



# Hamilton Island

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Situated amidst the 74 Whitsunday Islands of the Great Barrier Reef, Hamilton Island offers an experience like no other: glorious weather, azure waters, brilliant beaches, wondrous coral reefs, unique flora and fauna, divine food and wines, and a buzzing calendar of special events. With its laid-back luxury and activities almost too numerous to mention, Hamilton is the next island in the Great Barrier Reef you should visit.



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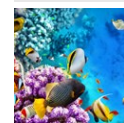
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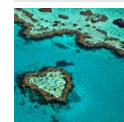
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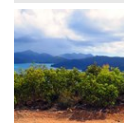
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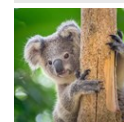
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## THE ISLAND



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Hamilton Island is one of the 74 tropical islands in the Coral Sea, between the Queensland coast and the Great Barrier Reef. It's the largest inhabited island in the Whitsundays, situated 1,222 km north of Brisbane and 655 km south of Cairns.

A picturesque, self-contained destination, Hamilton Island has a commercial marina, several resorts, restaurants, bars, takeaways and sports facilities. It's also the only island in the Great Barrier Reef with its own airport. You can fly directly from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Cairns in next to no time. If you prefer, you can take a pleasant 30 minute boat ride from Shute Harbour or sail there in your own yacht and moor in the marina.

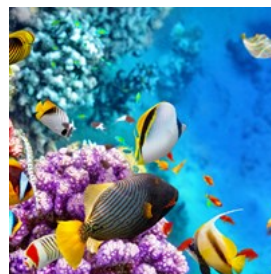
## DO & SEE



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In the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, Hamilton Island is one of Australia's most outstanding and desirable holiday destinations. When travelling to this beautiful island, you will be surrounded by unspoiled white beaches and an amazing coral and marine life. More than 70 percent of Hamilton Island is natural bushland, offering 20 km of scenic bushwalking trails. As home to many Australian animals and bird life, there will be plenty of fascinating flora and fauna to explore. Just make sure not to miss most photographed beach in Australia, Whitehaven Beach, with its crystal clear water and pristine silica sand. Besides exploring the wonderful nature of Hamilton Island, there are plenty of activities to do such as golf, go karts and water sports.

### Great Barrier Reef



A world heritage listed marine park, the Great Barrier Reef extends for 2,300 km along the North Eastern coast of Australia. It's the world's largest coral reef system, comprising a network of about 2,900 individual reefs and home to nearly 2,000 species of fish. Whether taking a scenic flight, cruising, diving, snorkelling or admiring this wonder through an underwater

viewing chamber, seeing it is one of the most magical experiences on the planet.

Day tours of the Great Barrier Reef organized by Cruise Whitsundays depart from Hamilton Island Marina every day at 9am.

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Address: 24 The Cove Road, Airlie Beach  
Opening hours: Daily: 6.30am-6pm  
Phone: +61 7 4846 7000  
Internet: [www.cruisewhitsundays.com](http://www.cruisewhitsundays.com)  
Email: [reservations@cruisewhitsundays.com](mailto:reservations@cruisewhitsundays.com)

### Whitehaven Beach

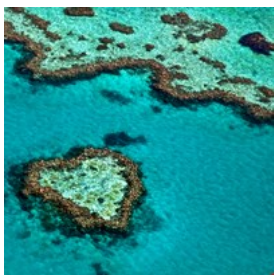


The famous Whitehaven Beach with its white silica sand rests just a mere 20 minute boat ride from Hamilton Island. This place is so stunning the

BBC voted it the number one beach to see before you die. Note that you can get there only by booking a tour with a company, for instance Cruise Withsundays, which organizes trips to Whitehaven Beach almost every day.

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### Heart Reef



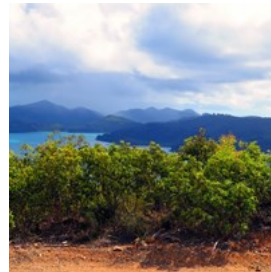
Heart Reef, located in Hardy Reef, is an amazing composition of coral shaped by nature into a heart. Heart Reef can best be experienced

from the sky by helicopter or seaplane departing from Hamilton Island.

