



# Whitsunday Coast

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The sun, sea and sand all add together to make the Whitsunday Coast the ideal place to relax. Enjoy the 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 26 km from the Whitsunday Islands, there is plenty to see. Backpackers and families alike will enjoy the many attractions such as the Airlie Beach Lagoon and the amazing croc safaris up the Proserpine River.



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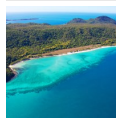
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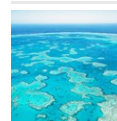
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The Whitsunday Coast lies between Mackay and Bowen and includes the delightful Airlie Beach. Close by are the 74 Whitsunday Islands together with spectacular coral reefs.

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 local mango!

Airlie Beach is a lively town with a marina and a beach attracting an increasing number of visitors every year. Known as a backpacker's paradise with its tropical climate and ambience, this resort area is not to be missed. Nowadays, the area is experiencing an influx in family, corporate and "upmarket" clientele, too.

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

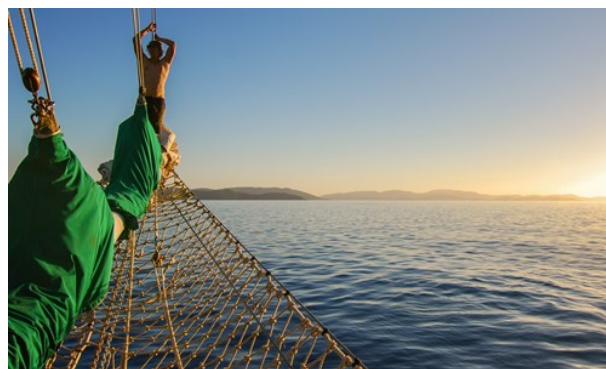
For those who like swimming, Airlie Beach Lagoon is the place. Walkers will enjoy the Great

Whitsunday Walk, which is 30 km of walking trails through Conway State Forest with the backdrop of the Coral Sea.

Bowen has several historical buildings including an Art Deco Post Office and a 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 of ignoring 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 willing 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 street performers 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. 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 diving opportunities are all available with both companies.

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Address: 24 The Cove Road, Airlie Beach

### Proserpine



In this Queensland rural town, the Historical 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 (Asian sea bass), you may also fancy a local eco-tour. To put the cherry on top, 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](http://www.crocodilesafari.com.au)

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

### Airlie Beach Lagoon



Opened in 2001, this artificial oceanfront lagoon with grassy lawns for sunbathing, sandy play areas and hip eateries is a stinger free

environment. It has landscaped gardens, free barbecues and shower rooms. Entrance to the lagoon is free.

Photo: dany13/Flickr.com(image cropped)

Address: Airlie Beach Lagoon, Whitsunday Coast

Internet: [www.queensland.com/gb/en/things-to-do/attractions/p-56b260dc7b935fbe730e06ec-airlie-beach-lagoon](http://www.queensland.com/gb/en/things-to-do/attractions/p-56b260dc7b935fbe730e06ec-airlie-beach-lagoon)

### Conway Circuit



Formerly known as the Great Whitsunday Walk, this attraction is a 30 km track through the Conway State Forest. The main routes take you from

Brandy Creek to Airlie Beach, however, there are also shorter trips from Brandy Creek car park. Wander through this magical countryside and see a range of wildlife including the paste coloured wompoo fruit-dove.

Photo: Grey82/Shutterstock.com

Address: Conway State Forest, Whitsunday Coast

Internet: [parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/conway-circuit](http://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/conway-circuit)

### Bowen



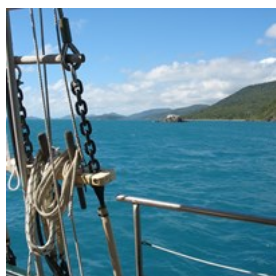
Visiting the town of Bowen is like stepping back into the 1940s or 50s, unpretentious, with wide streets. A good place to make for is the

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

### 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 peaceful surroundings on this 6 hectares small island and visit the towns of Seaforth, Ball Bay and Calen.

