

GREAT BARRIER REEF

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QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA

Welcome!

The Super Yacht Group Great Barrier Reef is a non-profit industry consortium promoting Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef region as a premier super yacht 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, Parley 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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A Word from our Chair

It is a privilege to be Chair to this amazing group of over 100 members who are so passionate and dedicated to providing unparalleled services to the worldwide Superyachts visiting our shores.

Cairns on the Great Barrier Reef is the perfect point of entry for custom clearances, with deep water access into the port. 12 dedicated Superyacht berths up to 140m are available at the Cairns Marlin Marina and we now offer availability to a 1120t shiplift, which will assist our Superyacht Groups goal to promote our unique destination and offer premium quality services to entice these majestic vessels to visit. We want the owners of these vessels not only to discover the beauty of our world heritage listed reef and rainforest, but to provide them first class refit facilities, provision them with fresh, tropical produce, supply accessible, high-quality fuel, provide high end chandlery and exceptional concierge services and as a result, see these high-end vessels return year on year.

With invaluable ongoing financial support from Cairns Regional Council, Ports North and the SYGGBR membership base, the Superyacht Group Great Barrier Reef pride themselves with continual, consistent global marketing and membership presence at international boat shows and events each year aligned to our strategic plan.



Our group proactively supports our national body Superyacht Australia and we have been instrumental in working with them to develop a purpose-designed visa for crew, 21 new superyacht anchorages in the Whitsundays and new legislation to allow foreign flagged superyachts to charter within Australian waters.

Annually, the group invites a small selection of industry leaders from around the world to experience our stunning region, to share our spectacular offering to the global superyacht fleet with the rest of the world. Should you be interested in joining us, please contact us at info@superyachtgroup.com for application details.

As chair, I look forward to welcoming you onboard to be part of this fantastic service network that truly supports this unique, superyacht industry of Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef.

Kathleen Ferguson
Chairperson





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.

- Cairns Marlin Marina offers:
- 12 dedicated Superyacht berths - up to 140M
- Customs and Quarantine clearance from berth
- Min Channel Depth 9.2m, Depth alongside up to 6.5M
- Duty Free Bunkering and freshwater available in the marina
- 3 Phase Power up to 200 Amps
- Refuse/Recycling services including bulk refuse removal
- Secure gated facility with CCTV, 24hr security and service
- Alongside parking for yacht vehicles, direct access for service providers
- Bathroom amenities and laundry
- Wifi, Mail and Newspaper delivery

Austal Cairns

Austal Cairns offers industry-leading service and a full range of support including vessel maintenance, repairs and re-fits and is ideally located, equipped, and qualified to support superyacht owners and charter operators of large, luxurious vessels from 20 – 65 metres.

Offering the Pacific region's largest Mobile Boat Hoist, capable of lifting 1,120 tonnes, featuring over 200 metres of fitting out berths, including 80 metres of floating wharf space and a 1,200-tonne slipway for vessels up to 60 metres. The shipyard includes 2 x 1,120 tonne and 2 x 600 tonne hardstands, and 2 x mobile cranes (20 and 70 tonne).

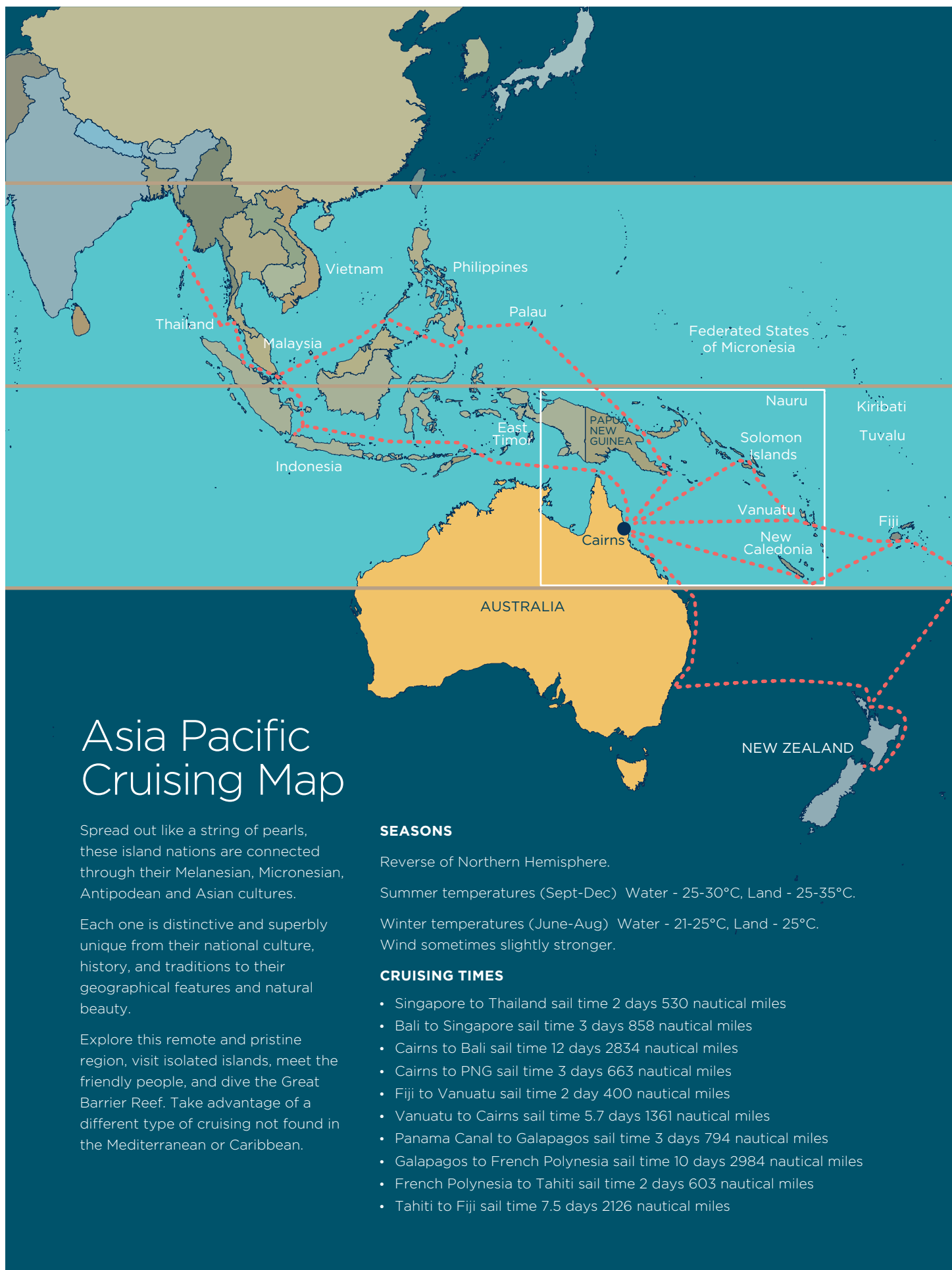
Austal Cairns is well placed to service Superyachts with specialist skills in marine engineering and technical trades, following ISO quality-assured processes and using the latest technology, plant and equipment to deliver the highest quality service.

Auriga Reef Pilots

Auriga provides pilotage services across 13 compulsory pilotage routes around Australia including navigating the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. 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.

Benetti

Steeped in family tradition, Benetti luxury yachts are designed and engineered to withstand the toughest conditions, changing trends and the test of time. Every Benetti Superyacht represents the very best in Italian style and excellence, built to exceed the expectations of discerning owners.



Asia Pacific Cruising Map

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.

Explore this remote and pristine region, visit isolated islands, meet the friendly people, and dive the Great Barrier Reef. Take advantage of a different type of cruising not found in the Mediterranean or Caribbean.

SEASONS

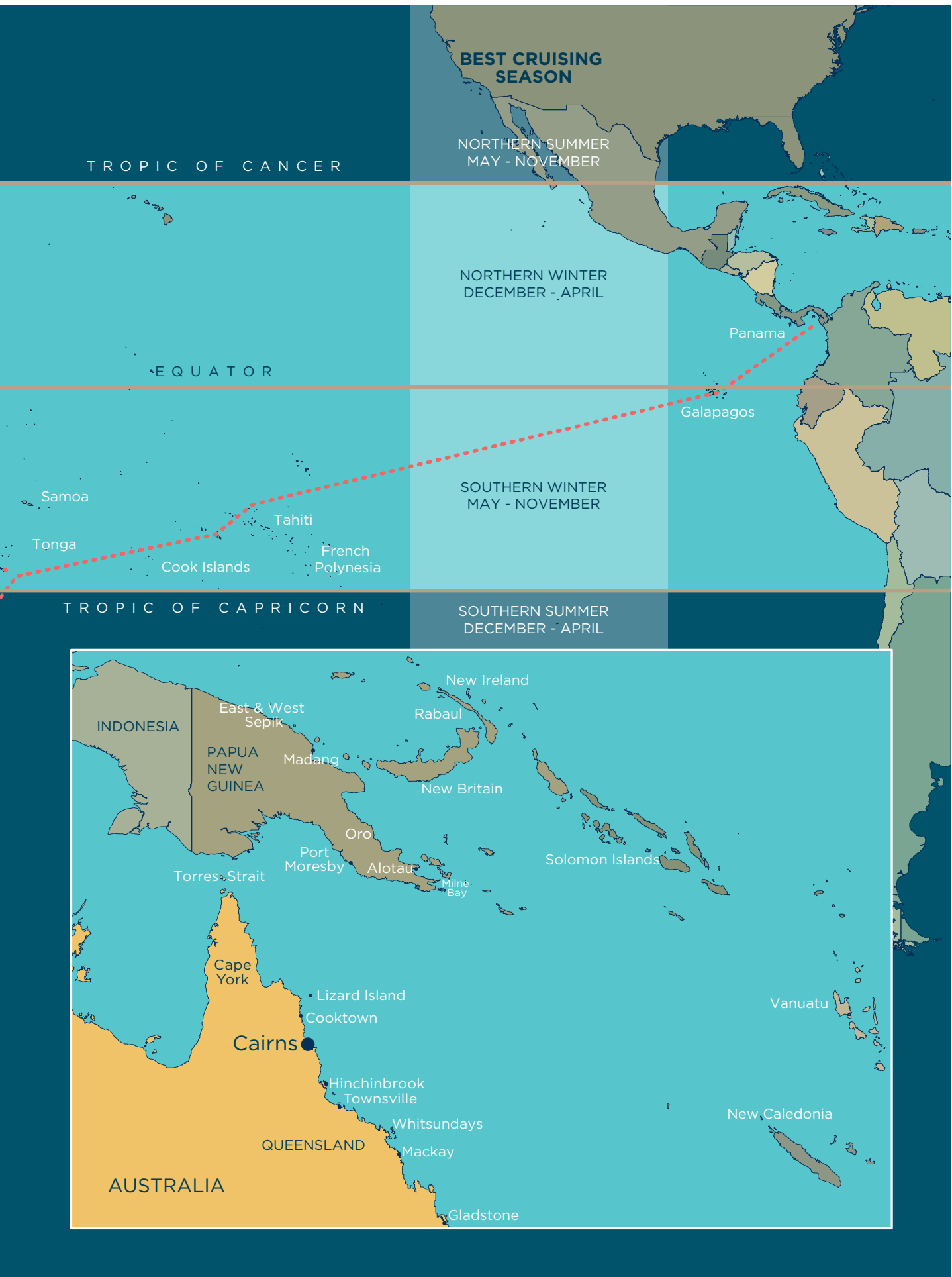
Reverse of Northern Hemisphere.

