



# Whitsunday Coast

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The sun, sea and sand combine to make the Whitsunday Coast the ideal place to relax. Enjoy the great atmosphere and nightlife in a spectacular setting. This beach lover's paradise offers everything you need to make your stay unforgettable. Close to the Great Barrier Reef and just 26 kilometres from the Whitsunday Islands, there is plenty to see and do. Backpackers and families alike will enjoy attractions such as the Airlie Beach Lagoon and the amazing croc safaris up the Proserpine River.

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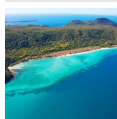
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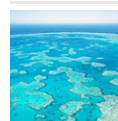
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## THE REGION



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The Whitsunday Coast lies between Mackay and Bowen and includes the delightful Airlie Beach. Nearby are the 74 Whitsunday Islands, along with spectacular coral reefs. The Great Barrier Reef is just 47 nautical miles from the stunning Whitsunday Islands. Airlie Beach, the heart of the Whitsunday Coast, features main shops and facilities along Shute Harbour Road, just a few metres from the beach.

Further along the coast, Bowen is known for its fruit picking and is a great place to try local mangoes. Bowen also boasts several historical buildings, including an Art Deco Post Office and a courthouse, making it an interesting destination just a 40-minute drive from Airlie Beach.

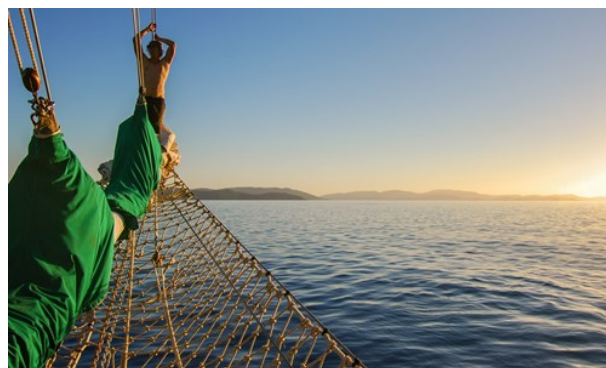
Airlie Beach is a lively town with a marina and a beach that attracts an increasing number of visitors every year. Known as a backpacker's paradise with its tropical climate and ambience, this resort area is not to be missed. Recently, the area has also seen an influx of family, corporate, and upmarket 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 enjoy swimming, Airlie Beach Lagoon is the place to be. Walkers will appreciate the Great Whitsunday Walk, which offers 30 kilometres of walking trails through Conway State Forest with the Coral Sea as a backdrop.

Bowen has eight award-winning beaches and local growers produce a large amount of salad vegetables and the famous Bowen mango. When travelling along the motorway, be sure not to miss the signs on Bruce Highway signalling the turn-off to Airlie Beach and the Whitsundays. This is a stop not to be missed and may very well be one of the best vacations you ever have.

## DO & SEE



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Airlie Beach and the surrounding area are 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.

Photo: atiger/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24 The Cove Road, Airlie Beach QLD

Internet: [greatbarrierreef.org](http://greatbarrierreef.org)

### 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: Los Muertos Crew/pexels

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: Martin Valigursky/shutterstock

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.

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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

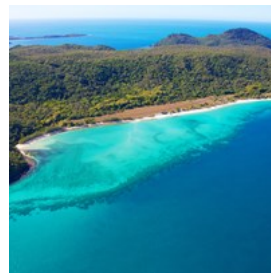
### Whitehaven Beach



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!

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Address: Whitehaven Beach, Whitsunday Coast  
Internet: [www.hamiltonisland.com.au/things-to-do/whitehaven-beach](http://www.hamiltonisland.com.au/things-to-do/whitehaven-beach)

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

### Snorkeling & 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 the 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 tropical fish.

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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 QLD  
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: 4 Airlie Esplanade, Airlie Beach QLD  
Opening hours: Wed-Mon 11am-8pm, Tue closed  
Phone: +61 7 4946 6561

### Meraki Whitsundays



Meraki Whitsundays started as a quaint little cafe by the beach. After moving further inland, this beloved cafe and restaurant still offers

delicious food and coffee, with plenty of breakfast and lunch options available all day. Meraki puts an emphasis on excellent customer service and quality food.