Photo: Alex Edmonds/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Stone Island, Whitsunday Coast  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/stoneislandwhitsundays](https://www.instagram.com/stoneislandwhitsundays)

### 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.

Photo: Jenna Layne Voigt/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Sailing Whitsundays, Shute Harbour Road Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 7 4914 2425  
Internet: [www.sailing-whitsundays.com](http://www.sailing-whitsundays.com)  
More Info: Sailing Whitsundays, Ground Level 398

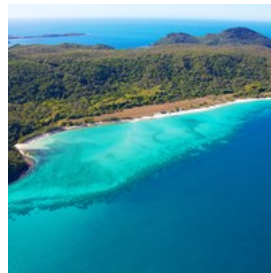
### Whitehaven Beach



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

### 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 travellers don't have to miss out on the underwater experience — just grab a mask and snorkel to

meet some tropic fish.

Photo: ChameleonsEye/Shutterstock.com

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

Phone: +61 74914 2425

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

### Cape Edgecumbe Walking Trail



There are numerous hiking trails around Bowen. Cape Edgecumbe walking trail starts from Horseshoe bay, traverses Murray Bay and

terminates at Rose Bay and is one of the most popular ones. Reserve plenty of time to marvel at the picture perfect lookout views of the bays and beaches. You can walk the entire circuit or just part of it, as there are entry points at Horseshoe, Murray and Rose Bays.

Photo: Tania Richardson/unsplash.com

Address: 1 Horseshoe Bay Road, Bowen

Internet: [www.tourismbowen.com.au/walks-lookouts](http://www.tourismbowen.com.au/walks-lookouts)

## 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: Wed-Mon 11am-8pm, Tue closed

Phone: +61 7 4946 6561

### Meraki Whitsundays



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

atmosphere on 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

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-1pm

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: Club Wyndham Airlie Beach, Mount Whitsunday Drive, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Daily noon-9pm

Phone: +61 7 4962 5100

Internet: clubwyndhamairliebeach.com.au/dining

### Fish D'vine & The Rum Bar



While seafood and fish can be found almost everywhere in the coast region, this restaurant 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, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Daily 11am-late

Phone: +61 7 4948 0088

Internet: www.fishdvine.com.au

Email: dvinecateringandevents.com.au

### The Cove Restaurant



Chinese 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

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 11am-3pm / 5pm-9:30pm; Tue closed

Phone: +61 7 4786 3842

Internet: www.thecoverestaurant.com.au

Email: thecovebowen@hotmail.com

### La Tabella Trattoria



This casual, cool and modern Italian restaurant is known for its handmade pasta and garlic bread. The restaurant is also worth a

visit for breakfast when they serve sweet treats such as crepes filled with caramelised banana or mascarpone cream.

Photo: Mila Atkovska/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 The Esplanade Beach Plaza Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Daily noon-4pm / 5pm-9pm

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, homemade dumplings, as well as Taiwanese salt and pepper chicken and calamari.

Photo: gowithstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7/265 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Tue 5:30pm-8:30pm, Wed-Sun noon-8:30pm

Phone: +61 484 220 777

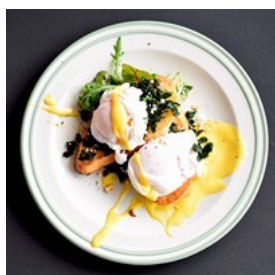
## CAFES



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There is no lack of beach cafes 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 where you can relish tasty treats, delicious smoothies and ice-creams.

### Sidewalk Cafe



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

cafe known for its delicious breakfast and lunch.

