

# WHITSUNDAYS SMALL SHIP CRUISE



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## Airlie Beach & Whitsunday Islands Cruise

**Duration:** 7 days

**Stay:** 4 nights hotel, 2 nights cabin

**Travel style:** Independent with cruise with flights from Brisbane

**Booking code:** OCRWF7M

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# 7 Days Queensland Whitsundays Cruise & Airlie Beach

## About the holiday

Experience the turquoise waters and white sands that holiday dreams are made of when you visit beautiful Airlie Beach and cruise aboard premium Whitsunday Explorer.

Your stunning holiday begins in the resort town of Airlie Beach, with a 4-night stay to explore the magnificent region and gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Then our itinerary packs in all the highlights of the Whitsunday Islands National Park with just one check-in and one boat departure.

The modern small ship cruising vessel, M.V. Whitsunday Explorer, delivers the ultimate Whitsunday Islands resort experience. Your ocean view room with private ensuite features picture windows the width of your room. The spacious configuration with expansive observation decks and large air-conditioned main saloon are shared with a maximum of up to 60 guests.

The cruise includes your tours and excursions. Activities incorporate the highlights of the region including Whitehaven Beach, Hill Inlet, Whitsunday sunrise and sunset and the thrilling ship to shore rigid inflatable transfer vessel, Island Adventurer. Explore via kayak from the easy-access swim platform or experience the vibrant marine life with snorkel and fins.

Onboard is your bar, restaurant and café – have an alfresco breakfast on the open observation deck, enjoy a fine wine over dinner in the main saloon or order an espresso coffee during afternoon tea. All your meals are included.

The Whitsunday Explorer offers an intimate Whitsundays cruise experience with your accommodation, dining and day touring to stunning Whitsunday locations all wrapped up into one high value experience.

## Travel dates

2024 – departs Mondays from 01 February to 30 November

*Note: Departures are subject to availability and prices can vary depending on travel dates.*

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## Holiday Inclusions

### Our package includes:

**Flights** – Return economy airfares Brisbane to Proserpine (Whitsunday Coast)

Flights include checked baggage & airline fees

**Accommodation** - 4 nights at Airlie Beach Apartments, based on twin share

One bedroom apartment with private bathroom & kitchen facilities

**Cruise** - 3 days Whitsundays Islands cruise on the new *Whitsunday Explorer*

2 nights accommodation in an ocean view, private ensuite room

All meals while cruising, including breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning & afternoon tea

A selection of non-alcoholic beverages

Guided off-vessel excursions and tours

Use of kayaks, snorkelling equipment and flotation devices

Free onboard WIFI where coverage is available

All Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and National Park Fees

Informative commentary & exceptional customer service from the friendly & knowledgeable captain & crew

### Package excludes:

Airport & cruise port transfers

Meals, sightseeing & activities, other than those included while cruising

Cruise does not include alcoholic drinks & espresso coffee

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Travel insurance is strongly recommended

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***This package is subject to confirmation by the airline, hotel, cruise company and local operators.***

***Price will vary depending on your travel dates – see our website for valid travel periods.***

***Children must be 5 years+ & adult rates apply for all guests.***

***Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***



## Itinerary

**Day 1:** Arrive in Airlie Beach, serviced by Proserpine Airport (PPP), and make your own way to the Airlie Beach Apartments for your 4-night stay.

**Days 2-4:** Your time is free to explore beautiful Airlie Beach and the Whitsunday region. Being the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, most visitors are eager to jump on boat trips, but since you have the cruise coming up you may wish to enjoy exploring on foot. Close to town you can stroll along the sand at the district's beloved beaches; Cannonvale, Shingley, Airlie and Boathaven. Or wander the Bicentennial Boardwalks and venture further afield with a hike or mountain bike along Conway National Park's circuits.

**Day 5:** Today is time to make your way to Coral Sea Marina to check in for the cruise between 3:00pm-4:00pm. Whitsunday Explorer departs Coral Sea Marina passing through Molle Island group and across the Whitsunday Passage, before dropping anchor at Cid Harbour for the evening. Enjoy drinks on the observation deck before settling into the main saloon for dinner with the Captain, followed by an itinerary briefing for the upcoming days.

**Day 6:** Start your day with an alfresco breakfast on the upper observation deck or in the main saloon as we set sail to drop anchor near Whitsunday Island. Board the high-speed rigid inflatable Island Adventurer for a quick transfer to the brilliant white sands of world-famous Whitehaven Beach to swim, walk and explore at your leisure.

Jump back on Island Adventurer for a short cruise up to Tongue Bay and the Hill Inlet Lookout Track. Marvel at the marbled ever-changing patterns created by shallow blue water and moving white silica sand.

