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Sun, sea and sand all add together to make the Whitsunday Coast the ideal place to relax. Enjoy a great atmosphere and nightlife in a spectacular setting. A beach lover's paradise where everything is on hand to make your stay in this area one you won't forget. Close to the Great Barrier Reef and just 16 miles from the Whitsunday Islands, there is plenty to see. Backpackers and families alike will enjoy the many attractions such as Airlie Beach lagoon and the amazing croc safaris up the Proserpine River.



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The Whitsunday Coast lies between Mackay and Bowen and includes delightful Airlie Beach. Close by are the 74 Whitsunday Islands together with spectacular coral reefs.

The Great Barrier Reef is also just 47 nautical miles from the stunning Whitsunday Islands. Airlie Beach is the heart of Whitsunday Coast and the main shops and facilities can be found along Shute Harbour Road which is just a few metres from the beach.

Bowen, which is further along the coast, is a fruit picking area and a cool place to try a local mango!

Airlie Beach is a lively town with the marina and beach attracting an increasing number of new visitors every year. Known as a backpacker paradise with its tropical climate and ambience, this resort area is not to be missed. The area is nowadays not only frequented by backpackers, but there has also been an influx in family, corporate and "upmarket" clientele.

Whitehaven Beach, not far away, is said to be one of the most photographed beaches in the world, with its 7 kilometres of fine white silica sand.

For those who like swimming, Airlie Beach Lagoon is the place. Walkers will enjoy the Great Whitsunday Walk, which is 30 km of walking trails in Conway State Forest with the backdrop of the Coral Sea. Bowen has several historical buildings including an Art Deco Post Office and Courthouse. It is one of those undiscovered places and just a 40 minute drive from Airlie Beach.

There are eight award winning beaches and local growers produce a huge amount of salad vegetables plus the famous Bowen mango. When travelling along the motorway, do not make the mistake to ignore the signs on Bruce Highway which signals the turn off to Airlie Beach and the Whitsundays. This is a stop that is not to be missed and may very well be one of the best vacations you can ever have.

DO & SEE



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Airlie Beach and the surrounding area is full of things to do, from wildlife safaris to snorkelling. There are many places to go diving, fishing, kayaking and sailing, and there are plenty of companies able to help you hire equipment and vessels. Saturday morning markets and Sunday twilight markets are a tradition in the area and provide great entertainment with buskers and live music.



Great Barrier Reef



The Whitsunday Coast is an ideal jumping off point for the Great Barrier Reef which is located 50 km from Airlie. Cruises leave Airlie Beach on a regular

basis taking in all the sights. Cruise Whitsundays and Fantasea Cruises both offer a chance to see the reef at its best. Snorkelling, semi-submersible and glass bottom boat rides, helicopter scenic flights and dive opportunities are all available with both companies.

Cruise Whitsundays
24 The Cove Road, Airlie Beach
+61 7 4846 7000
www.cruisewhitsundays.com.au

Fantasea +61 4967 5455 www.fantasea.com.au

Photo: a tiger/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24 The Cove Road, Airlie Beach

Proserpine



In this Queensland rural town, the museum is worth visiting, as is Proserpine Lake, or Peter Faust Dam, as it is better known. Ideal for water

sports and fishing for the popular barramundi, you may also fancy a local eco tour. Take one of the Whitsunday Crocodile Safaris up the Proserpine River.

Photo: Mark Scott Johnson/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: Proserpine Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 7 4948 3310

Internet: www.crocodilesafari.com.au

Email: info@crocodilesafari.com.au

Airlie Beach Lagoon



Opened in 2001, Airlie Beach Lagoon is a stinger free environment. It has landscaped gardens, free barbecues and shower rooms. It is located in a

beautiful setting and close to all facilities. The lagoon is free of charge.

Photo: dany13/Flickr.com (image cropped)
Address: Airlie Beach Lagoon, Whitsunday Coast

Great Whitsunday Walk



This attraction is a 30 km track through the Conway State Forest. The main routes are from Brandy Creek to Airlie Beach, however, there are also

short trips from Brandy Creek car park. Wander through this magical countryside and see a range of wildlife including the wompoo fruit-dove.

