

EXPLORE THE WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS

2 NIGHT SMALL SHIP CRUISING



An aerial photograph of a tropical island with a white sand beach and turquoise water. The island is covered in lush green vegetation and is surrounded by clear, shallow water. A small boat is visible on the beach, and a few people are walking along the shore. The sky is a deep blue with some light clouds.

WELCOME TO EXPLORE GROUP

“We are a family owned marine tourism business operating in the Whitsundays, Australia and Auckland and the Bay of Islands, New Zealand. We are extremely proud of our portfolio of experiences with each product thoughtfully designed to showcase its destination. What sets us apart is the exceptional customer experience we deliver, and our amazing team who can’t wait to share our unique experiences in amazing places with you.”

William Goodfellow

Explore Group Managing Director

CRUISE WITH US

Our modern small ship cruising vessel 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 airconditioned main saloon are shared with a maximum of up to 60 guests.

Our cruise includes your tours and excursions with just one departure and no waiting in queues – you are already there. Activities incorporate the highlights of the region including Whitehaven Beach, Hill Inlet, Whitsunday sunrise and sunset and our 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 resort accommodation, dining and day touring to stunning Whitsunday locations all wrapped up into one high value experience.

WHY CHOOSE EXPLORE?



Discover all the highlights of the Whitsundays with just one check in and one boat to catch



Travel in comfort and style on our spacious vessel with only 30 cabins and up to 60 guests



Experience a high level of care and service from our friendly and experienced crew



Enjoy the exceptional customer experience
Explore is renowned for delivering



Unique Experiences in Amazing Places

WHITSUNDAYS 2 NIGHT CRUISE

Experience the turquoise waters and white sands that holiday dreams are made of onboard our premium small ship the Whitsunday Explorer.

Our itinerary packs in all the highlights of the Whitsunday Islands National Park with just one check-in and one boat departure.

Includes:

- Cruising through the spectacular Whitsunday Islands
- 2 nights accommodation in an ocean view private ensuite room
- Informative commentary and exceptional customer service from our friendly and knowledgeable captain and crew
- Guided off-vessel excursions and tours
- All meals including breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon tea and a selection of non-alcoholic beverages
- 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

Departing Hamilton Island

\$1699^{PP}

Based on 2 person per room occupancy including return transfers from Hamilton Island. Sole Occupancy \$2599 per person.

Departing Coral Sea Marina

\$1499^{PP}

Based on 2 person per room occupancy departing Coral Sea Marina. Sole Occupancy \$2399 per person.

Check in: Explore Group
Office Hamilton Island
3:00 – 4:00pm | Fridays

Departs:
4:30pm | Fridays

Returns:
10:00am | Sundays

Check in: Coral Sea Marina
3:00 – 4:00pm | Fridays

Departs:
4:30pm | Fridays

Returns:
11:00am | Sundays





YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Guests board at either Coral Sea Marina or via transfer from Hamilton Island. 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 2: 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 our 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.

Our 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 our 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 3: 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 return cruise to Coral Sea Marina, Airlie Beach arriving 11:00am. Guests returning to Hamilton Island will connect with their dedicated transfer vessel and land at 10:00am.

During our 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.

ISLAND ADVENTURER

Your cruise includes experiences and activities that showcase the Whitsundays landscape, seascape, nature and history. To access environmentally sensitive locations Whitsunday Explorer is equipped with a highspeed rigid inflatable vessel Island Adventurer.

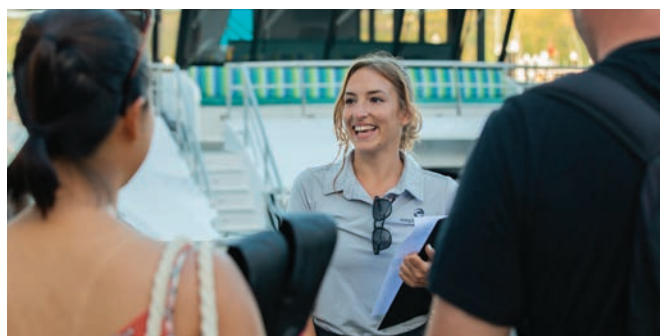
The Island Adventurer has a capacity of 35 people and is equipped with roof shade, all-weather foldable side windows, beach landing steps and is powered by triple outboard engines. It can gently meander around fragile coral reefs or provide a thrilling 40 knots high-speed joy ride on the open water.