Refuel with lunch on Whitsunday Explorer as we set sail to Hook Passage. From here we'll launch the Island Adventurer to explore Nara Inlet and the ancient rock wall paintings of the indigenous Ngaro people.

The final destination for the day is Langford Island – the perfect spot for snorkelling with sheltered waters and coral systems teeming with vibrant marine life including a large population of green turtles.

Back onboard the small ship, take in the sunset as we cruise to Long Island to anchor. Enjoy drinks and dinner in the main saloon at your leisure, why not treat yourself to a nightcap under the stars on the observation deck.

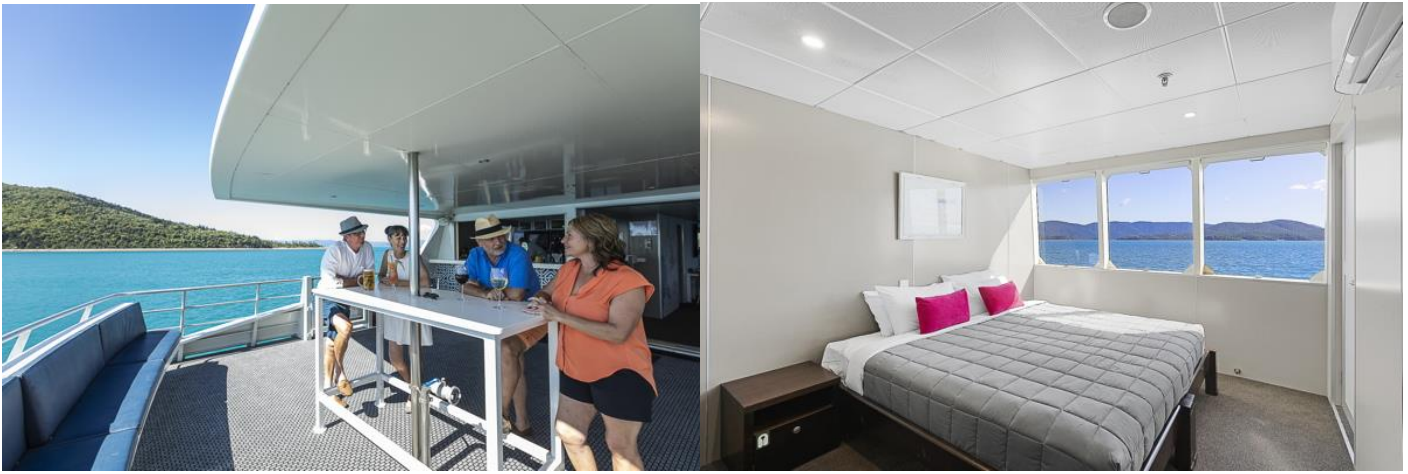
**Day 7:** Enjoy breakfast alfresco or in the main saloon. Explore Long Island's shores and walking tracks at your own pace. A crew member will always accompany guests ashore.

Return to the mother ship for your cruise back to Coral Sea Marina, Airlie Beach, arriving around 11:00am. From here, it's time to make your own way to the airport if you have a departing flight today.

***Note:** During the cruise, it may be necessary to change the proposed itinerary and activities due to weather and sea conditions. Your crew will keep you fully informed along the way and will always ensure that your journey is as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. Travel is unpredictable due to a multitude of reasons, such as weather forecasts, ocean conditions, public holidays and travel restrictions. Ultimately any changes are for the benefit of clients – it's important that you are flexible and understanding in this regard.*

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## About the cruise & M.V. Whitsunday Explorer

Your cruise includes experiences and activities that showcase the Whitsundays landscape, seascape, nature and history.

During your cruise, you will be treated to a high level of care and service from the dedicated local crew. Hand-picked for their engaging personalities, attention to detail and unwavering commitment to providing the best experience, the cruise staff will warmly welcome you on board. The experienced crew possess the necessary expertise to create daily itineraries tailored to the prevailing weather conditions and local surroundings. With their deep knowledge of the landscapes, flora and fauna, as well as the indigenous culture of the region, crew members will guide you both on board and during off-vessel excursions.