Photo: Grey82/Shutterstock.com

Address: Conway State Forest, Whitsunday Coast

Bowen



Visiting the town of Bowen is like stepping back into the 1940's or 50's, unpretentious, with wide streets. A good place to make for is the

Historical Museum packed full of artefacts said to be one of the best museums in Central Queensland well worth visiting. Bowen Courthouse, built in 1883, is also impressive. The beaches lie 2 km north of town. Queens Beach has a stinger net for the jellyfish season and



Horseshoe Bay is good for swimming or snorkelling.

Photo: Milosz Maslanka/Shutterstock.com Address: Bowen, Whitsunday Coast

Stone Island



Stone Island is where the very first settlers landed and a very interesting place to visit. It is located no more than 2 km from the coast and can be

reached by ferry. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings on this 6 hectars small island and visit the towns of Seaforth, Ball Bay and Calen.

Photo: Alex Edmonds/Shutterstock.com Address: Stone Island, Whitsunday Coast

Sailing



This breathtakingly beautiful tropical area is perfectly explored by boat. The region is famous for its sailing and, of course, it is a dream

come true to sail around the islands and enjoy your vacation the best way possible.

If you're not a sailing expert, you can include staff with your hired boat and get time over for scuba diving while they navigate and cook for you.

Sailing Whitsundays:

Photo: Jenna Layne Voigt/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shute Harbour Road Airlie Beach, Whitsunday

Coast

Phone: +61 7 4914 2425

Internet: www.sailing-whitsundays.com

More Info: Sailing Whitsundays, Ground Level 398

Whitehaven Beach



One of the most beautiful beaches in the world, Whitehaven Beach can be reached by boat from Airlie Beach. A totally undeveloped national

park, be prepared for a 7 km stretch of 99% white silica sand. It is just breathtaking!

Photo: ProDesign studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Whitehaven Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Whitsunday Islands



Experience tropical beaches and relaxed days in the sun at the 74 islands along the coast. While some of them have holiday resorts you can

just check in (e.g. Hamilton Island, Hayman Island), others are rather untouched and provide the ideal opportunity for a getaway. Just choose your match!

Photo: Tanya Puntti/Shutterstock.com

Address: Whitsunday Islands

Snorkeling and Scuba Diving



The beautiful sea and colourful reefs provide a unique chance for scuba diving. Join a tour to some of the greatest spots in area and explore

what's under the surface. Also budget travelers don't have to miss out on the underwater experience - just grab a mask and snorkel to meet some tropic fish.

Sailing Whitsundays:

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Photo: ChameleonsEye/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4/1 Airlie Esplanade Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 74914 2425

Internet: www.sailing-whitsundays.com

DINING



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Seafood reigns supreme at the Whitsundays along with the traditional fare of steaks, pizzas and a variety of international cuisine. Enjoy the mouth-watering fresh food and wine while soaking in the gorgeous surroundings which is a big part of the Whitsundays experience. In Airlie Beach you will find a vast array of cuisines from five star restaurants to more simple establishments such as fish and chips on the beach. You will for sure find your favourite restaurant since there are restaurants catering to every taste here, be it fresh local seafood, Mexican, Italian, Moroccan, Asian, European or modern Australian, you will find it all here at the beautiful Whitsunday Coast.

Whitsunday Seafood Bar



The Whitsunday Seafood Bar is known for its fresh and delicious fish and chips, grilled seafood and tasty burgers. Enjoy the catch of the day with an

amazing view of the waterfront. The service is always attentive and friendly and prices are reasonable. Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 The Esplanade Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Every day 11am - 8pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 6561

Meraki Whitsundays



With its perfect loaction at Bowen's Horseshoe Beach, Meraki Whitsundays offers a unique opportunity to dine in a relaxed

atmosphere at the beach. There are plenty of delicious breakfast and lunch options available all day and a dinner menu for Fridays and Saturdays. Meraki puts an emphasis on excellent customer service and quality food.

Photo: Magdanatka/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Horseshoe Bay Road Bowen, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 7 4786 2565

Tides at Airlie Beach



If you are looking for one of the best views of the coast to accompany your delicious dinner, you should spend an evening at Tides at Airlie Beach.

The restaurant also offers an amazing lunch and breakfast menu so make sure you don't miss out on this one.