Photo: Earth Earth/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Airlie Esplanade, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-1pm

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

Email: [admin@sidewalkcafe.com.au](mailto:admin@sidewalkcafe.com.au)

### 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

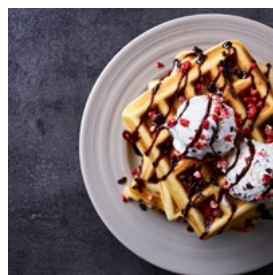
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 6:30am-2:30pm, Fri & Sat

6:30am-9:30pm, Sun 7am-2pm

Phone: +61 7 4953 2623

Internet: [www.instagram.com/grazinggoatcafe](https://www.instagram.com/grazinggoatcafe)

### 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 vibe 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.

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Address: 52 Richmond Road, Bowen, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-2pm, Sat & Sun 8am-2pm

Phone: +61 7 4786 1206

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

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

### Cafe One 3



Hidden away from the Main Street and tourist strip, Cafe One 3 is a relaxed, dog friendly, Bohemian spot with simple charm, casual

ambiance, great service and even better food. This cafe specialises in vegan, vegetarian and gluten free dishes, although you'll also find that their poached eggs on toast are cooked to perfection. Good for your stomach and your wallet, too.

Photo: Colin Michel/unsplash.com

Address: 13 Waterson Way, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Mon-Wed & Fri 6:30am-1pm; Thu  
6:30am-6:30pm; Sat & Sun closed  
Phone: +61 419 783 313

### Fat Frog Beach Cafe



Fat Frog is a pet-friendly and quirky cafe with great coffee and lovingly house-made food. Located in one of Airlie's most spectacular locations at

Cannonvale Beach, you'll always find a gentle sea breeze that makes for the perfect spot to relax and enjoy the incredible views and laid-back atmosphere. Take in the view through the huge open windows.

Loads of choices for vegetarians. The chocolate brownie is out of this world and big enough to share.

Photo: Honey Yanibel Minaya Cruz/unsplash.com  
Address: 44 Coral Esplanade, Cannonvale, Whitsunday Coast  
Phone: +61 417 979 960  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/fatfrogbeachcafe](https://www.instagram.com/fatfrogbeachcafe)  
More Info: Yes it's a bit out of town, but there is a scenic walk along the edge of the water called the Bicentennial Walkway, or you can walk the main road or get the bus.

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Airlie Beach is buzzing and vibrant. It's party central while 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 busier and louder clubs that 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  
Opening hours: Daily noon-late



Phone: +61 7 4946 6244  
Internet: [www.beaches.com.au](http://www.beaches.com.au)  
Email: [airliebeach@beaches.com.au](mailto: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 and 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: Daily 11am-midnight  
Phone: +61 4946 6320  
Internet: [www.kcswhitsundays.com](http://www.kcswhitsundays.com)  
Email: [gm@kcsbarngrill.com](mailto:gm@kcsbarngrill.com)

### Magnums



Magnums Hotel sits on the main street of Airlie Beach and is considered one of the largest entertainment venues.

They have several 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  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-2:30am  
Phone: +61 7 4946 6188  
Internet: [www.magnumshotel.com.au](http://www.magnumshotel.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 the Fish D'vine restaurant for locally-sourced seafood menu of barramundi.

Photo: Netfalls - Remy Musser/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 12 Airlie Esplanade, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast  
Opening hours: Daily 11am-late  
Phone: +61 7 4948 0088  
Internet: [www.fishdvine.com.au/rum-bar](http://www.fishdvine.com.au/rum-bar)

### Mama Africa Bar & Night Club



Mama Africa is a popular bar and nightclub at the Airlie Beach Lagoon arcade. The best local and international DJs who pay homage to the

continent of Africa 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  
Phone: +61 435 903 996  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/mamaafricaairliebeach](https://www.instagram.com/mamaafricaairliebeach)

## 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 sophisticated 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