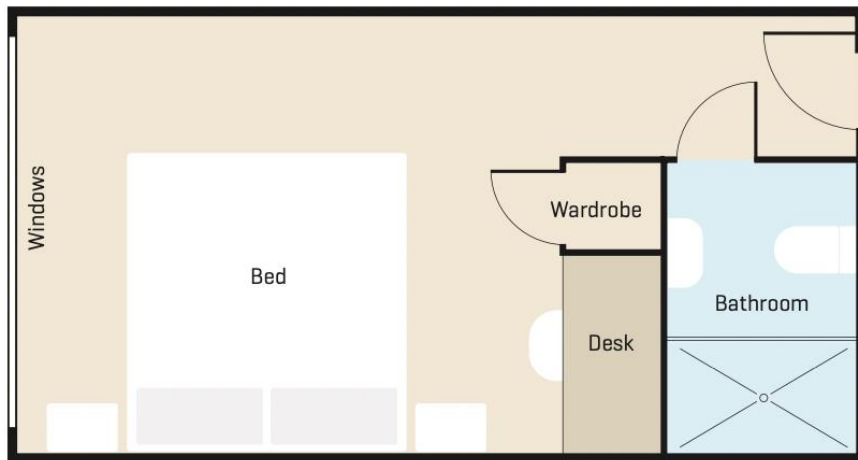
The Whitsunday Explorer is a 45-metre premium small ship that's purpose-built for overnight cruising, with a full suite of modern amenities to ensure ultimate comfort and relaxation throughout your time on board.

### Vessel Features:

- 30 rooms with individual air-conditioning
- Stable modern catamaran design
- Expansive 138-square-metre upper observation deck offering 360-degree views with sun lounges
- Large air-conditioned main saloon bar, restaurant & lounge
- Full onboard kitchen and servery
- Fully licensed bar with interior & exterior service
- Back sun deck adjacent to the main saloon
- Hydraulic stern platform for easy safe water entry for kayakers & swimmers
- All water activity equipment, including snorkelling gear and kayaks
- WIFI – where coverage allows
- Onboard TV, library & games

To access environmentally sensitive locations, Whitsunday Explorer is equipped with a highspeed rigid inflatable vessel Island Adventurer. The Island Adventurer has a capacity of 35 people and is equipped with roof shade, all-weather foldable side windows, beach landing steps and is powered by triple outboard engines. It can gently meander around fragile coral reefs or provide a thrilling 40 knots high-speed joy ride on the open water.

Boarding and disembarking the Island Adventurer is a quick and safe process and the crew will be available to provide assistance if required.



### **Your room:**

All rooms measure a spacious 14.5-square-metre and are available in a King or Twin King Single configuration. All rooms are outward-facing with wall-width panoramic windows (sea-facing wall is 55% window) above the waterline, they provide a private space to relax throughout your cruise and take in the spectacular scenery.

Rooms are individually airconditioned so you can adjust room temperature to your preference. Rooms are also fitted with a wardrobe, 240v power outlets and are serviced daily. En suite bathrooms feature a full-size shower with a range of complimentary toiletries.

### **Dining & Drinks:**

Enjoy your meals with ocean views either from the airconditioned comfort of the main dining saloon or alfresco on the rear or observation deck. The chef has created fresh seasonal menus showcasing local produce, cooked in the onboard kitchen and served buffet style.

### **Breakfast**

Each morning a full hot & continental buffet breakfast will be available from 7:00am including eggs, bacon, house beans, roasted tomatoes, mushrooms, fresh fruit, yoghurt & granola cups, toast & spreads. This offering will be supplemented by chef's specials, which may include eggs benedict with salmon or ham, smashed avocado on sourdough or coconut and cinnamon French toast.

## Lunch

Enjoy a light lunch from the buffet overlooking the stunning Whitsunday Islands including fresh salads, cured & house roasted cold meats, Queensland tiger prawns, cheeses, with fresh wraps and rolls. More substantial lunch offerings will also be available and may include slow roasted Italian lamb shoulder, oven roasted tandoori chicken or grilled king prawns.

## Dinner

The onboard chef will prepare a variety of dishes for you to enjoy across three courses, showcasing their skills with a special cooking demonstration for an interactive dining experience. As well as a large selection of sides, salads and trimmings you could be treated to:

- Starters - mini blue swimmer crab bao bun, caprese skewers or fresh seafood chowder
- Mains – house roasted rib fillet, locally caught whole coral trout, sumac spiced butternut risotto, sweet soy and sesame crusted salmon fillet
- Dessert - dark chocolate and orange mousse cups, chocolate raspberry fondants or baileys tiramisu

Morning and afternoon tea is also included to keep you refuelled throughout the cruise.

## Beverages

Your cruise includes a selection of non-alcoholic beverages. Complimentary souvenir water bottles are provided in rooms for guests to use and refill. An iced water station is located in the main saloon and on the observation deck.

For environmental reasons, bottled water is not included but can be purchased from the bar. Our bar is licensed from 10:00am to midnight and features a hand-picked selection of Australian & New Zealand wines, tap beer, cocktails, top shelf spirits and liqueurs.

*The fresh seasonal menu is subject to change. A range of options for dietary requirements is available on request and may be accommodated if you notify the cruise operator in advance. Please ensure you discuss this with us at the time of booking.*



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