Hamilton Island Air is one of the companies offering this experience, which also includes landing on the beautiful Whitehaven Beach. For more information and to book a tour visit the website below.

Photo: Tanya Puntti/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Palm Valley Way, Hamilton Island  
Phone: +61 7 4969 9599  
Internet: [www.hamiltonislandair.com](http://www.hamiltonislandair.com)  
Email: [fly@hamiltonislandair.com](mailto:fly@hamiltonislandair.com)

### Bushwalking



More than 70 percent of Hamilton Island is pristine natural bushland, which offers over 20 km of scenic bushwalking trails. There are trails of

different lengths and for all levels of fitness. Take a bushwalk up to Passage Peak, the highest point on the island, for the most breathtaking view of the Coral Sea and surrounding islands.

Photo: Mariangela Cruz/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Passage Peak, Hamilton Island  
Internet: [www.hamiltonisland.com.au/bushwalking](http://www.hamiltonisland.com.au/bushwalking)

### Hamilton Island Wild Life Park



The wild-life park on Hamilton Island gives you the opportunity to get close and personal with a large collection of native animals including koalas,

kangaroos, crocodiles, wombats and frill-necked lizards.

Photo: jeep2499/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 1 Resort Drive, Hamilton Island  
Opening hours: Daily: 8am-5pm  
Phone: +61 7 4946 9078  
Internet: [www.wildlifehamiltonisland.com.au](http://www.wildlifehamiltonisland.com.au)

Email: [wlhinfo@merlinentertainments.com.au](mailto:wlhinfo@merlinentertainments.com.au)

## Exploring the Whitsundays



For one or more days, you can leave Hamilton Island and explore the local waterways and surrounding islands.

Sailing Whitsundays

organizes various types of tours and activities that you can book for a truly memorable holiday. You'll be able to enjoy leisurely day sails, sea kayaking, dinghy hire, cruises and scenic flights.

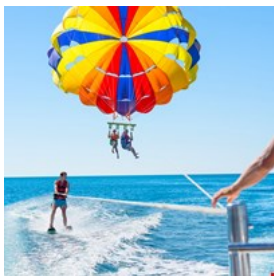
Photo: Sasha Davas/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4/1 Airlie Esplanade, Airlie Beach

Phone: +61 74914 2425

Internet: [www.sailing-whitsundays.com](http://www.sailing-whitsundays.com)

## Water sports



If you want to keep busy during your holiday, Hamilton Island Water Sports offer a selection of fun activities like fishing, snorkelling, parasailing,

tube rides, speed boat adventures, water-skiing and waterboarding.

Photo: J\_UK/Shutterstock.com

Address: Front St, Hamilton Island

Phone: +61 7 4946 9934

Internet: [www.hiwatersports.com.au](http://www.hiwatersports.com.au)

Email: [sales@hiwatersports.com.au](mailto:sales@hiwatersports.com.au)

## Catseye Beach



Catseye Beach is a heavenly spot for relaxing, sunbathing and swimming. Here you'll also find a beach sports hut where you can hire

various equipment like catamarans, kayaks,

windsurfers, paddleboards and snorkelling gear. There's a chance that you'll spot local wildlife like cockatoos and sea turtles.

Photo: Darren Tierney/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4803 Resort Dr, Hamilton Island

## Fishing



Renegade Fishing Charters offers fishing experiences with knowledgeable guides and quality equipment at your disposal. It doesn't

matter if you're already a fishing enthusiast or you want to try this activity for the first time.

You'll fish among the Whitsunday Islands and the Great Barrier Reef to catch exotic species like coral trout, sweetlip, snapper and throat emperor.