Public Transport: Bus stop #24 on island drive with Whitsunday Transit

Phone: +61 7 4948 0441

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

### Airlie Beach Shops



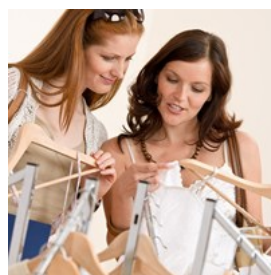
The shops at Airlie Beach are open seven days a week. You will be able to find everything you need from fast food to

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: Shute Harbour Road aka Main Street, 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

Internet: [www.stockland.com.au/shopping-centres/centres/stockland-townsville](http://www.stockland.com.au/shopping-centres/centres/stockland-townsville)

### Whitsunday Plaza



Fashion, cafes, jewellery, bookstores — you name it. Whitsunday plaza has got it all. The shopping centre provides the ideal opportunity to get a new

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

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Address: 8 Galbraith Park Road, Cannonvale, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 7 4946 1505

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

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

### Proserpine Boutiques



Stop by in Proserpine and take a stroll down Main Street where most of this quaint town's shops and boutiques are located.

Get a new dress or buy something for the little ones, or why not get some new beach wear?

Photo: Wayne0216/Shutterstock.com

Address: Main Street, 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. Sample locally grown

produce and browse 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

### Bowen Lions Community Markets



Markets are a great way to motivate yourself to get up early on a Sunday, even when, you are on vacation. Browse brightly coloured clothing,

jewellery, bags and sarongs in a joyful and social atmosphere. Let yourself be enticed by the aroma of fresh coffee and fresh produce and join locals and visitors checking out knick-knacks, books, paintings and homemade crafts.

Photo: Katy Anne/unsplash.com

Address: Hansen Park, Bowen

Opening hours: Sun 8am-noon

Phone: +61 7 4786 1383

Email: [bowadmin@pcyc.org.au](mailto:bowadmin@pcyc.org.au)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Whitsunday Coast Airport (PPP)



Whitsunday Coast Airport, also known as Proserpine, 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 busses meet all flights.

There is a shuttle bus to Airlie Beach. One-way and return tickets available.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Lascelles Avenue, Gunyarra, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 7 4945 0480

Internet: [www.whitsundaycoastairport.com.au](http://www.whitsundaycoastairport.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 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.

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Internet:

[immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit)

## 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 to arrive. The conditions are perfect for all kinds of outdoor activities

such as swimming, snorkelling and hiking.

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## Public Transport



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

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +61 7 4945 3967

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

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

## Taxi



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

Photo: Taxi

Phone: +61 7 4944 4955

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

## Post



There are plenty of post offices located at the Whitsunday Coast.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 15/226 Shute Harbour Road, Cannonvale, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-12:30pm

Phone: +61 13 13 18

Internet: [auspost.com.au/locate/post-office/qld](http://auspost.com.au/locate/post-office/qld)

## Pharmacy



Airlie Beach Day & Night  
Chemist

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 366 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Daily 8am–7pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 7000

Internet: [livelifepharmacy.com/pharmacies/airlie-beach-day-night-chemist](https://livelifepharmacy.com/pharmacies/airlie-beach-day-night-chemist)

## Telephone



Country code: +61 Area  
code: 07

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## Electricity



230–240V / 50Hz Plug  
type I (Used in Australia,  
New Zealand, Papua New  
Guinea, Argentina and  
others)

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

Airlie Beach: 1,208 (2016 census)

Bowen: 10,377 (2016 census)

## 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 9 pm. Sunday until 4/5 pm. Closed only on Christmas Day.

## Internet

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

[www.whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au](https://www.whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au)

## Newspapers

Whitsunday Times (online only) —

[www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/whitsunday](https://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/whitsunday)

Whitsunday Coast Guardian (print only)

## Emergency numbers

Fire, Ambulance and Police: 000

Local Police: +61 7 4948 8888

## Tourist information

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Mon–Fri 9am–4pm, Sat & Sun 10am–2pm