Photo: Magdanatka/shutterstock

Address: Centre Point Plaza, Shop 10, 2-16 Richmond Road, Bowen QLD  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-2pm, Sun closed



Phone: +61 7 4786 2565  
Internet: merakiwhitsundays.com.au  
Email: merakiwhitsundays@outlook.com

### 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 QLD  
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: Airlie Beach Hotel, 12 Airlie Esplanade, Airlie Beach QLD  
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 QLD  
Opening hours: Wed-Mon 11am-2:30pm / 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, Airlie Beach QLD  
Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-3:30pm / 5pm-10pm  
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.

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Address: 9/303 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach QLD

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

Phone: +61 484 220 777

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

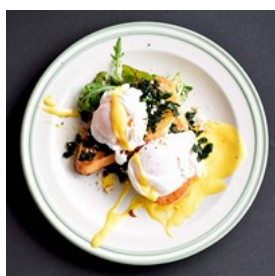
## CAFES



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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 QLD

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6:30am-1:30pm, Sun 6:30am-midnight

Phone: +61 7 4145 5745

Internet: [www.sidewalkcafe.com.au](https://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.

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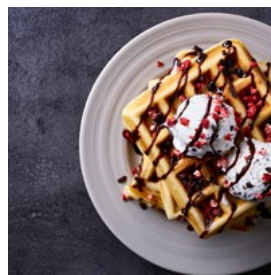
Address: Australian Hotel, 58 Wood Street, Mackay QLD

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6:30am-2pm, Sun 7am-noon

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.

Photo: baibaz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 52 Richmond Road, Bowen QLD

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

Phone: +61 434 985 384

Internet: [www.instagram.com/lesorelle\\_thesisters](https://www.instagram.com/lesorelle_thesisters)

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 QLD

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6:30am-1pm, Sat 6am-10:30am,  
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 QLD

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7am-2pm, Fri-Sun  
7:30am-11:30am

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 on 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 QLD

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 QLD  
Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-midnight  
Phone: +61 4946 6320  
Internet: [www.kcswhitsundays.com](http://www.kcswhitsundays.com)  
Email: [gm@kcsbarngill.com](mailto:gm@kcsbarngill.com)

### Magnums

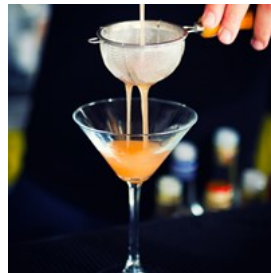


Magnums Hotel sits on the main street of Airlie Beach and is considered one of the largest entertainment venues in the area. They have

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

Photo: [xmee/shutterstock](#)  
Address: 370 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach QLD  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-2:30am  
Phone: +61 7 4964 1199  
Internet: [www.magnums.com.au](http://www.magnums.com.au)  
Email: [travel@magnums.com.au](mailto:travel@magnums.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: Airlie Beach Hotel, 12 Airlie Esplanade, Airlie Beach QLD  
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 QLD  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/mamaafricaairliebeach](http://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 QLD

Phone: +61 7 4948 0441

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

### Airlie Beach Shops



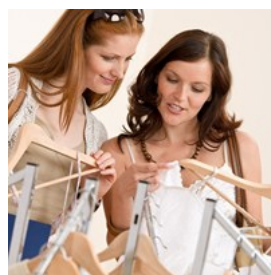
The shops at Airlie Beach are open seven days a week. You will be able to find everything you need from fast food to

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 a.k.a. Main Street, Airlie Beach QLD

### Townsville Shopping Centre



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.