Photo: Lisovskaya Natalia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mount Whitsunday Drive, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday

Coast

Opening hours: Every day 6.30am - 9pm

Phone: +61 7 4962 5100

Internet: www.tidesbarandgrill.com.au Email: info@tidesbarandgrill.com.au



Fish D'vine & The Rum Bar



While seafood and fish can be found almost everywhere in the coast region, this restaurants stands out for quality meals and creative

dishes. Try the beer battered local fish or their Ocean Basket bestseller. You will want to come back for more.

Photo: margouillat photo/shutterstock.com Address: 12 Airlie Esplanade, Airlie Beach Opening hours: Every day 5pm - 11pm

Phone: +61 7 4948 0088

Internet: www.fishdvine.com.au Email: dvinecateringandevents.com.au

Beach Club Restaurant



Ideally located on the idyllic Hamilton Island, this restaurant is your spot for a quick lunch or a candlelight dinner. The experienced staff is happy

to help you with the choice of your wine so just lean back and let them take care of you.

Photo: Visionsi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Beach Club Resort, Hamilton Island

Phone: +61 7 4946 9999

Internet: www.hamiltonisland.com.au

The Cove Restaurant



Asian cuisine and a great view of the blue ocean await you at the Cove restaurant. Their duck in plum sauce and Seafood Deluxe are popular with

the locals. Don't miss out on this unique dining experience!

Photo: TMON/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2B Horseshoe Bay Road, Bowen, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 7 4786 3842

Internet: www.thecoverestaurant.com.au Email: thecovebowen@hotmail.com

La Tabella Trattoria



This casual, cool modern Italian restaurant is known for its handmade pasta and garlic bread and where the chef prepares the food by the

freshest and finest quality ingredients. The restaurant is also worth a visit for breakfast when they serve sweet treats such as crepes filled with caramelised banana, mascarpone cream.

Photo: Mila Atkovska/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 The Esplanade Beach Plaza Airlie Beach,

Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Every day 7am - 9.30pm

Phone: +61 7 4948 1888 Internet: www.latabella.com.au

Cool Lala Modern Asian Cuisine



Although Cool Lala is a small establishment, it is a true hidden gem and serves delicious, authentic Asian cuisine.
Make sure to try their

Korean kimchi and homemade dumplings. The atmosphere is relaxed, with attentive and friendly service at all times.

Photo: gowithstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7/265 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach Opening hours: Tue - Sat 17.30pm - 20.30pm

Phone: +61 484 220 777



Bommie



Fine wine, a luxurious setting and award-winning cuisine is awaiting you at Bommie on Hamilton Island.
Located at the yacht-club,

the restaurant serves traditional Australian food with a modern twist. This is your number one address for a special evening.

Photo: Stockforlife/Shutterstock.com Address: Front Street, Hamilton Island Opening hours: Tue - Sat 6pm - 11.30pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 9999

Internet: www.hamiltonisland.com.au/bommie-restaurant

CAFÉS



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When feeling for a relaxing time why not pop into one of the cafés in Whitsunday Coast and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea? There is no lack of beach cafés and restaurants along the Whitsunday Coast and you will for sure find something for every taste. Airlie Beach is the heart and soul of the Whitsundays, and here you will find plenty of cafés and restaurants where to relish tasty treats and delicious smoothies and ice-creams.

Sidewalk Cafe Restaurant and Bar



Shopping the day away?
Chances are that you will
find yourself at the
arcade in Airlie Beach. In
that case, it's worth
checking out this little

café known for its delicious breakfast and lunch.

Photo: Earth Earth/Shutterstock.com Address: 2 Airlie Esplanade, Airlie Beach

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 6.30am - 9pm, Fri & Sat 6.30am -

9.30pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 6425

Internet: www.sidewalkcafe.net.au Email: webmaster@sidewalkcafe.net.au

Marina Cafe



Marina Cafe serves a range of food and drinks, fresh fruit and vegetable juices and barista-made coffee and tea. Here you can enjoy a late night

snack to relaxing jazz tunes while overlooking Catseye Beach. This laid-back cafe is perfect for families or groups of friends.

Photo: Studio By The Sea/Shutter stock.com

Address: Front St, Whitsundays

Opening hours: Every day 6.30am - 3.30pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 8224

The Grazing Goat Cafe



The menu of The Grazing Goat Cafe focuses on simple, fresh and healthy food. There are glutenfree, dairyfree, vegetarian and vegan

options available. All ingredients are locally sourced, as sustainable as possible and carefully selected.



