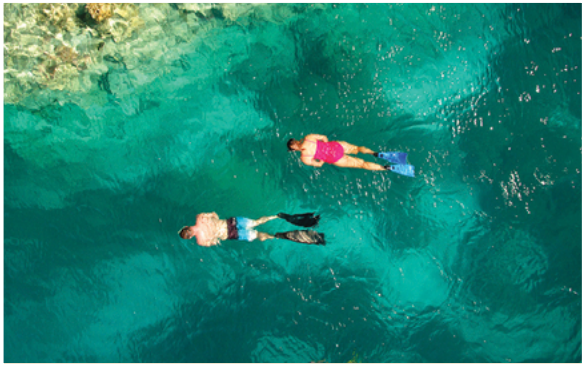
This region is home to some of Queensland's most breathtaking natural wonders, including Heron Island, one of Sir David Attenborough's favourite places on Earth, as well as Lady Musgrave Island and Lady Elliot Island – all just a short trip from the city of Gladstone.

These islands form part of the Southern Great Barrier Reef and Bunker Group, a region celebrated for its pristine coral cays, untouched marine ecosystems and uncrowded anchorages. Further offshore, the remote Swains Reef offers an even more secluded experience, with crystal-clear waters, abundant marine life and a true sense of wilderness.

South of Gladstone, the picturesque coastline links the relaxed seaside towns of 1770 and Agnes Water. Bundaberg also provides easy access to this unspoiled reef region and lies close to the northern tip of Fraser Island, a favourite resting spot for humpback whales and their newborn calves on their annual migration.

Gladstone is uniquely positioned between two rivers, with a natural deepwater harbour at its heart. The world-class Gladstone Marina offers all-weather access, a 4-metre draft at LAT, no air draft restrictions, and full international clearance facilities, making it not only an ideal arrival point for superyachts but also a strategic base to explore the Southern Great Barrier Reef, Bunker Group of Islands and the remote Swains Reef. From here, guests can access remote coral cays, dive on some of the world's healthiest reefs and enjoy anchorages where nature remains untouched.





The marina itself features beautifully landscaped parklands and a courtesy bus for visiting guests. Nearby are Spinnaker Park and East Shores, offering walking trails, cafés, a swimming beach and sweeping views across the inlet. Just a short stroll away is the Gladstone Yacht Club, famous for its “Sundowners” in the waterfront Beer Garden. The East Shores Precinct also stretches along the waterfront and Flinders Parade, featuring family-friendly activities, an outdoor cinema, a microbrewery and a variety of attractions.



Gladstone also boasts a vibrant cultural scene. Highlights include the Maritime Museum and the Regional Art Gallery and Museum, located in the heritage-listed Town Hall. Colonial-era buildings dot the CBD, which also offers a wide choice of bars and restaurants. The Tondoon Botanic Gardens are another standout, featuring exclusively native Australian plant species – a rarity among botanic gardens.



Gladstone Airport, just 10 minutes from the marina, offers convenient domestic flights, meaning guests and owners can easily fly in to join their vessels. With direct access to the Southern Great Barrier Reef, the remote Swains Reef and the Bunker Group of Islands, Gladstone is the ultimate superyacht base for world-class diving, snorkelling and exploring secluded coral cays where nature still thrives in perfect balance.



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