Summer temperatures (Sept-Dec) Water - 25-30°C, Land - 25-35°C.

Winter temperatures (June-Aug) Water - 21-25°C, Land - 25°C.
Wind sometimes slightly stronger.

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



CORAL SEA 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.

The vibrant marina resort precinct, offering a range of dedicated superyacht services plus variety of leisure activities, makes CSMR 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 in an idyllic location, 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

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61 7 4052 3866

61 7 4946 2400

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portsnorth.com.au/cmm/super-yachts

coralseamarina.com

Nearest airport

Cairns International
and Domestic Airport

Whitsunday Coast Airport
Hamilton Island Airport

Marina VHF Channel

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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 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, resort,
restaurant, spa, gym, restaurants,
bars, laundry, helipads. Cleaning
platform. Superyacht storage facility.

**HAMILTON ISLAND MARINA****SHUTE HARBOUR MARINE TERMINAL****GLADSTONE 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, Cairns 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

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.

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° 21' S 148° 57' E

20° 29.28 S 148° 78.58 E

23 49.56 ` S 151 14.40 ` E

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Haven, Queensland, Australia

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Hamilton Island
Domestic Airport

Whitsunday Coast Airport
Hamilton Island Airport

Gladstone Domestic
Brisbane International

68

16

82

No

Mackay

Yes

4m

6m

4m at low tide

> 8m stay clear of flight path

None

None

48m

45m

50m

300

12

300

32

8

5

1

2

2

Floating pontoons

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Floating pontoons and fixed wharf

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

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Single phase - 15 amp

Self Service Fuel Wharf - Diesel

High Flow Diesel, 98 Premium ULP

Fuel dock - Diesel and unleaded

N/A

N/A

Yes

Toilets, showers, laundry,
access to resort facilities.

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

Laundry, showers, BBQ, courtesy bus
to shops and swimming beach.

Customs Information

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

All vessels are required by law to give 96 hours' notice of their intended arrival. Penalties apply for failure to do so.

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 following link for more information.



AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Biosecurity/Quarantine)

All vessels are required by law to give 12-96 hours' notice of their intended arrival. There are strict laws to protect Australian Environment and Citizens. Penalties may be imposed for failure to declare certain items.

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 now completed online.



GREAT BARRIER REEF PERMITS

Regulations ensure use of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is sustainable. Rules apply to all commercial and recreational vessels Check if permits are required well in advance. Some areas require specific permits for activities

Please ensure you have access to:

- zoning maps, plans of management, waste disposal regulations
- anchorage locations
- compulsory pilotage regulations
- know regulations regarding reef wildlife

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. Please refer to individual port procedures or contact your local port agent.



Taxation

The owners or masters of yachts cruising Australian waters on control permits will be able to obtain Goods and Services Tax (GST)-free repairs or refits by presenting a copy of their control permits and vessel registration certificate to their repairers/refitters. Your agent can handle this.

Chartering in Australia

The Special Recreational Vessel Act 2019 was passed by the Australian Government to facilitate foreign vessel charter. The licence is valid for a period of 12 months. Additional licences can be applied for prior to the completion of each 12 month period.

Please speak to our Superyacht Australia trained and endorsed vessel agents to acquire this. In Cairns they are Carter Marine Agencies, Australian Superyacht Services Qld, Major Yacht Services and Super Yacht Logistics.

Australia has the largest domestic fleet of superyachts available for charter in 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.

SUPERYACHT AGENTS

Australian Super Yacht Services - Pat McLoughlin
www.australiansuperyachts.com.au

Carter Marine Agencies - Carrie Carter
www.cartermarine.com

Major Yacht Services - Geoff Majer
www.majoryachtservices.com.au

AFFILIATES

Superyacht Australia
www.superyacht-australia.com

APSA
www.apsuperyacht.org

Advance Cairns
www.advancecairns.com

Tropical Tourism North Queensland
www.tourism.tropicalnorthqueensland.org.au

Tourism Queensland
www.queensland.com

CHARTER BROKERS

The Yacht Life
www.theyachtlife.com

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre
www.cairnsturtlerehab.com

**Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef
Great Reef Census**
www.greatreefcensus.org

Coral Sea Foundation Sea Women of Melanesia
www.coralseafoundation.net

Eye on the Reef - GBRMPA
www2.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

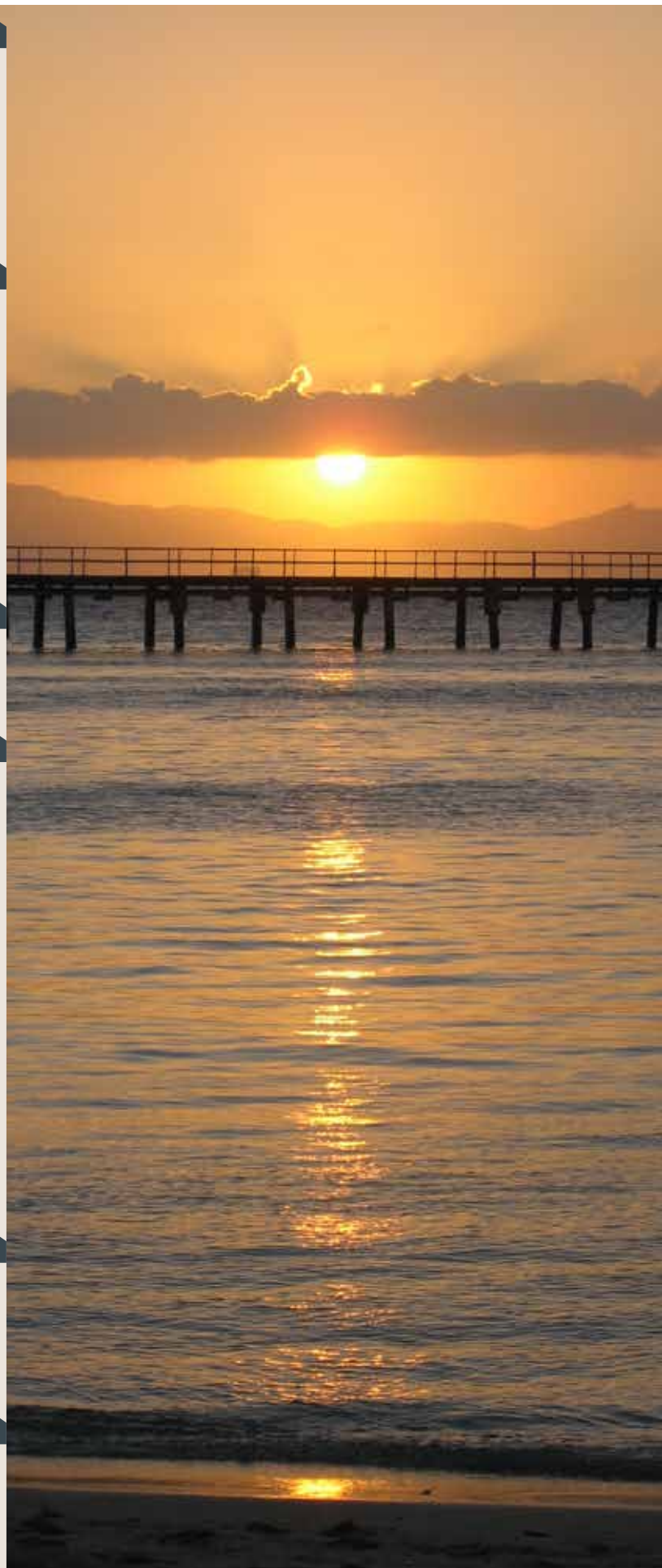
CREW RECRUITMENT

Champion Crewing & Concierge
www.championcrewing.com

YOA Yacht Crew Agency
www.yoaagency.com

MARINE TRAINING

Great Barrier Reef International Marine College
www.gbrimc.com.au





A WORD FROM OUR MAYOR

Welcome to Cairns – a unique superyacht destination. We are uniquely positioned as the international gateway to two precious World Heritage listed natural wonders – the spectacularly beautiful Great Barrier Reef and the world's most ancient Wet Tropics Rainforest.