Photo: iMarzi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 58 Wood Street, Mackay, Whitsunday Coast Opening hours: Mon - Sat 6.30am - 3pm, Sun 7am - 2pm

Phone: +61 7 4953 2623

Le Sorelle The Sisters Coffee House



Like the name suggests,
Le Sorelle is a coffee
house and florist shop
owned by three sisters.
Relax in the boho chic of
their cafe while you enjoy

a treat from their all day breakfast and lunch menu. Don't miss Waffle Wednesday at Le Sorelle, where you will have a choice of six delicious waffle dishes.

Photo: baibaz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 52 Richmond Road, Bowen, Whitsunday Coast Opening hours: Mon - Sat 7am - 2pm, Sat & Sun 8am - 2pm

Phone: +61 7 4786 1206

Internet: www.lesorellethesisters.com.au Email: info@lesorellecoffeehouse.com.au

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Airlie Beach is buzzying and vibrant. It's party central whilst other places along the coast tend to be a bit quieter. There are plenty of bars where you can start the evening off in style before moving on to some extremely cool clubs. The clubs are very lively and are often open to the small hours.

With large numbers of backpackers throughout the season, every night at Airlie Beach is a party night. The nightly entertainment at Shute Harbour Road is awash with cabaret singers and live bands and so you can catch up on your sleep tomorrow!

Beaches Bar & Grill



Beaches Bar & Grill is located in one of the most popular hostels on the Whitsunday Coast, Beaches Backpackers. You will find affordable

food and plenty of drink in a buzzing pub atmosphere. Enjoy live music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday and don't forget to try their delicious burgers!

Photo: Maridav/Shutterstock.com

Address: 356 Shute Harbour Road Airlie Beach, Whitsunday

Coast

Phone: +61 7 4946 6244

Internet: www.beaches.com.au/Bar-Grill Email: airliebeach@beaches.com.au

KC's Bar & Grill



KC's Bar & Grill offers a lively atmosphere, live entertainment and great food. Check out their mouthwatering lunch and dinner menu and don't

miss out on their croc steaks. Noisy but fun, KC's often hosts live gigs by new and upcoming artists.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 382 Shute Harbour Road Airlie Beach, Whitsunday

Coast

Opening hours: Every day 11am - 12am

Phone: +61 4946 6320 Email: gm@kcsbarngrill.com



Magnums



Magnums Hotel lies on the main street of Airlie Beach and is considered one of the largest entertainment venues. They have six different

bars, including a party bar and a sports bar, a happening beer garden and several pool tables.

Photo: xmee/Shutterstock.com

Address: 370 Shute Harbour Road Airlie Beach, Whitsunday

Coast

Internet: www.magnum shotel.com.au

Fish D'vine & The Rum Bar



This is a great place to party it up on the weekend. They have events and big gigs as well as appreciated resident DJ's. Find your

favourite in their great selection of rum and drop by at the Fish D'vine restaurant within.

Photo: Netfalls - Remy Musser/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Airlie Esplanade, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Every day 5pm - 11pm

Phone: +61 7 4948 0088

Internet: www.fishdvine.com.au/rum-bar

Mama Africa Bar and Night Club



With its perfect location at the Airlie Beach lagoon arcade, Mama Africa is a popular bar and nightclub on the Whitsunday Coast. The best local and

international DJs will make sure you feel the holiday vibe. Check out their website for upcoming events or rent the venue for a special occasion.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shute Harbour Road Airlie Beach, Whitsunday

Coast

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 9pm - 3am

Phone: +61 7 4948 0599

Internet: www.mamaafrica.com.au Email: info@mamaafrica.com.au

SHOPPING



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There are various excellent shopping areas along the Whitsunday Coast which can provide travellers with all they need from food supplies to souvenirs. There are also several markets held at the weekends which will be very useful if you're looking for fresh produce.

Whitsunday Shopping Centre



The Whitsunday
Shopping Centre is
located in Cannonvale. It
boasts a large variety of
shops including Bilos and
Target Country and also

houses several cafes and restaurants. In this modern and sopihisticated centre you will also find a post office, a bank and a multitude of speciality shops.

