



## **Island Hop - Detailed Information**

### **Island Hop with DreamCatcher Cruises Pty Ltd**

#### **Whitsunday Islands, Queensland, Australia.**

Discover all the best spots that the magical Whitsunday Islands have to offer.

Explore secluded bays and deserted beaches, snorkel amongst pristine coral, anchor in private inlets by day and then retreat to luxury surrounds in the evenings.

After spending the day on isolated beaches, set sail for a short cruise to your luxury resort marina as the sun sets.

Stroll to the pool bar for a cocktail then make your way to one of the many specialist restaurants for a refined dinner.

The Whitsundays offer the best of both worlds! Pristine marine wilderness - including the Great Barrier Reef, deserted beaches and dozens of island national parks - as well as some of Australia's finest luxury resorts.

For more information about the Whitsunday Islands visit

- 1) [The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority website:](#)

[www.gbrmpa.gov.au/corp\\_site/management/pom/a\\_guide\\_to\\_visiting\\_the\\_whitsundays\\_for\\_recreational\\_users](http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/corp_site/management/pom/a_guide_to_visiting_the_whitsundays_for_recreational_users)

- 2) [The National Park Website:](#)

[www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/whitsunday-islands/index.html](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/whitsunday-islands/index.html)

#### **DreamCatcher's suggested Island Hop accommodation**

Hayman	<a href="http://www.hayman.com.au">www.hayman.com.au</a>
Coral Sea Resort, Airlie Beach	<a href="http://www.coralsearesort.com">www.coralsearesort.com</a>
Peppers Palm Bay, Long Island	<a href="http://www.peppers.com.au/palm-bay">www.peppers.com.au/palm-bay</a>
Beach Club on Hamilton Island	<a href="http://www.hamiltonisland.com.au/beach-club-hotel-resort">www.hamiltonisland.com.au/beach-club-hotel-resort</a>
Qualia on Hamilton Island	<a href="http://www.qualia.com.au">www.qualia.com.au</a>

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**Suggested Trip: Hamilton Island to Hayman Island return (4 days/5 nights)**

Depart Hamilton Island, sail north to Hayman (east of Whitsunday and Hook Islands); return voyage, south to Hamilton Island (west of Whitsunday and Hook Islands).

**Day 1:** Depart Hamilton Island and sail north around the north end of the island, then east through Fitzalan Passage to Whitehaven Beach (approx 14 n.m.) for lunch and some beach activities including swimming, sun bathing, snorkelling and bush walking (No. 4 Solway Circuit and No. 5 Chance Bay Walk). In the afternoon, sail across Solway Passage to 'Chalkies' Beach for snorkelling, then an evening sail around to the north of Haslewood Island to anchor overnight in the sheltered anchorage of Windy Bay (5 n.m. from Whitehaven Beach to Windy Bay).

**Day 2:** Depart Windy Bay for some early morning sailing NNW (approx 11 n.m.) to Border Island. Anchor in Cateran Bay on the north side of the island for snorkelling, swimming and breakfast/lunch. In the afternoon, continue to sail northward towards Hayman Island (approx 16 n.m. to Hayman marina). On request, the journey can be broken with a stop in one of the bays at the northeastern end of Hook Island including Luncheon Bay, Butterfly Bay and Manta Ray Bay, for some excellent snorkelling, beach activities and bush walking. Attractions include sea eagles swooping for fish, schools of dolphins, giant clams, clouds of butterflies, coral-filled bays and secluded beaches.

Complete the day with a sunset sail through The Narrows to Hayman Island's marina (approx 6 n.m. to the west). Stay overnight in luxury at Hayman Island Resort.

Activities available on Hayman Island include dive charters, fishing trips, sea plane and helicopter scenic flights, kayaking tours, sunset & champagne beach drop-off, hobie sailing cats, luxury dining and a fully-equipped health spa.

Option to overnight in Butterfly Bay, Luncheon Bay or Manta Ray Bay and then head to Hayman Island on Day 3.

**Day 3:** Spend the day exploring Hayman Island Resort.

Alternatively, breakfast at Hayman Island and leave the marina after a full breakfast. Sail south past Langford Island and Black Island parallel to the western coast of Hook Island to Nara Inlet (approx 12 n.m.). Anchor for lunch and a short bush walk to see Aboriginal cave paintings (walk No. 1 Ngaro Cultural Walk – 170m one-way). In the afternoon, continue southward to Cid Harbour (approx 9 n.m.) via optional walk at the Whitsunday Cairn (walk No. 6 Whitsunday Cairn – strenuous walk 2km one-way). Alternatively, sail directly to Cid Harbour for an early anchorage and a longer walk to Whitsunday Peak (walk No. 7 - strenuous walk 2.5km one-way) and anchor overnight in Cid Harbour.

**Day 4:** Cid Harbour is a pick-up point for a range of external activities. Use this opportunity to book a dive charter, scenic flight or fishing charter.



Alternatively, set sail for the final destination, Hamilton Island (approx 9 n.m.) or Peppers Palm Bay (approx 10 n.m.) or Coral Sea Resort, Airlie Beach (approx 16 n.m.). As always, it is possible to stop for snorkelling or bush walking along the way. Enjoy the rest of the day and evening making the most of the luxurious surrounds of your chosen resort.