Boasting pristine and vibrant cruising waters, a superb tropical climate and an unparalleled variety of experiences, we are home to Australia's largest marine tourism sector and a hot-spot for superyachts.

In fact, Cairns is the most visited port in Australia for superyachts, with vessels staying on average for 46 days.

As our reputation continues to grow, supported by the work of the Super Yacht Group Great Barrier Reef and the Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef, we play host to ever-greater numbers and larger sizes of international and Australian superyachts. Cairns offers Australia's largest dedicated superyacht marina - able to accommodate vessels up to 140m - together with excellent refit and maintenance facilities, including the world's largest mobile boat hoist.

Our city's renowned international marine training college and experienced service and supply agents cater to the every need of local and international yachts, owners and crew. Cairns Regional Council recognises the significant value of the superyacht cruising sector, and we are proud to support the Super Yacht Group Great Barrier Reef as it promotes our industry's outstanding capabilities and our region as Australia's top superyacht destination.

I invite you to visit our very special part of the world, and look forward to welcoming you and your crew to Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef soon.

Bob Manning
Mayor of Cairns





City of Cairns



Located in stunning tropical Far North Queensland, Cairns is considered the gateway to Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

Cairns is the custom clearance port of the Great Barrier Reef region and the dedicated superyacht marina - Cairns Marlin Marina, boasting the largest capability in all of Australia can accommodate vessels in a safe and secure marina up to 140 metres within a few minutes walk of the attractive CBD. Visit Cairns for the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics World Heritage Rainforest, but don't miss the great things to do in and around town.

Shipyards

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 Shipyard	1	Rail Slip	3,000	105	19.6	7	Unlimited



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.



Norship

Norship is a diversified, marine business delivering sustainment, engineering and manufacturing services to valued Private, Commercial and Defence customers.

Norships' facilities and infrastructure includes a shipyard in Cairns and industrial marine workshop facilities in Darwin with offsite service teams deployed for service requirements across the Australian coastline and the Pacific Region. The Head office is situated in Cairns with over 54,500 sqm, of industrial workshop and marine infrastructure available for out of water maintenance refits, repairs and overhauls.

Capabilities include: fully enclosed fabrication, blast and paint facilities, fully serviced hardstand areas, workshops and a team of maritime service specialists and supporting marine trades.

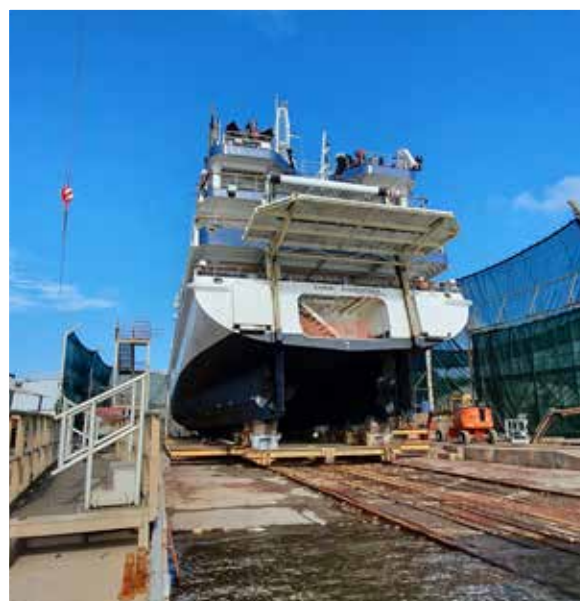


Tropical Reef Shipyard

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 cranaage 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.



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

Reef Information Centre

Locally owned visitors centre with experienced staff that take special care in organising unique and unforgettable tours of the best of Tropical North Queensland.

www.reefinfo.com.au

Kuranda, Skyrail and Historic Rail

Kuranda is a charming village set in the rainforest above Cairns. Glide your way to Kuranda over the mountain ranges with Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, disembark your gondola at Red Peak to explore the jungle and Barron Falls to witness the cascading waterfall. Wander the markets, take a cruise along the river or visit the local wildlife parks and experience an aboriginal dreamtime walk. Board the historic Kuranda Rail for the return journey winding through tunnels view spectacular waterfall and ocean views, there are surprises around every corner!

www.skyrail.com.au

Rafting and River Tubing

Ride the rapids and push your boundaries on some of the best rafting rivers in the world! Freshwater cascades down rainforest mountains, picking up pace and churning through gorges and ravines. Choose a fun half day on the Barron River with a combination of easy & moderate rapids, tackle the plunging Grade 3 and 4 white water rapids on the full day Tully River for the ultimate rush or hike in, inflate and go Packrafting on the Russell River. If

a gentle float down a pristine rainforest stream is more your thing, try river tubing, a little bit of action, a little bit of adventure and a whole lot of good fun!

www.cairnsadventuregroup.com.au





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 to culturally significant Babinda Boulders, then ride the natural water slide at Josephine Falls. Road trip up to the Atherton Tablelands to the picture perfect 18m Millaa Millaa Falls and swim in the spectacular volcanic crater lakes.

www.cairnsadventuregroup.com.au

Skydive Cairns

Take a skydive in Cairns and you'll be breathing in views of the world's largest coral reef system, this truly is the marine playground's greatest viewing platform. With the Daintree in one direction and the Great Barrier Reef in the other, skydive views don't get much better than this. Pluck up your courage and skydive from one version of heaven to another!

www.skydive.com.au



Provisioning

Great Barrier Reef Yacht Supplies

Cairns based provisioning company is dedicated to delivering Superyachts quality local provisions and supplies. As ex-yacht crew we have an aptitude for meeting demands. We combine our local knowledge and contacts with our industry expertise to provide the best engine, deck and interior supplies. Our focus is always local first - we love supporting our wonderful suppliers!

SJD Wines

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.



Edgehill Butchery

Edge Hill Butchery is a family owned small business established in 1925, situated just 8 minutes from the Cairns Marlin Marina. Offering the largest range of Wagyu Beef and premium Beef brands, along with Free Range Chicken & Pork products. Their Award-Winning flavours of sausages and gourmet Burgers are made in store to traditional recipes and winning the Australian Meat Industry Council Retailer of the Year 3 times.

Simon George & Sons

The Simon George & Sons story began back in 1927 with the vision of their Grandparents who set out to deliver fresh, high-quality fruit and vegetables to members of their local community. The family business has grown a lot since, building loyal partnerships with our suppliers and amazing local farmers.

Preston Fresh Seafood

A family owned and operated gourmet Cairns based Seafood Retailer, delivering a huge selection of seafood from Fresh Fish, Prawns, Oysters, Bugs, Lobsters, House Smoked Seafood plus so much more. We fillet our fresh fish and shuck fresh oysters here on premises.

Shopping and Markets

Browse Oceania Walk for high end fashion, quirky boutiques and even a record store. Wander across Grafton St to discover the iconic Rusty's Markets with an abundance of farm fresh produce and local artisan products. The city's art gallery specialised in local artists, indigenous art and hand crafted jewellery.



Where to Drink

The 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!

Macalisters Brewing Co

For the love of beer, it's worth the taxi fare 20min north of Cairns to discover a small award winning microbrewery crafting beers by hand, set under the Macalister range overlooking cane fields. Founded by brewer Rob, a former chemistry teacher with a passion for brewing fresh tasty beer, that got a bit out of control!



Where to Eat

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 five different fish types and pair it with one of five cooking styles. The Fish List changes monthly, with each month featuring battered, pan seared, chargrilled, baked and crusted options and an ever-changing menu of flavours and styles. The hardest part will be picking which combination you'd like the most!



Where to Stay

Pullman Reef Hotel Casino

Nestled by Trinity inlet and only 250 m from Cairns Marina Precinct, the five-star luxury hotel features elegant rooms with spa bath and water view balconies. Known for outstanding service and attention to detail, relax with a tranquil roof-top pool, gym, three restaurants and bars, boutique casino, and a unique Wildlife Dome.

www.reefcasino.com.au



Cairns Private Apartments

The Cairns Private Apartments collection is undoubtedly the most opulent waterfront holiday accommodation in Cairns and offers personalised yet unobtrusive service. The apartments are individually chosen, beautifully appointed properties located from the heart of Cairns to the stunning tropical Northern Beaches.

www.cairnsprivateapartments.com.au

Indigenous Culture

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

What you will discover is a rich culture, deeply connected to nature. Its historical footprint exists through rock paintings which date back tens of thousands of years, through sacred dancing grounds and profound dreamtime stories.

Mandingalbay Ancient Aboriginal Tours

Join ancient hands, on country, for an unforgettable experience as you connect with traditional land and sea owners of east Cairns, the Mandingalbay Yidinji people. Be welcomed with a smoking ceremony after your river cruise, discover native foods and bush medicines, ancient Aboriginal traditions, customs, and artefacts on a privately guided Hands On Country eco tour or Deadly After Dark tour.

www.mandingalbay.com.au





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

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

Daintree Eco Lodge

The Daintree Ecolodge is nestled in the heart of the Daintree Rainforest and offers boutique eco-luxury accommodation in a breathtaking environment. 15 treehouses are immersed in the canopy allowing guests to reconnect with nature in sheer tranquillity. Discover the lodge's sacred private waterfall and rejuvenate your mind, body and soul at the Daintree Wellness Spa. Dine on locally inspired seasonal menus bursting with the freshest and most sustainable ingredients at the Julaymba Restaurant.



Things to See and Do

Treetops Adventures

Soar through the world heritage listed Rainforest to explore the extraordinary canopy and treetops at Cape Tribulation, in Far North Queensland! You'll experience a bird's eye view of the ancient Daintree Rainforest on three ziplines spanning up to 130m wide and 15 metres above ground on a fully guided 2 hour Zipline Tour.

www.treetopsadventures.com.au



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!

www.cairnsadventuregroup.com.au

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!

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!