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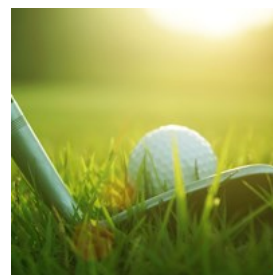
Address: Front St, Hamilton Island

Phone: +61 429 724 822

Internet: [www.renegadecharters.com.au](http://www.renegadecharters.com.au)

Email: [info@renegadecharters.com.au](mailto:info@renegadecharters.com.au)

## Hamilton Island Golf Club



Hamilton Island Golf Club is a 18-hole golf course just as big as the island where it's located, Dent Island. As the course follows the natural shape

of the landscape, it's quite challenging to play here, but also quite exciting, and even beginners can give it a try.

Photo: Mr.Somchai Sukkasem/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dent Island, Whitsundays

Opening hours: Daily: 7am-4pm

Phone: +61 07 4948 9760

Internet: [www.hamiltonislandgolfclub.com.au](http://www.hamiltonislandgolfclub.com.au)

Email: [golf@hamiltonisland.com.au](mailto:golf@hamiltonisland.com.au)

### Go-Kart Racing Track



Hop on a single or duo kart and race up to 45 kilometres per hour at the Go-Kart Racing Track in Hamilton Island. It's an alternative and fun way to

spend the afternoon, far from the beach but still in a tropical setting.

Photo: Iryna Rasko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Palm Valley Way, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Daily: 9.30am-5pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 8850

## DINING



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When it comes to food and wine, Hamilton Island has almost as many dining options as you'd expect to find on the mainland, from gourmet pizza's and tapas to a satisfying 3 course dinner after a day at the beach.

### Bommie



The new home of fine dining on Hamilton Island, Bommie is the signature restaurant at the iconic Hamilton Island Yacht Club. Inside

and out, the décor reflects the yacht club's stylish nautical design. Make a booking to dine inside this stylish place and enjoy some local

cuisine.

Photo: Andrey Krepkih/Shutterstock.com

Address: Front St, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 6pm-11.30pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 9999

More Info: Dress code: smart casual

### Romano's Italian Restaurant



Romano's overlooks the marina and offers Italian cuisine with a fresh seafood menu that changes daily. Reservation is

recommended.

Photo: Karissaa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Front Street, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Daily: 6pm-9pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 8212

More Info: Marina Side

### Manta Ray



Located in Marina Village, Manta Ray is a restaurant and cafe that offers a varied menu including several share plates, gourmet

wood-fired pizzas and fresh seafood. It's a place for a relaxed informal meal indoor or outdoor.

Photo: Dragon Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Front Street, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Daily: 12pm-10pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 9999

Internet: [www.hamiltonisland.com.au/manta-ray-cafe](http://www.hamiltonisland.com.au/manta-ray-cafe)

### Sails



Sails is situated in the hub of Hamilton Island, overlooking Catseye Beach and the Sails pool. The menu features modern Australian cuisine with plenty of fresh seafood.

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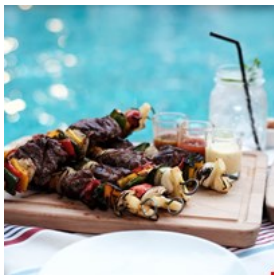
Address: Resort Dr, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Daily: 7am-3.30pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 8562

More Info: In Hamilton Island Resort Centre

### Pool Terrace



Set among tropical landscaped gardens and overlooking the Reef View Hotel pool, the Pool Terrace restaurant offers a lunchtime snack menu and a la carte Australian cuisine dinner.

Photo: mpbbloom/Shutterstock.com

Address: Reef View Hotel, Resort Dr, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Daily: 11.30am-9.00pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 8019

### Mariners



At Mariners, fresh seafood is the main component of the menu, but there is also an array of contemporary dishes with some Japanese

cuisine influences. This fine dining restaurant is located in the marina, which guarantees you a nice view while you enjoy your meal.

