

Whitsundays



Sail away on your own private chartered yacht to crystal blue waters, white sand beaches and the pleasurable company of one, two or more of your favourite play pals in the Whitsunday Islands.

The 74 islands of the Whitsundays chain are part of the magnificent Great Barrier Reef. Stretching more than 2000km along the Queensland coastline and covering 35 million hectares, it is the world's largest coral reef and the perfect place to scuba dive, snorkel and swim.

Of the 74 islands, 70 are national parks and many provide camping sites. Only seven have resorts. Hayman is the most exclusive, but others such as Hamilton, South Mole, Hook, Daydream and Lindeman also offer resort-style accommodation.

Whitehaven Beach, with its pure, white sand, is a must-see for any gay traveller, but you can't stay there. Instead, charter your own yacht or take a relaxing two or three-day tour.

To reach the Whitsundays you can fly to either Proserpine airport or directly to Hamilton Island. The mainland's dining and entertainment options are in Airlie Beach. Restaurants and accommodation here range from silver service resort dining to al fresco cafes and cheap eats, and Airlie's clubs and bars are pretty lively.

Shute Harbour, near Airlie Beach, is the major mainland port facility for the transfer of visitors to the Whitsunday Island group and resorts.

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travel tips

- ▲ Turn your holiday in the Whitsundays into an adventure by camping on the beach on one of the islands such as Whitsunday, Hook or Henning. Tour boats from Airlie Beach will drop you off and pick you up after a few days. Picnic tables and toilets are provided, but take your own drinking water.
- ▲ You may feel relaxed on holiday, but don't drop your guard when it comes to safe sex. And boys, if you're planning a good time, take plenty of condoms and lube.