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.**



Photo - Christian Miller Photography

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 gbrmpa.gov.au





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 Super Yacht 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

Coral Sea Foundation - Dr Andy Lewis
www.coralseafoundation.net

GBR Dive and Snorkel - Tanya Murphy
tanya.murphy@live.com.au

Great Barrier Reef Legacy - Dean Miller
www.gbrlegacy.org

GBRPMMA Master Reef Guides
www2.gbrmpa.gov.au

GBR Biology - Eric Fisher
www.gbrbiology.com

WHITSUNDAY'S

Reef Safari - Peter Farrell
www.reefsafari.com

AquaDive - Ken Sharpe
www.aquadive.com.au

GBR Biology

A team of qualified Marine Biologists and First Nations Cultural Guides, including accredited Master Reef Guides, with exceptional professionalism and knowledge of the Great Barrier Reef. With extensive engagement in ongoing research and education programs, the GBR Biology team offer their local expertise as reef guides on the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef. Share in their knowledge of this fascinating underwater world through memorable immersive experiences including indigenous storytelling, onboard educational presentations, and guided snorkelling adventures.

Eric Fisher - 0437 138 780
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www.gbrbiology.com



Lizard Island

Great Barrier Reef Voyage

From Captain Martin Debanks, MY Spirit - Superyacht Industry Voyage of the Year Award.

Myself and the rest of my crew on board Spirit are passionate about the Reef, this is where we live and this is where we are lucky enough to work. With over 3000 reef systems and Cays, and an abundance of marine life, the Great Barrier reef is the largest Coral reef in the world and without a doubt one of Natures Greatest Gift to us all.

DAY 1

Port Douglas to St Crispin reef - 40nm's

Our first day saw us leave Port at around 11 am heading North East to St Crispin reef for the afternoon and evening. This is a great under used anchorage the weather was beautiful, one of those glassy calm days that the reef can produce this time of year. Steaming time was around 3 and a half hours. That afternoon we ran our guests over to South Agincourt where they snorkelled Advanced Bommie. It was stunning, great coral and an abundance of fish life.

DAY 2

St Crispin's Reef to Rachel Carson - 20nm's

After breakfast we moved Spirit up to South Agincourt where Nursery Bommie and Barra Bommie were snorkelled, the afternoon saw us at The Point, another fantastic snorkelling site. All three sights were spectacular.

Agincourt Reefs are dived daily from Port Douglas, the Quicksilver pontoon is there. I could not hazard a guess as to how many divers and snorkelers pass through there every year. My hat goes off to the dive guides and dive operators who do such an amazing job of keeping these reefs in amazing condition. This is inspiring and what we wanted to see. That evening we anchored at Rachel Carson Reef.

DAY 3

Rachel Carson to Ribbon Reef #3 - 25nm's

This morning we checked out Southern Escape reefs. We snorkelled the inside wall at Rachel Carson and the Northern end. Both good there was no bleaching or storm damage. Anchorage that evening was taken at Ribbon Reef # 3

DAY 4**Ribbon Reef #3 - 10nm's**

Today we snorkelled the Southern end of Ribbon Reef #3, Steves Bommie, Flare Point and The Temple of Doom. All very good, no evidence of Coral Bleaching and minimal storm damage on the Outside walls. The anchorage itself is fantastic, there really is nothing like being alone out on the Reef at night no light pollution and just the stars for company.

DAY 5**Ribbon Reef #3 to Ribbon Reef # 5 - 10nm's**

We head further North along the Ribbon Reefs anchoring at Ribbon Reef # 5. Excellent snorkelling was had at the Clam Gardens and Nemo's Wall. Another amazing anchorage, crystal clear water, sandy bottom, surrounded by Bommies.... We are certainly seeing a pattern.

DAY 6**Ribbon Reef #5 to Ribbon Reef # 9 - 25nm's**

We anchored as we usually do at the South end of Ribbon Reef # 9. We snorkelled Wonderland and the passage, spectacular... This is one of the most easily entered and protected anchorages on the reef. As with most visits here we only shared it with one of the local game boats out marlin fishing. We have a great relationship with the Game fishing fleet as we Mother Ship for them through the Giant Black Marlin Season. These guys popped over to say hi and dropped us off some fresh Mahi Mahi.

DAY 7/8**Ribbon Reef #9 to Ribbon Reef #10 - 10nm's**

Again, another fantastic anchorage....shared only with the fish and the stars. We stayed for two days, this area has some of the most beautiful coral and fish life on the reef. Pinkies wall, gardens, lighthouse bommie were all in pristine condition and the guest and crew favourites.

DAY 9**Ribbon Reef #10 to Lizard Island - 25nm's**

Heading towards Lizard Island and anchoring in Watsons bay we were lucky enough to pick up a Spanish Mackerel for dinner. Once anchored, the guests asked if we could take a couple of them on an intro dive which we were more than happy to do. We dropped in at the clam gardens and had a fantastic 45 minutes dive admiring the soft corals and the incredibly tame fish life. The afternoon was spent hiking to Captain Cooks Lookout and playing around on the beautiful beach in Watsons bay. After a quick stop at the Marlin bar for a cold beer everyone returned for dinner where the resident nurse sharks, giant grouper and trevally came to put on a show for us in the underwater lights.

DAY 10**Lizard Island to Port Douglas - 120nm's**

After an overnight passage to Port Douglas we entered CrystalBrook SuperYacht Marina for our final day of this incredible trip. Here where the Rain Forest meets the Reef is a vibrant bustling sea side town. Chic boutiques, gourmet restaurants, one of the best beaches in the world and access easily to such iconic places as Hartley's Crocodile farm and the Daintree, really a great place to start and finish.

What did the Reef have to say to me this last 10 days?

Well, she has had some knocks that's for sure but that just gives her personality. I have been truly impressed with what I have seen these last 10 days and I will not hesitate to bring my future clients back. We only touched the surface of what she has to offer. I was so inspired by this journey that we now offer it as a charter starting from Cairns or Port Douglas.



Lizard Island



North of Cairns

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!





Lizard Island

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 Yacht Life Superyacht Charter Company

From the moment you step onboard a superyacht, you can immerse yourself in a world of ultimate luxury, privacy and comfort. Whether you're planning an extraordinary event or a bespoke charter, The Yacht Life team are ready to help bring your yachting vision to life.

As the leading yacht charter and events agency in Australia and the South Pacific, with access to every yacht in Australia and worldwide, The Yacht Life's unrivalled service and inclusions help you create unforgettable memories in the most spectacular of settings. Known for offering a truly bespoke approach, clients trust their experience, dedication, and passion.

All you need to do is pick the destination. The Yacht Life team look forward to welcoming you on board soon.

Luxury Charter Yachts

MY Phoenix One

A 35m luxury charter yacht, Phoenix One is a classic superyacht designed by famed Italian yacht designers Benetti. Spacious and comfortable Phoenix One with 4 ensuited staterooms offers exceptional cruising on Queensland's East Coast for up to 8 guests. Let the chef create the perfect menu and bask in the onboard spa on your luxury Great Barrier Reef charter experience.

MY 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.

MY 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!

MY 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.

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. No trip to Hartley's is complete without a cruise on Hartley's Lagoon to observe crocodiles in their natural ecosystem.



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.



Lizard Island

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 Nugallwarra 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 our favourite dive sites north of Cairns.

SNAKE PIT

14° 40.130'S 145° 34.210'E
Intermediate Dive | 10 - 22m

Halfway between Lizard Island and Ribbon Reef #10, Snake Pit is a remote site suitable for the intermediate diver. Made up of a series of eight bommies, check out the manta ray feeding station on the northern most bommie. Look out for rays, sea snakes, green and hawksbill turtles and of course brilliant coral.

CORMORANT REEF

14° 39.982'S 145° 38.605'E
Novice Dive | 10 - 16m

Beautiful sandy floors, deep channels and strong current offers divers an easy lagoon style dive. Marine life is spectacular. The overhangs offer an aquarium of small fish life and pink lace corals.

CHALLENGER BAY

14° 54.947'S 145° 41.441'E
Beginners Dive | 5 - 20m

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.

PIXIE PINNACLE

14° 55.790'S 145° 40.491'E
All Abilities | 5 - 40m

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 GARDEN

14° 55.793'S 145° 40.641'E
Novice Dive | 5 - 20m

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.

ANDY'S POSTCARD

15° 20.500'S 145° 44.630'E
Advanced Dive | 30m

A 30m pinnacle, home to an abundance of underwater life. Numerous opportunities for photography.

CLAM GARDENS

15° 23.823'S 145° 46.778'E
Intermediate Dive | 5 - 40m

Located between Ribbon Reefs #4 and #5, called Ribbon Reef 4 1/2. 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.

STEVE'S BOMMIE

15° 30.159'S 145° 47.363'E
Novice / Intermediate Dive | 3 - 25m

A pinnacle dive described as an "Oasis in the desert", it never fails to impress. Located to the south west of ribbon #3 south end. Start your dive by descending to the base where Steve's memorial plaque is located. A winding path around the pinnacle will slowly lead you back to the surface. The abundance of marine life is astonishing as are the many types of hard and soft corals.

TEMPLE OF DOOM

15° 31.234'S - 145° 46.540'E
Novice / Intermediate Dive | 3 - 24m

A pinnacle dive with gentle currents and generally calm surface conditions. Provides year round diving and minke whales in season. Lots of pelagic action and a dive site that rewards those with a keen eye. Lots to see and do.

NTH ESCAPE REEF

15° 50.488'S 145° 49.140'E
Intermediate Dive | 2 - 10m

Located between ribbon #1 and Agincourt Reef. Escape Reef has good sheltered diving on the protected side. Great variety of hard corals in coral stacks and a good scattering of giant clams.

NURSERY BOMMIE

16° 01.964'S 145° 51.211'E
Novice / Intermediate Dive | 5 - 25m

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. Brilliant opportunities for photography and deep sea fishing.