Photo: Ariwasabi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 226 Shute Harbour Road Cannonvale, Whitsunday

Coast

Opening hours: Every day 9am - 9pm

Phone: +61 7 4948 0441

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Internet: www.whitsundaysc.com.au

Airlie Beach Shops



The shops at Airlie Beach are open seven days a week. You will be able to find everything you need from fast food to furniture. Shute Harbour

Road in Airlie has an amazing range of shops and a family store packed with goodies. There are over fifty shops in and around this area.

Photo: Adita/Shutterstock.com

Address: Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Stockland Townsville



Stockland Townsville is a premier regional shopping centre housing over 200 specialty stores such as Myer, Big W, Kmart, Woolworths and

Coles. Here you will find everything from clothing and shoes to gifts, homeware and food.

Photo: CandyBox Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 310-330 Ross River Road Aitkenvale, Whitsunday

Coast

Phone: +61 7 4779 6033

Whitsunday Plaza



Fashion, cafés, jewelries, bookstores - you name it. Whitsunday plaza has got it all. The shopping center provides the ideal opportunity to get a new

outfit or buy some gifts. They provide fashion for men, women and children.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Galbraith Park Road Cannonvale, Whitsunday

Coast

Phone: +61 7 4946 1505

 $\label{limit} Internet: www.whitsundayplaza.com.au \\ Email: info@whitsundayplaza.com.au$

Proserpine Boutiques



Boutiques and fashion stores as far as you can see can be found at Proserpine. Get a new dress or buy something for the little ones or why

not get some new beach wear? In the boutiques at Proserpine, you will find something for every occasion.

Photo: Wayne0216/Shutterstock.com Address: Proserpine, Whitsunday Coast

Whitsunday Saturday Markets



The Whitsunday Markets at Airlie Beach are held every Saturday and are a real icon of the area, so make sure you don't miss it. You will be able to

sample locally grown produce and browse through a large array of miscellaneous items, art, crafts, clothing and souvenirs.

Photo: MinDof/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10-20 Airlie Esplanade Airlie Beach, Whitsunday

Coast

Opening hours: Sat 7am - 1.30pm

Phone: +61 409 273 047



TOURIST INFORMATION



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Airport



Whitsunday Coast Airport, Proserpine (PPP) is the nearest airport to the Whitsunday Coast. It lies 26 km away from Airlie Beach which equals

roughly 30 minutes by car. Both taxis and coaches meet all flights.

There is a shuttle bus service that you can pay for a one-way fare or return to Airlie Beach.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Whitsunday Coast Airport

Phone: +61 417 762 235

Internet: www.whitsundayshuttle.com.au

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 ulimited 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-fa qs/what-visa-do-i-need-to-visit-australia

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Best Time To Visit



If you are looking to visit the Whitsunday Coast when temperatures are the most pleasant and there is the lowest chance of rainfall, you should

visit in spring, preferably in September.

However, this is also the time where most tourists can be expected. The conditions are perfect for all kinds of outdoor activities such as swimming and snorkelling.

Photo: VectorA/Shutterstock.com

Public Transport



Buses and trains operate in the town of Proserpine. There are also services to Airlie Beach and the Whitsunday Coast. Local buses run to the

Whitsunday six times a day.

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Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Phone: +61 7 4945 3967

Internet: www.whitsundaytransit.com.au Email: info@tourismwhitsundays.com.au

Taxi



There are plenty of taxis available throughout the area. Here is one option. Mackay Whitsunday Taxi:

Photo: Taxi

Phone: +07 49444 955

Internet: www.mackaytaxi.com.au

Post



There are plenty of post offices located at the Whitsunday Coast. One of them is here:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 15/226 Shute Harbour Road Cannonvale,

Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm, Sat 9am - 12.30pm

Phone: +61 131318

Pharmacy



Airlie Beach Day & Night

Chemist

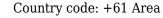
Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 366 Shute Harbour Road Airlie Beach, Whitsunday

Opening hours: Every day 8am - 8pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 7000

Telephone



code: 07



Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

240 Volts / 50 Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

Airlie Beach: 5,000 Bowen: 9,000

Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Generally, stores & shopping malls are open 7 days a week, late night shopping on a Thursday night until 9pm. Sunday between 4 - 5pm. Closed only on Christmas Day.

Newspapers

Whitsunday Times The Guardian

Emergency numbers

Fire, Ambulance and Police: 000 Local Police: +61 7 4948 8888

Tourist information

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