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

OUR CREW

During your cruise you will be treated to a high level of care and service from our dedicated local crew. Handpicked for their engaging personalities, attention to detail and unwavering commitment to providing the best experience, our staff will warmly welcome you on board.

Our 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, our crew members will guide you both on board and during offvessel excursions.



M.V. WHITSUNDAY EXPLORER



The Whitsunday Explorer is a 45m premium small ship 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 138m² upper observation deck offering 360 degree views with sun loungers
- 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 and swimmers
- All water activity equipment including snorkelling gear and kayaks
- WIFI – where coverage allows
- Onboard TV, library and games

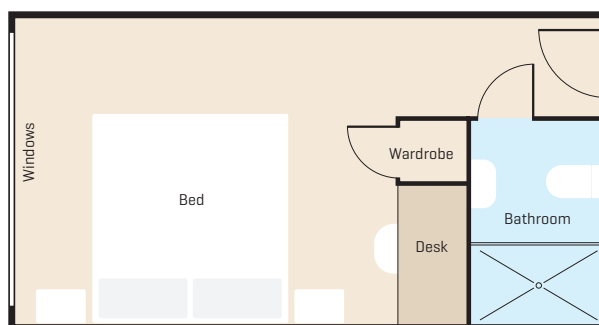
YOUR ROOM

All rooms measure a spacious 14.5m² 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.





YOUR DINING EXPERIENCE

Enjoy your meals with ocean views either from the airconditioned comfort of our main dining saloon or alfresco on the rear or observation deck. Our chef has created fresh seasonal menus showcasing local produce, cooked in our 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 our fresh 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 lime and cracked pepper grilled king prawns.

Dinner

Our 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 refueled 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.

Our fresh seasonal menu is subject to change. We provide a range of options for dietary requirements and can accommodate most requests provided we are notified in advance. Please ensure you discuss this with us at the time of booking.



How to get to the Whitsundays?

The Whitsundays is home to 2 airports Whitsunday Coast Airport (PPP) located in Proserpine serviced by Jetstar Airways, Virgin Australia, Bonza and Skytrans with Hamilton Island Airport (HTI) serviced by Jetstar Airways, Virgin Australia and Qantas. You can connect to our departure from both airports.

Airport transfers to/from Whitsunday Explorer

From Whitsunday Coast Airport there are multiple transfer services meeting each flight arrival. Pre-booking transfers on arrival is recommended or you can book at the airport. Those guests using Hamilton Island Airport can check in at the Explore Group office on Hamilton Island prior to boarding a dedicated transfer to join the Whitsunday Explorer. Transfers from the airport can be pre-booked through the Hamilton Island Concierge team, or a taxi service operated by Resort Link is also available.

Coral Sea Marina Departures

The Whitsunday Explorer will depart from Coral Sea Marina at 4:30pm sharp. Please ensure you arrive at the marina between 3:00-4:00pm to ensure we depart on time. On arrival at Coral Sea Marina, please head to 'Meeting point C' where a member of our crew will greet guests and commence check-in from 3:00pm.

Terms & Conditions

Pricing

- Prices are subject to change without notice.
- All prices stated are in Australian Dollars and include 10% Goods and Services Tax.
- Adult fares apply to all passengers. Child discounts are not applicable. All children must be 5 years old and over and accompanied by a paying adult.

Refunds/Cancellations

- Bookings are fully refundable if cancelled 14 days or more before departure.
- Bookings are non-refundable if cancelled within 14 days of departure or in the event of a no-show.
- If the operator cancels the departure and an alternative date cannot be arranged, bookings will be fully refunded.
- Explore Group reserves the right to alter proposed routes or cancel any departure in the interest of passenger safety and/or comfort.
- All departures are subject to minimum numbers, sea and weather conditions and Explore Group reserves the right to cancel departures in the event that requirements are not met.

Disclaimer

- Some activities are not recommended for people who are pregnant or have certain medical conditions, please consult with Explore Group prior to departure.
- To the extent permitted by law, Explore Group hold no liability for damage to you or your property.
- To the extent permitted by law, Explore Group hold no liability for disruption to your travel plans. We recommend our guests hold a comprehensive travel insurance policy in case of any unexpected changes in their travel plans that may incur a cancellation fee.

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