OPAL REEF

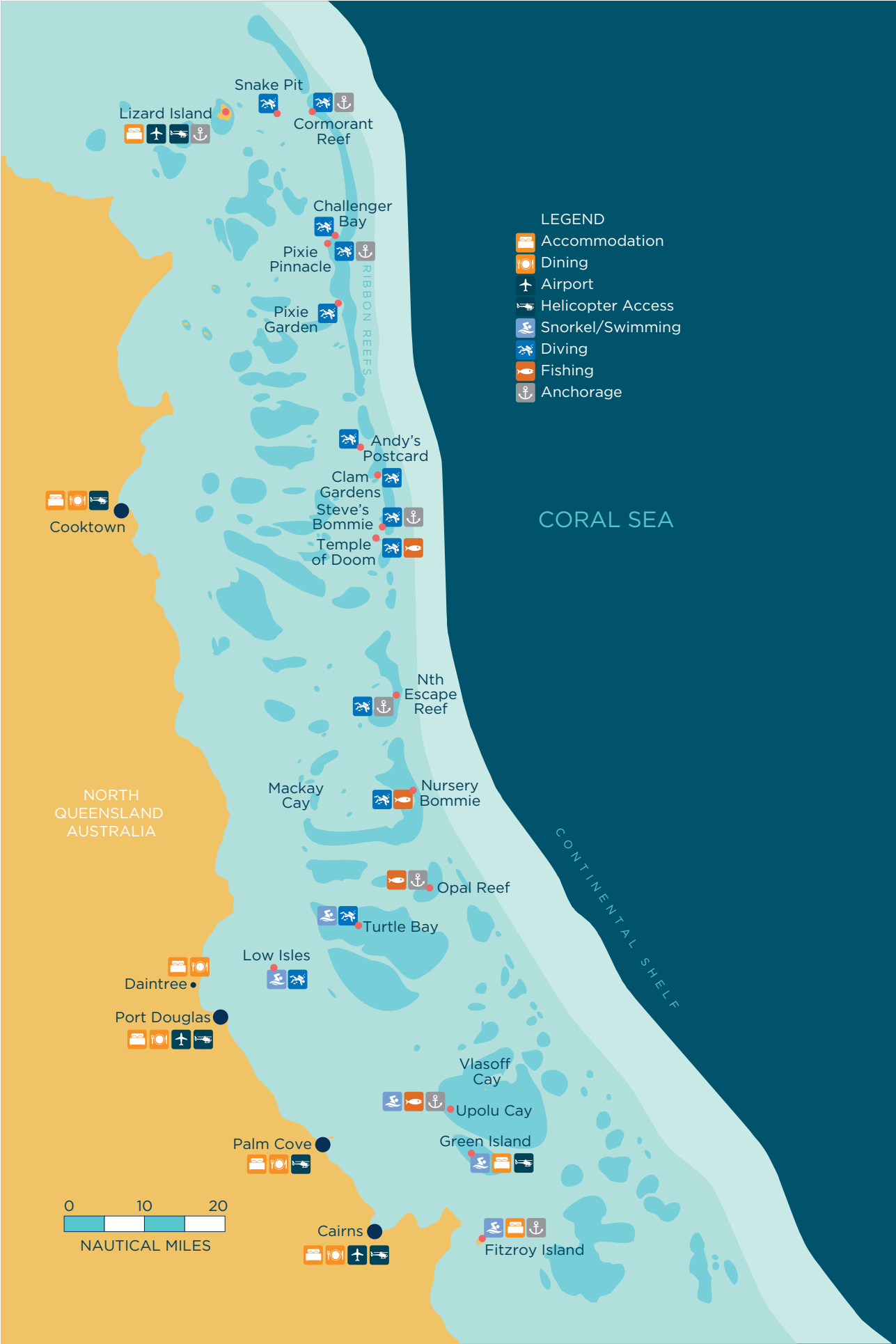
16° 13.615'S 145° 53.389'E
Kayaking, Snorkeling and Paddle Ski.

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

TURTLE BAY

16° 18.117'S 145° 44.468'E
Novice Dive | 5 - 22m

North end of Third Sister Reef in Tongue Reef. Excellent for novice divers. Beautiful corals cover the reef edge.

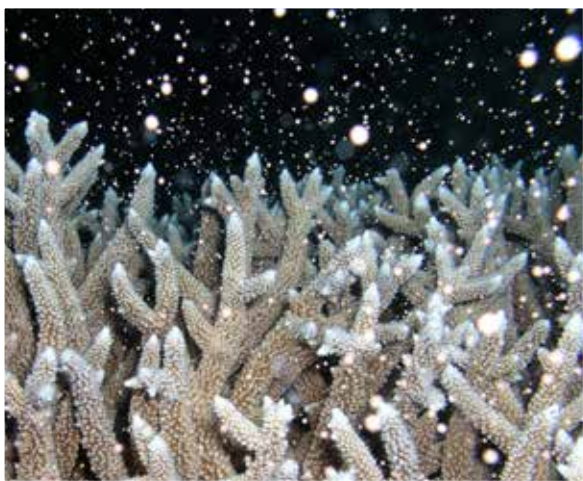


Coral Spawning

Each year sometime around November a synchronised coral spawning takes place on the Great Barrier Reef. If you're lucky enough to be visiting during this time, it is quite a spectacular event that attracts scuba divers and snorkelers from across the globe.

Likened to underwater fireworks, coral spawning on the Great Barrier Reef involves colonies and species of coral polyps simultaneously releasing tiny egg and sperm bundles from their gut cavity into the water.

By expelling the eggs and sperm at the same time, the coral increases the likelihood that fertilisation will take place, populating the Great Barrier Reef for future generations.



The spawning lasts between a few days and a week. This is because different species release their eggs and sperm on different days to prevent hybrids from being produced.

The phenomenon — which only happens at night — results in a cascade of clouds of red, yellow and orange bundles which rise slowly to the surface where the process of fertilisation begins.

The time of year that corals spawn depends on their location. Those on inshore reefs usually start spawning one to six nights after the first full moon in October, whereas those in outer reefs spawn during November or December.

When an egg is fertilised by a sperm it develops into coral larva called a planula that floats around in the water for several days or weeks before settling on the ocean floor. After the planula has settled in a particular area it starts to bud and the coral colony develops.

The mass spawning also provides ready food for other marine creatures, particularly nocturnal animals such as plankton and some fish species.

Local dive operators are well-versed on this annual phenomena and usually plan their trips to the reef to coincide with the best viewing opportunities.



World Class Sportsfishing

The waters of Tropical North Queensland, and in particular along the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) are one of the best sports-fisheries in the world. This part of the GBR consistently produces more recorded numbers of grander black marlin (1000lb+ black marlin) annually than anywhere else in the world.

The Ribbon Reefs are part of a string of coral reefs spanning over a 120km stretch from Cairns and Port Douglas north to Lizard Island. They have an astonishing array of species and set themselves apart from other regions due to the sheer size of the fish that infiltrate. Mostly inaccessible on day trips, the region is best explored over a number of days.

Fishing by day on the drop off on the eastern side of the hard edge of reef. Anchoring by night just minutes away in the calm water lagoons created by these breaking reefs, most of which run north to north west providing the perfect protection from our typical south east winds. Some favourites for the larger super yachts include Numbers 3, 5 and 9 Ribbon Reefs. Lizard Island itself is also a must visit destination close to the fishing and the word-famous "Cod Hole" dive spot at the top of Number 10 Ribbon Reef.

The Season

July through to December is the ideal timing for sports-fishing in Tropical North Queensland. Early in the season it is the juvenile black marlin (up to 50kg) that abound. These fish grow to size here in our winter months and are a great to target on light tackle July to September.

Heavy tackle fishing for giant black marlin (up to 550kg) and other large pelagic species is ideal from late September through mid-December. Wider off the edge as the water warms later in the season, big congregations of yellowfin and big eye tuna as well as blue marlin also show up.

These days well over 90% of these giant fish are "tagged" and released, the tagging program providing valuable information to both scientists and fishers alike. We recommend working with experienced local charters at Zulu Gamefishing Charters or MV Monsoon.



Cruising Guide

DAY 1

Departing Cairns Marlin Marina, head 40nm North East to Opal Reef, a crescent shaped reef offering protected anchorage on the outer reef. Perfect for drift snorkels over clear waters with many sites to see clownfish, turtles and reef sharks, keep your eye out for rays in the sandy shallows. Nearby Linden Banks is a prime spot for fishing Black Marlin and pelagic species.

DAY 2

Awake surrounded by stunning reef and the sounds of the sea as you start the day with a morning snorkel at Nursery Bommie or Escape Reef. Cruise further North to the incomparable Ribbon Reefs. Spectacular diving to be had at the Temple of Doom or Steve's Bommie on Ribbon #3, perfect for the novice, this majestic pinnacle dive never fails to impress. Rising from 35m to 5m, be astounded by the variety of colourful fish and corals. Look for the marble plaque at 22m commemorating the sites namesake 'Steve'. For the fisherman, it's worth investing some time with a 2000m line just off the reef edge to target tuna, wahoo, Spanish mackerel and sailfish.

In the afternoon, dive at Ribbon #5 Andy's Postcard, rising from 80m and home to an abundance of marine life. From June, it's possible to see the inquisitive migrating Minke Whales with their calves.

DAY 3

Make the most of an early arrival at Pixie Pinnacle, a dive site to suit everyone with amazing visibility. There's lots of bommies to explore in shallow water, ideal for snorkellers. Spend the afternoon at Challenger Bay, extremely rich in biodiversity from coral gardens to large schooling fish. Also great for night dives to see octopus and moray eels and the chance to meet Baza the Barra. Take a sunset sail across to Lizard Island to anchor in Watson's Bay, speak to the resort about arranging a private beach dining experience with degustation menu and wines to match.