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Address: 310-330 Ross River Road, Aitkenvale QLD

Opening hours: Mon-Wed & Fri 9am-5:30pm, Thu 9am-9pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 11am-4pm

Phone: +61 7 4779 6033

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

### 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 QLD  
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 QLD

### 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  
Address: 10-20 Airlie Esplanade, Airlie Beach QLD  
Opening hours: Sat 7am-1pm  
Phone: +61 409 273 047  
Internet:  
[sailing-whitsundays.com/article/airlie-beach-markets](http://sailing-whitsundays.com/article/airlie-beach-markets)

### Bowen Community Sunday 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.

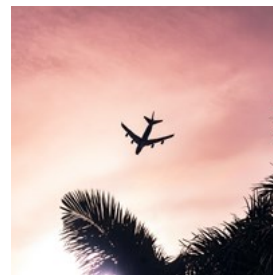
Photo: Katy Anne/unsplash  
Address: Hansen Park, Bowen QLD  
Opening hours: Sun 7am-noon

### TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Whitsunday Coast Airport (PPP)



Whitsunday Coast Airport, also known as Proserpine Airport, is the nearest airport to the Whitsunday Coast. It lies 26 kilometres from Airlie Beach, approximately a 30-minute drive by car. Both taxis and buses meet all flights.

There is a shuttle bus to Airlie Beach, with one-way and return tickets available.

Photo: Eduardo Velazco Guart/unsplash  
Address: Lascelles Avenue, Lascelles Avenue, Gunyarra QLD  
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 other 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



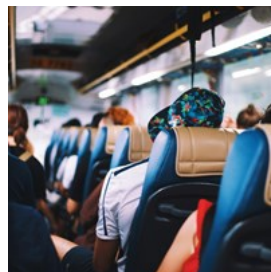
If you are looking to visit the Whitsunday Coast when temperatures are most pleasant and there is the lowest chance of rainfall, you should visit

in spring, preferably in September. However, this is also the time when 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



Public transport on the Whitsunday Coast is easy and reliable. Whitsunday Transit buses run regularly between spots like Airlie Beach,

Proserpine, Cannonvale, Jubilee Pocket and Shute Harbour. Greyhound buses run between Bowen and Arlie Beach.

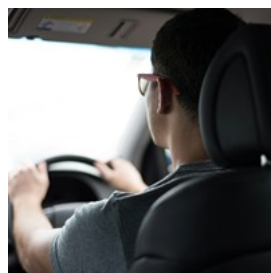
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Phone: +61 7 4945 3967

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. Mackay Whitsunday Taxi is one reliable option.

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Phone: +61 7 49 444 999

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

### Post



There are plenty of post offices located along the Whitsunday Coast, where you can buy stamps and send mail and packages. One of Bowen's post

offices is located 46 Herbert Street.

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Address: Australia Post Bowen Post Shop, 46 Herbert Street, Bowen QLD

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +61 13 13 18

Internet: auspost.com.au

### Pharmacy



The LiveLife Airlie Beach Day & Night Chemist is located on Shute Harbour Road, close to the Airlie Beach Lagoon.

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Address: LiveLife Airlie Beach Day & Night Chemist, 366

Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Daily 8am-7pm

Phone: +61 7 4946 7000

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

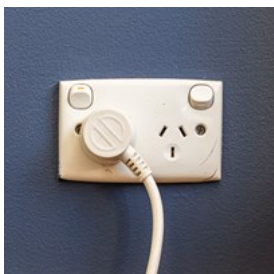
### Telephone



Country code: +61 Area code: (0)7

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### Electricity



Australia operates on a 230/240V supply voltage and 50Hz frequency. The country uses Type I power plugs, which feature two flat pins

forming a 'V' shape, along with a grounding pin. This standard is also commonly used in New Zealand, Argentina, China, and several Pacific island nations. Remember to pack a universal adapter if your devices use a different plug type to ensure hassle-free charging.

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### Population

Airlie Beach: 1,312 (2021 census)

Bowen: 11,205 (2021 census)

### Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

### Opening hours

Generally, stores and shopping malls are open 7 days a week, late night shopping on a Thursday night until 9pm. Sunday until 4/5pm. 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)

[www.tourismbowen.com.au](https://www.tourismbowen.com.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 & Police: 000

Local Police: +61 7 4948 8888

### Tourist information

Whitsundays Visitor Information Centre

12505 Bruce Highway, Hamilton Plains

+61 7 4945 3967

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

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

Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat & Sun 10am-2pm

