

Airlie Beach, Queensland, Australia

The gateway to 74 tropical islands — tender ashore to a small resort town, then sail or fly out to Whitehaven Beach's dazzling silica sands and the technicolour corals of the Great Barrier Reef.

Tender port (ships anchor offshore)

Typical call: 7–9 hrs

Australian Dollar (AUD)

English

🗓 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Port of Airlie

Walk to center: 5 min from tender dock

Best For: Whitehaven Beach · Reef snorkelling

Don't Miss: Hill Inlet lookout

Getting around: Taxi AUD \$8–14 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Whitehaven Beach & Hill Inlet** — One of the world's finest beaches — 7 km of 98% pure silica sand on Whitsunday Island, blinding white and squeaky...
 - Great Barrier Reef Snorkel & Dive** — Day trips to the outer reef — Hardy Reef, Hook Reef, or Knoll — put you on coral bommies alive with turtles, reef...
 - Whitsunday Islands Sailing** — Charter a crewed yacht or join a group sailing tour through the 74 islands — anchoring
- in secluded bays, snorkelling...

 - Seaplane or Helicopter Reef Flight** — A scenic flight over the Heart Reef (a naturally heart-shaped coral formation), Hill Inlet, and the outer reef gives a...
 - Airlie Beach Lagoon & Town** — The free foreshore lagoon is a stinger-safe saltwater swimming pool right on the beach — perfect if you're skipping an...

BEST WALKS

- Foreshore Promenade & Airlie Beach Lagoon** ~2 km · 45 min · easy — Walk the Bicentennial Walkway from the Port of Airlie marina along the foreshore past the free saltwater lagoon, the main beach, and...
- Conway National Park — Whitsunday Passage Lookout** ~3.6 km return · 1.5 hrs · moderate — A 10-minute drive from town leads to the Conway NP trailhead.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		79°	72°	14d
Jun		72°	65°	7d
Aug		72°	63°	4d
Sep		76°	67°	4d
Oct		79°	70°	6d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:16AM–5:53PM · Jun 6:38AM–5:32PM · Aug 6:27AM–5:52PM · Sep 6:01AM–5:59PM · Oct 5:34AM–6:07PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book island trips before you sail. Whitehaven Beach catamarans and reef day trips fill weeks ahead — secure your spot online before embarkation day.
- Stingers are real. Box jellyfish and Irukandji are present in inshore waters October–May. Wear a stinger suit (provided by tour operators) and stick to the lagoon or boat trips...

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The map displays Airlie Beach and its surrounding areas. Four specific locations are highlighted with red circles and numbers:

- Location 1:** Situated near Headland Park, marked with a green tree icon.
- Location 2:** Located at the northern tip of the beach area, near a marina.
- Location 3:** Found near Cafe One 3 and a parking area marked with a 'P' in a black circle.
- Location 4:** Positioned near the Marina boardwalk, marked with a red cross icon.

Other visible landmarks include Pigeon Island to the west, Scrubby Hill, Bicenennial Park, and various local businesses like Metro Fuel. A scale bar in the bottom left corner shows distances of 0.25 miles and 0.5 kilometers.

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Boathaven Beach

Boathaven Beach is a man-made beach perfect for swimming and relaxing.

2

Providence

Providence offers classic tall ship sailing tours of the Whitsundays.

3

Whitsunday Saturday Markets

The Saturday Markets offer local crafts, produce, and souvenirs.

4

Honeyeater Lookout Trail

This trail leads to a scenic lookout with panoramic ocean views.

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Cruise Whitsundays

Cruise Whitsundays offers ferry transfers and tours to islands and reefs.

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Cruise port / terminal