DAY 4

Start the day with a shore excursion to climb Cook's Look or walk across the island to the Blue Lagoon for a picnic and swim. Spend the afternoon enjoying the beaches, take a helicopter flight from the Island or head to the world famous Cod Hole for a chance to swim with these gentle giants. For the more adventurous, the Snake Pit lies between Lizard Is and Ribbon #10 renowned for encounters with the resident olive sea snakes.

DAY 5

Depart early with an alfresco breakfast whilst underway for Cooktown, renowned for its rich history starting with Captain James Cooks landing in 1770 signalling the first meaningful encounter between Europeans and the local Guugu Yimithiir people. The Cooktown Museum housed in a 19th century convent offers fascinating insights into indigenous culture, the Palmer gold rush, and the early Chinese heritage of the region. Spend the afternoon cruising south to Mackay Cay for an afternoon snorkel followed by sunset cocktails on this idyllic, remote sand cay.

DAY 6

Awake for an early swim in the turquoise waters and enjoy breakfast on the picturesque cay. Anchor at Low Isles and visit one of Australia's original lighthouses. Snorkel the shallow reefs for black tip reef sharks and spot turtles in the coral gardens. Cruise along the coastline past Cape Tribulation to Port Douglas for an afternoon of boutique shopping, a spa treatment or a helicopter flight over the ancient world heritage listed Daintree rainforest. Head to Double Island to anchor for dinner.

DAY 7

A final breakfast onboard overlooking Palm Cove before making your way back to the Cairns Marlin Marina or if the weather is fine and you have time to spare, cruise to Vlasoff Sand Cay and spend a few nights on the southern reefs at Flynn, Milne and Thetford before exploring Fitzroy Island and the turtle rehabilitation centre.



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 centre's where you can meet and buy art direct form 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:

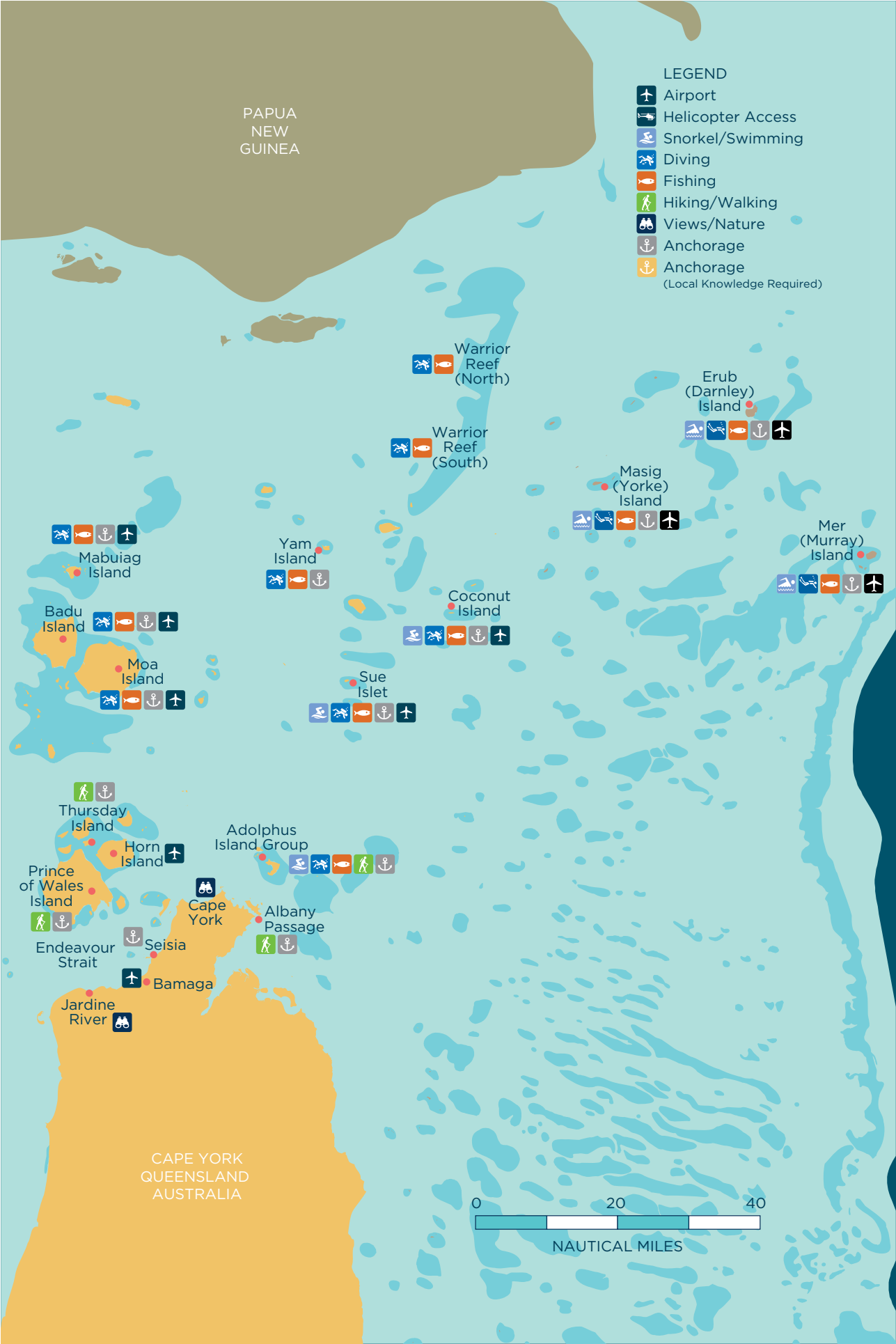
Access to the first four (1-4) cluster groups are via pre-arranged permission only. Of the Inner Islands only Horn and Thursday Island may be visited without pre-arranged permission. To book a tour and gain in-depth cultural knowledge visit straitexperience.com.au

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.

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.

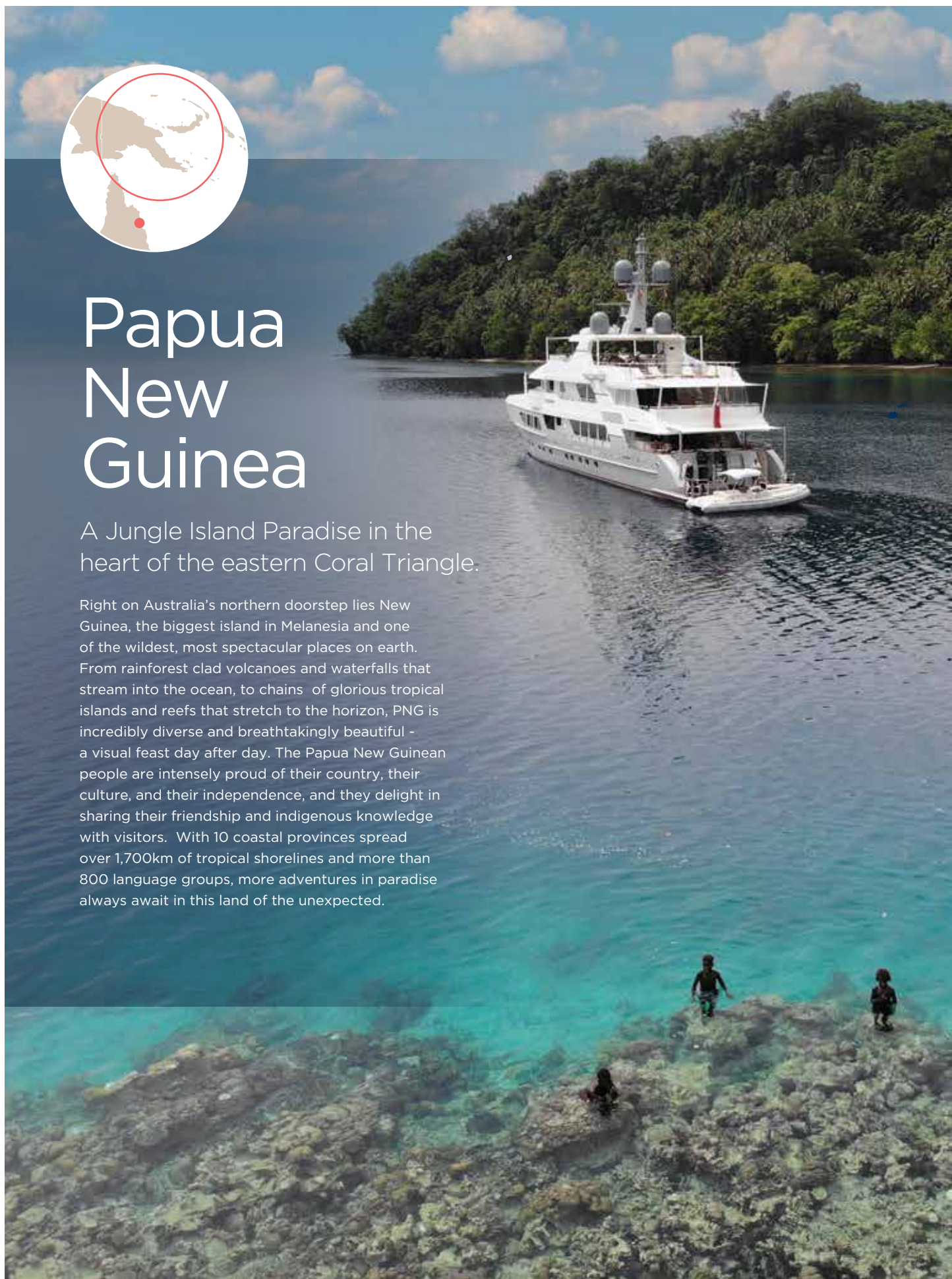




Papua New Guinea

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



East & West Sepik Region

The Sepik Region is a wonderland of islands, beautiful coastlines, river systems and mountain ranges. Along with the stunning scenery, the area also has a rich history and was the site of Japanese surrender in September 1945. But it is the timeless history of the Sepik people themselves which provides the mystery and exotic folklore of this fascinating area.