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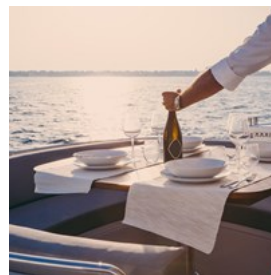
Address: Front Street, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Daily: 6pm-9pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 8628

More Info: Marina side

### Sunset Cruise & Dine



Explore Group offers a unique dining experience in Hamilton Island: you can take a scenic cruise among the Whitsundays islands at sunset and then have a 2 course dinner on the boat.

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Address: Front St, Hamilton Island

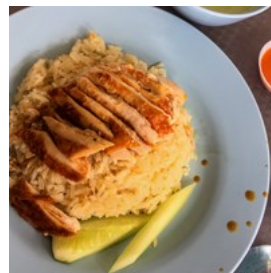
Opening hours: Daily: 7am-7pm (office hours)

Phone: +61 7 4946 9664

Internet: [www.exploregroup.com.au](http://www.exploregroup.com.au)

Email: [hamilton@exploregroup.com.au](mailto:hamilton@exploregroup.com.au)

### Coca Chu



Coca Chu is a popular eatery with a menu inspired by Southeast Asia's hawker-style cuisine. The main features of the restaurant are the open kitchen and the view over Catseye Beach.

Photo: kathrinerajalingam/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hamilton Island Resort Centre, Resort Dr, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Daily: 5.30-late

Phone: +61 7 4946 9999

## CAFES



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There are few cafes on Hamilton island, but all of them are unique. Like most facilities, they are mainly located in the marina or the resort area. Enjoy the laid-back atmosphere and indulge in a cup of coffee with a treat, or order some takeaway and have a picnic lunch in some idyllic spot.

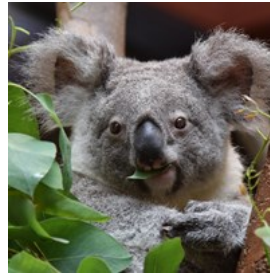
### Marina Cafe



In the heart of the Marina Village, Marina Cafe is a popular spot for a drink or a light lunch. Besides coffee, they make fresh juices, smoothies and milkshakes. The casual gourmet menu includes sandwiches, foccacias, wraps and cakes. Take away or dine in enjoying the views over the marina.

Photo: tete\_escape/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Front St, Hamilton Island  
Opening hours: Daily: 6.30am-3.30pm  
Phone: +61 7 4946 8224

### Koala Breakfast



Don't worry, you're not supposed to eat cute fluffy animals for breakfast. Instead, the Hamilton Island Wild Life Park gives you the opportunity to enjoy a buffet surrounded by their koalas. They have eggs cooked in a variety of ways and classic breakfast items like cereals, pancakes, toasts, bacon and more. The park's cafe is open also for lunch to all visitors.

Photo: SebastiaanPeeters/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Resort Drive, Hamilton Island  
Phone: +61 7 4946 9078  
Internet: [www.wildlifehamiltonisland.com.au](http://www.wildlifehamiltonisland.com.au)  
Email: [wlinfo@merlinentertainments.com.au](mailto:wlinfo@merlinentertainments.com.au)

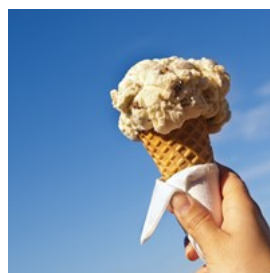
### Bob's Bakery



This bakery housed in an old fashioned building has tasty breakfast and lunch options like pastries and sausage rolls. Try their signature meat pie or a sandwich with freshly baked bread. Picnic baskets and takeaway snacks are also available.

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Address: 137 Front Street, Hamilton Island Marina  
Opening hours: Daily: 7am-4pm  
Phone: +61 4946 58281

### Ice Cream Parlour



Ice Cream cravings are a thing, and with 14 delicious flavors available the Ice Cream Parlour is the place where you can indulge in them. They also make banana split, sundaes, shakes and

smoothies.