The Sepik River runs 1126km from its source in the central mountains to the sea. Its volume of annual water flow makes it one of the world's largest waterways and some Superyachts have travelled inland to explore it. Contact a Superyacht agent for details.

Madang Province

Framed by the Bismarck mountains and PNG's highest peak, Mt. Wilhelm 4509m, boasts lush tropical vegetation, sparkling offshore islands and reef fringed lowlands.

The Madang township dubbed "the prettiest in the South Pacific" is colourful and modern with a tropical deep water harbour. World famous coral gardens abound for brilliant diving and snorkeling with excellent visibility. Explore 34 sunken, second world war Japanese warships off Bogia, and enjoy great fishing off Bagabag Island.

The Historic Madang Resort Hotel located on the picturesque waterfront of the Dallman passage,

has comprehensive facilities and includes Elizabeth Sowerby's orchid collection as part of its attractions.

The resort's 30m Kalibobo Spirit is available for charter and Nui Guinea Dive can provide excellent guides to get the most from your visit. Madang also hosts the four day Mabarosa festival, a colourful display of dancing, sing sings and bamboo bands.

East New Britain Province

This is literally a definite hot spot. Rabaul, built inside a volcano, and where the iconic mask festival is held in July, was destroyed in 1994. Two volcanoes simultaneously erupted and lava still flows today. During the second world war this Province was the base of the Japanese Western Pacific HQ.

The Simpson harbour, Titui point, reefs and land surrounding Rabaul are littered with war wrecks. The Baining people perform a fire dance, dancing in and around the flames without being hurt, Melanesian magic at its best. Miolo Island in the Duke of York Islands is an incredible destination for snorkeling, picnics and dolphin watching.

New Ireland Province

Long, narrow and mountainous, with never ending beaches, Kavieng is straight out of a Somerset Maugham novel. The skilled island people make New Ireland an intriguing place to visit. War wrecks, big fish, coral

and sharks make for spectacular diving, fishing and snorkeling. The popular Malagan show is the unique shark calling festival, a traditional practice in these parts. Surfing in this area is excellent.

Eco friendly, Lissenung Island Resort, is located on an idyllic, boutique, tropical island with brilliant surf breaks, magnificent sunsets and some of the world's best coral reefs.

Oro Province

This land of fjords was created by volcanoes not glaciers. Tufi is situated between Lae and Alotau, on the tip of Cape Nelson. Only accessible by air and sea this is truly an adventurer's paradise.

Large coral outcrops and sandy cays make for awesome diving, fishing, snorkeling, canoeing, traditional outrigger safaris, kayaking, bird watching, beach BBQ's and cultural interaction with the friendly locals. Tufi resort is a boutique resort nestled atop a breathtaking fjord with 180° panoramic views of the Coral Sea and mountains.

Bougainville as been cut off from the world for 20 years plus, here you can explore the Jungle, volcanoes, reefs, waterfalls and World War II wrecks and spend time meeting the extremely warm authentic people of the land.

Milne Bay Province

Milne Bay is one of the least known but best destinations with some of the friendliest people in PNG. Samarai, D'Entrecasteaux, Trobriands, Woodlark, Lachlin and Louisiades Archipelago makeup the 160 named islands and 500 cays and atolls over 250,000km². There is great kite surfing to be had in the Louisiade's.



Milne Bay was once a second world war battleground. Today wreck diving is a major tourism attraction. Alotau on the mainland is a good base for visiting the outlying groups and hosts the traditional Kenu and Kundu festival, featuring traditional canoes in November. Take a walk around historic Samarai.

Manta rays and dugong can be found at islands nearby. Basilaki Island offers diving on aircraft wrecks. Ferguson, Normanby and Goodenough Islands make up the D'Entrecasteaux, which offer hot springs, splurting mud pools, excellent diving on the Calypso reef complex and adventurous climbing.

The Trobriands are known as the islands of love, and have a unique social system. The yam festival is spectacular. On Kitava Island, traditional dancers and artifact markets can be arranged. The Louisiade Archipelago is an unspoiled string of coral islands where islanders lead a long-forgotten lifestyle.







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.

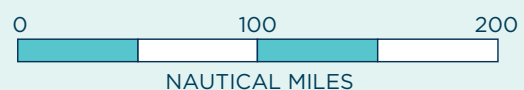
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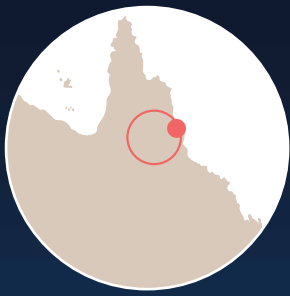
School exercise books, pens and pencils are welcome and sunglasses, t-shirts, useful tools and fishing hooks are a big hit. Please see our website for more information on guides and dives.



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 Outback & Tablelands

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!

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.



South of Cairns

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!





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.



M.Y. Flying Fish

The M.Y. Flying Fish is an opulent 32m luxury motor yacht moored at Townsville's Breakwater Marina, 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 also access the best dive sites, fishing locales, remote sandy cays and mangrove-lined estuaries utilising the vessel's fully equipped 8.4m tender jet boat, Flying Cutlass.

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.





Whitsunday Islands

Step into paradise with a trip to the Whitsunday Islands, a gathering of 74 sandy isles scattered across the centre of the Great Barrier Reef.

Airlie Beach

Airlie Beach is the tourist hub of the Whitsundays region, being the largest town on the Whitsunday Coast with all the necessary facilities for visiting Superyachts. Enjoy a short five minute stroll from Coral Sea Marina Resort to the vibrant township and it's lively nightlife.

Coral Sea Marina Resort is the perfect base for larger Superyachts in the Whitsundays with berths available to 80m/5m LAT.

Fantastic local provisions are readily available in Airlie Beach, along with many entertainment options, leisure activities, dining and shopping. The marina precinct itself has a range of dining and bar options, all perfect for crew relaxation.

Whitehaven Beach

Located on Whitsunday Island this is a 7km long scimitar shaped beach touted as one of the world's 10 best. Seeing Whitehaven Beach for the first time is unforgettable, especially from the south via Solway Pass. Its sand is a fraction short of pure silica and as fine as talcum powder and can be seen from the moon. At the northern end is the pristine Hill Inlet and Tongue Bay. The silica sands are continually shifting, creating swirling patterns. This feature is best appreciated from the lookout on the tip of Tongue Point and fabulous to paddle ski down at high tide. Close by on Haslewood Island is Chalkies Beach which boasts small coral reefs and is almost always deserted.





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 50m can either berth in the marina as well as anchoring in Dent Passage with island access 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.

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 to December: Coincide your visit with Hamilton Island Race Week in late August. Australia's most successful keelboat regatta held over seven days features superb daytime racing, balanced by an exceptional harbour side social scene.



Where to Stay

Qualia

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.

Coral Sea Resort

Located spectacularly on the Whitsundays oceanfront lies Coral Sea Resort. Conveniently located along the scenic walkway between Coral Sea Marina and the vibrant coastal town of Airlie Beach, this boutique 77 room 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, ocean-front dining at The Rocks, waterfront 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.



Dive Sites

A selection of our favourite dive sites south of Cairns.

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.

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

Fascinating exploring along the beach and reef.

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 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

20°06.9'S - 148°56.96'E

On the north eastern 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.

LINDEMAN ISLAND

20°26.8'S - 149°02.5'E

Great walking tracks through vine forests and valleys full of butterflies. Sweeping panorama from Mt. Oldfield.

THOMAS ISLAND

20°32.8'S - 149°06.64'E

Lovely anchorage with a beautiful sand beach, accessible through a break in the coral. Perfect picnic spot.












SHAW ISLAND

20°29.05'S - 149°04.7'E

Many beautiful bays and beaches, protected in all wind conditions.



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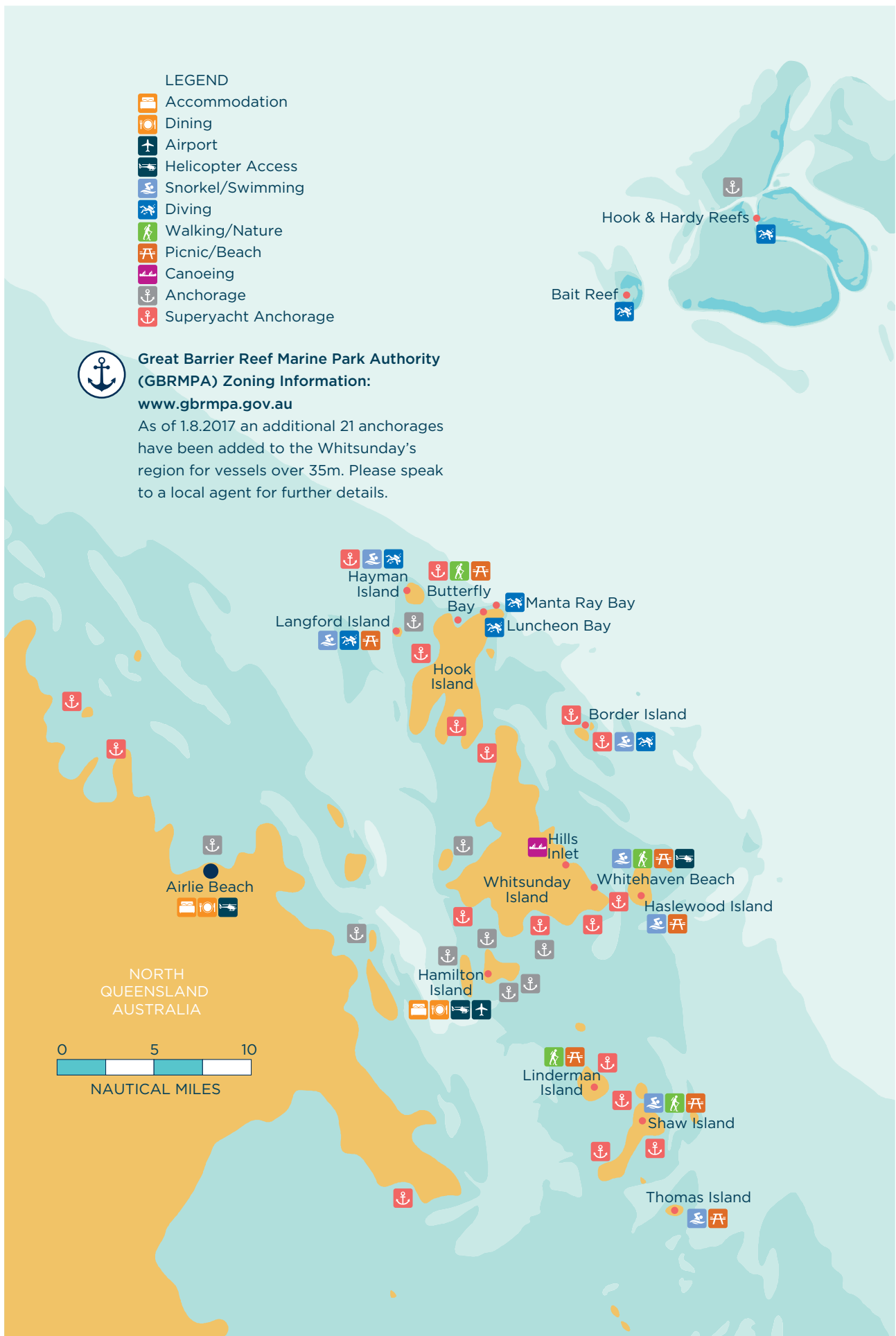
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**Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
(GBRMPA) Zoning Information:**

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As of 1.8.2017 an additional 21 anchorages have been added to the Whitsunday's region for vessels over 35m. Please speak to a local agent for further details.



Cruising Guide

DAY 1 - 2

Coral Sea Marina Resort > Macona Inlet > Luncheon Bay

Fly into the Whitsunday Coast Airport and enjoy a private helicopter service taking you directly to Coral Sea Marina where your yacht awaits. This world class marina has a concierge service committed to ensuring your boating experience has minimum hassle and maximum pleasure.

From here it's a short 2.5hrs cruise past Pioneer Point and cross the Whitsunday Passage to your first night's destination at Macona Inlet on Hook Island. The next day check out Luncheon Bay on Hook Island for its exceptional snorkelling opportunities.



DAY 3 - 4

Luncheon Bay > Stonehaven > Langford Reef

From Luncheon Bay head to Stonehaven, a stunning location which offers some quality snorkelling with an abundance of fish and marina life. Overnight at Stonehaven and enjoy the best sunset location in the Whitsundays as you relax for the evening.

The next morning it is an easy 30 minute cruise in the tender to Langford Island, where you can stroll along the sandy beach and explore the new walking tracks with stunning views back over Hayman island, before heading approximately 3hrs to Hamilton Island.

**DAY 5 - 6****Hamilton Island > Turtle Bay > Chance Bay**

Your next stop for overnight is Hamilton Island. This modern resort island has boutiques, an exceptional day spa experience at luxury resort, quality and plenty of restaurants to choose from.

For those golf lovers, take the short trip to Dent Island and enjoy 18 holes with a stunning view of the islands for lunch at the club house.

Leave Hamilton Island and head for Turtle or Chance Bay on Whitsunday Island, accessing the walking track of the Ngaro Sea Trail from Chance Bay to Whitehaven.

**DAY 7 - 8****Shaw Island > Thomas Island > Lindeman Island**

From Chance Bay travel south to Burning Point on Shaw Island before exploring Gap Beach and the national park walking tracks of Lindeman Island. If you are looking for seclusion the southern anchorages on Thomas and Shaw islands will suit you perfectly.

A relaxing picnic on the beach or long lunch on the deck are in order, as you enjoy the tranquillity of these secluded waters.

Day 9 - 10**Whitehaven Beach > Tongue Bay
> Coral Sea Marina Resort**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at Thomas Island before making your way to the iconic Whitehaven Beach, acclaimed as the best beach in Australia, with 5km of sparkling white sand made up of 98% silica a legacy of a geologic era when the sea level was lower.

From Whitehaven, anchor at Tongue Bay and enjoy the walk through the rainforest to the interpretive viewing platform overlooking the swirling sands of Hill Inlet. Arrange for the tender to collect you from Betty's Beach and enjoy your last night on the water, before heading back into Coral Sea Marina Resort.



Gladstone

This region boasts some beautiful natural wonders, including Heron Island, Lady Musgrave Island and Lady Elliot Island, all only a short distance from the city of Gladstone.

Gladstone is home to Queensland's largest multi-commodity shipping port and an active fishing fleet, both servicing the local region and adding to the fame of being the state's engine room.

South of Gladstone, the relaxed seaside towns of 1770 and Agnes Water are linked by a picturesque coastline. Bundaberg too offers easy access to the Southern Great Barrier Reef islands and is also close to the top end of Fraser Island where the humpback whales stop en route south to rest with their newborn calves.

Gladstone city is surrounded by two rivers, and in between them in the heart of the city lies a natural, deepwater harbour where the Gladstone Ports Corporation and Gladstone Marina are based. The city along with the port and marina are protected by two outlying islands – Curtis Island and Facing Island.

The marina area has been developed with stunning parklands close by including Spinnaker Park and East Shores on either side of the marina entrance. They both offer excellent walking trails, cafés plus a swimming beach and great views across the inlet.

An easy walk across the waterway is the Gladstone Yacht Club, known for its Sundowners in the Beer Garden right on the waterfront. Further along is the East Shores Precinct, a recreational destination running between the waterfront and Flinders Parade offering relaxed activities for families, an outdoor cinema and other attractions.

Gladstone offers a range of entertainment and cultural experiences including the Maritime Museum and

the Regional Art Gallery and Museum, housed in the Heritage-listed Town Hall building, colonial buildings in the CBD and a wide variety of bars and restaurants.

The Tondoon Botanic Gardens stand out for being one of the few in Australia with all-native plant species.

Gladstone Airport services domestic flights and is only 10 minutes' drive from the marina and a courtesy coach is available. Gladstone is the perfect gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef and Bunker Group of Islands, with pristine, diving, snorkelling and secluded coral cays waiting to be explored.



Heron Island

Heron Island is a small coral cay of 29 hectares located just 80km northeast of Gladstone, and lies in the Capricorn Group of islands of the GBR close to the Tropic of Capricorn. Access to the island itself is through the Heron Island Resort via ferry, helicopter and seaplane.

It has long been known as a premier dive destination and was visited by Sir David Attenborough several decades ago, who described it as 'his most magical place on earth'. It is also popular with the green and logger turtles which return to breed and lay eggs from September to March each year.



Lady Musgrave Island

Lady Musgrave Island is the second most southern island in the reef and is the only coral island on the GBR with a navigable lagoon. Although small at only 14 hectares of coral cay, with its 1,192 hectares of surrounding reef it over delivers on both exceptional underwater experiences and tranquil secluded above-water activities.

For diving and snorkelling experiences in and around Lady Musgrave Island, secure the services of a local tour operator from Gladstone, who can advise vessels on the channel entry and provide local knowledge for the best scuba diving, snorkelling and fishing spots both in and outside the reef. They can also advise on the best anchorage areas inside the reef. Visitors to Lady Musgrave Island can go ashore and enjoy snorkelling off the beach, local birdlife and isolated lazy walks followed by relaxed refreshments on the sand.



Lady Elliot Island

Lady Elliot Island is the southernmost coral cay of the Great Barrier Reef. The island is only 46 hectares and is managed by the Lady Elliot Eco-Resort operating privately since 2005. Accessible only by ferry or plane, departure ports in the region are from Bundaberg, and Hervey Bay on the Fraser Coast.

Lady Elliot Island sits within the protected 'green zone' of the GBRMP and is known as the 'Home of the Manta Ray' for its abundance of manta rays, turtles and over 1,200 other marine life species, due to its easterly location benefiting from the Eastern Australian Current. The diverse corals on the reef surrounding Lady Elliot Island are in excellent condition and divers can enjoy a wonderful mix of hard and soft corals along with the local marine life. Lady Elliot Island also has Master Reef Guides available to visitors.



Town of 1770 and Agnes Water

South of Gladstone are the two beachside communities of Seventeen Seventy (1770) and Agnes Water. The town of 1770 is famous for being named after then-Lieutenant James Cook and his crew from the Endeavour who came ashore there on 24 May 1770. The township has built up around Cook's landing site and celebrates every May with the Captain Cook 1770 Festival. Tours out to Lady Musgrave Island also leave from 1770.

Agnes Water operates as the local service town but is more known for its white sandy beaches and for being the most northern surf beach on the east coast of Australia before the Great Barrier Reef.

To go ashore, book a friendly local tour operator for a half or full day tour to take guests around the historic sites of 1770 including a relaxed 30-minute walk to the lookout. Finish the day with a refreshing surf at Agnes Water. There is a public jetty for easy tender pick-up and drop-off located just south of the Volunteer Marine Rescue base next to the local marina. Watch the depth here at all times as waters can be shallow.



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Every possible angle or opportunity considered made our experience as exceptional as possible. The Great Barrier Reef is an inspirational region, with an abundance of natural wonders to offer – from the reef to the rainforest – but also an inviting infrastructure that is positively working towards making it the pinnacle of yachting destinations.

The enthusiasm of everyone that we met to communicate the beauty of the area and to truly educate with ocean conservation in mind was unrivalled. The passion is real, the experience was life-affirming, and I came away completely motivated to do all I can to ensure that the truth about the GBR is conveyed, understood and, of course, enjoyed!

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