Photo: THPStock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hamilton Island Marina, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Daily: 9am-9pm

More Info: Near Marina Cafe

### Popeye's Fish and Chips



At Popeye's Fish and Chips you won't find any coffee, but there are many takeaway options for a light and fast lunch of fresh seafood. The

menu features fried calamari, prawns, squid and, of course, fish and chips, but also burgers and salads.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Front St, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Daily: 10am-9pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 9999

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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In Hamilton Island you can sit back and relax with a refreshing cocktail by the marina or order a drink from a swim-up bar. There is no shortage of places to watch the sun setting over the sea and meet up with friends to liven up your evening.

### Marina Tavern



The Marina Tavern is a lively bar serving pub food and cool drinks. You can sit indoors or outdoors on the waterfront, where a cockatoo might join you. Ask when karaoke night is for some additional fun.

Photo: iko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 172 Front Street, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Daily: 11am-9pm

Phone: +61 4946 9999

### Bougainvillea Pool Bar



Located right Behind Catseye Beach, Bougainvillea Pool is Hamilton Island's main pool. On the poolside you'll find a tropical bar in a tropical setting, perfect for a refreshing drink or cocktail when the sun begins to set.

Photo: Everything/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9 Resort Drive, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Daily: 7am-8pm

### Reef Lounge



Reef Lounge is the bar of Reef View Hotel, but it's open to outside visitors. Here you can have pre-dinner drinks or a nightcap in a laid-back atmosphere with wicker chairs. The bar offers live music every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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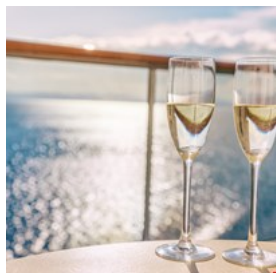
Address: 12 Resort Drive, Hamilton Island

Internet:



[www.hamiltonisland.com.au/bars-and-clubs/reef-lounge](http://www.hamiltonisland.com.au/bars-and-clubs/reef-lounge)

### Bommie Deck



In addition to a fine dining restaurant, the Hamilton Island Yacht Club boasts Bommie Deck, an outdoor bar designed by renowned

Australian Architect Walter Barda. Enjoy the stunning view of the Marina and Whitsunday Passage while sipping a drink and having some snacks.

Photo: Maridav/Shutterstock.com

Address: Front Street, Hamilton Island

Phone: +61 7 4946 9999

### One Tree Hill



Perhaps one of the best places to watch the sunset, One Tree Hill has a great location up in the hills and offers a breath-taking view over

Hamilton Island. Beer, wine, cocktails and mocktails are available at reasonable prices.

Photo: Roma Black/Shutterstock.com

Address: Whitsunday Blvd, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Daily: 10am-7pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 8026

## SHOPPING



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Hamilton Island features more than 20 boutiques and specialty stores throughout the Marina Village and the Resort Centre. From fashion to souvenirs, you'll find everything you might need. Near the marina, there are also a General Store for groceries and some local art galleries.

### Hamilton Island Designs



Hamilton Island Designs is exactly what it sounds like: a store where you can find items with the Hamilton Island unique logo and style. You'll find just about anything from key chains and towels to flip-flops and t-shirts.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 145 Front Street, Hamilton Island

Phone: +61 07 4946 8565

Internet: [www.hamiltonislandretail.com/hi-designs.html](http://www.hamiltonislandretail.com/hi-designs.html)

Email: [hidesigns@hamiltonisland.com.au](mailto:hidesigns@hamiltonisland.com.au)

### Australia the Gift



Australia the Gift is your go-to shop for souvenirs on Hamilton Island. Here you'll find good deals for magnets and keyrings, trinkets and toys, clothing items, towels and even boomerangs.

Photo: iwegemer/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 2 Resort Dr, Hamilton Island  
Opening hours: Daily: 7am-10pm  
Phone: +61 7 4946 9015  
Internet: [www.australiathegift.com.au](http://www.australiathegift.com.au)

### The Hut



The Hut is a surf shop where you'll find everything you need for your beach days. Whether you forgot to bring your bathing suit or just need a new fashionable pair of glasses, this is the place to go.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Front Street, Hamilton Island  
Opening hours: Daily: 9am-5.30pm  
Phone: +61 07 4946 8273  
Email: [jharrington@hamiltonisland.com.au](mailto:jharrington@hamiltonisland.com.au)

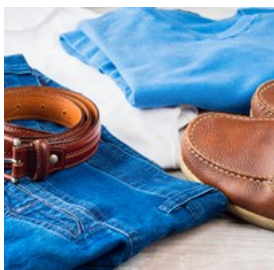
### Breeze Resort Wear



This fashionable shop near Hamilton Island marina sells women's day wear as well as party dresses, and everything in between.

Photo: Paul Vinten/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Front Street, Hamilton Island  
Opening hours: Daily: 9am-6pm  
Phone: +61 07 4946 9277  
Internet: [breezeresortwear.wixsite.com/breeze](http://breezeresortwear.wixsite.com/breeze)  
Email: [breezeresortwear@gmail.com](mailto:breezeresortwear@gmail.com)

### Marina Retail



Marina Retail is located right under the Marina Tavern in Front Street. Here you'll find clothes and accessories from Henri Loyd, a popular

sailing brand, and from other classy designers.

Photo: Life morning/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 172 Front Street, Hamilton Island  
Opening hours: Daily: 9am-5.30pm  
Phone: +61 07 4946 8180  
Email: [tlynam@hamiltonisland.com.au](mailto:tlynam@hamiltonisland.com.au)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Airport



Hamilton Island is the only Whitsunday Island with its own airport. There is a direct connection to Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and daily service to Brisbane. The airport is serviced by around 50 flights per week, with complimentary shuttle buses available to take you directly to your accommodation.

Photo: Juan Garces  
Address: Hamilton Island Airport  
Phone: +61 7 4946 9999

## Passport / Visa



Unless you are a New Zealand citizen granted visa exemption on arrival (in most cases), you will need to obtain a visa prior to visiting Australia.

Citizens of all European Union countries, as well as Andorra, Norway, Iceland, San Marino, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, and Vatican City are eligible for an eVisitor visa, which can be applied for online. For citizens of the United States, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Brunei, South Korea and Malaysia, the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) entry permit is available, which can be applied for online and grants holders the right to enter Australia an unlimited amount of times for stays of no longer than 3 months per visit.

Citizens of all other world countries (with the exception of Somalia) are also able to apply for a visitor visa online. For more information, visit the official website of the Australian government's department of home affairs: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/lega/lega/form/immi-faqs/what-visa-do-i-need-to-visit-australia>

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## Best Time to Visit



The Whitsunday Islands enjoy mild weather all year round, which means any time is good to visit them. November, December and January

are the hottest months of the year and may feature some rain, while winter takes place around June to September but temperatures don't fall much below 20°C/68°F. The busiest

periods for tourism are July, September and May, along with Christmas, Easter and school holidays.

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## Time Zone



Hamilton Island is located in the Australian Eastern Time Zone (UTC+10:00).

Photo: Marek Polakovic

## Public transport



The island is only 5 km long from North to South, and 3.5 km wide from East to West, laid out so that everything can be reached easily. Your exploring can be done on foot, using the free Island Shuttle, or in a golf buggy which is available to hire on an hourly, half-daily or daily basis.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

## Pharmacy



The Hamilton Island Pharmacy is located on Front Street near the marina.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Front Street, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 8.30am-6pm,

Saturday-Sunday: 9am-6pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 9053

## Post



The island's only post office is located at the end of Front Street.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Front St, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 9462

Internet: auspost.com.au

## Telephone



Country Code: +61 Area  
Code: 071

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



240 V / 50 Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

1,347 (2006)

## Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

## Newspapers

Whitsunday Times

The Queensland Times

## Emergency numbers

000 (Police, Fire and Ambulance)

## Tourist information

Tourism Whitsundays

Email: [info@tourismwhitsundays.com.au](mailto:info@tourismwhitsundays.com.au)

Phone: +61 7 4945 3967

[www.tourismwhitsundays.com.au](http://www.tourismwhitsundays.com.au)

