

Great Barrier Reef Full Day Tour to Hardy Reef by Cruise Whitsundays Depart from Port of Airlie

• Duration 8-10 hours •

• KEY FACTS •



1. Full day cruise
2. Snorkelling with all gear provided, including wetsuits and stinger suits
3. Semi-submarine guided tour
4. Access to underwater observatory
5. Buffet lunch
6. Morning & afternoon tea



1. Transport from/to hotels
2. Food & beverages not listed as Inclusions
3. Souvenirs
4. Travel Insurance

Departure point

- Departs: daily, all year round
- Departure Point: Port of Airlie (Address: 24 The Cove Road, Airlie Beach, QLD 4802)
- Departure Time: 08:00
- Arrives back at Port of Airlie at 18:10

How to get there

Please make your own way to the departure point on the travel date

Operating hours

Cruise departs from Port of Airlie	08:00 - 18:10
Ticket Office (Daily)	06:00 - 19:00

Reconfirmation requirements

Please be advised you are required to contact The Service Provider 24 hours prior to the travel date during business hours to reconfirm your booking, departure location and time with your confirmation number. Please adjust your travel plan according to the details given by The Service Provider at time of reconfirming.

Check-in requirements

Please arrive at the ticket office 40 minutes prior to the departure time to exchange for ticket/boarding pass before proceeding to the boarding terminal. Passengers that fail to arrive before this time may be classed as no-show.

What to bring/wear

- Motion-sickness medicine (if required)
- Swimwear, towel
- Protective clothing, hat, sunscreen lotion, and sunglasses
- Light jacket/sweater for windy or cool days
- Money/credit card for optional purchases

Other info

- The vessel's Master must at his discretion determine the most appropriate course to ensure acceptable levels of safety and comfort for passengers, crew and other vessels.
- All tours from Port of Airlie will stop at Hamilton Island to drop off and collect guests.
- Some tours will require a change in vessel for connection to Whitehaven Beach vessel.

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Departing either Airlie Beach, Hamilton Island or Daydream Island, spend a full day exploring the Great Barrier Reef, the World Heritage-listed wonder off the Queensland coast. The journey here through the lush Whitsunday Islands will have you reaching for your camera – watch for migrating Humpback Whales between July and September – but underwater is really where the magic happens. Incredible numbers of bright tropical fish and more than 1,400 species of coral await.



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Beyond the Whitsundays, your destination is Heart Pontoon, the multilevel reef facility permanently moored 39 nautical miles from shore at spectacular Hardy Reef. Snorkel, swim and explore - an undersea encounter with this amazing ecosystem is unforgettable. Or if you'd rather stay dry, experience the reef from the underwater observatory or take a ride in a semi-submarine. After a sumptuous buffet lunch, you'll have more time to explore before head back to shore with lifelong memories of this epic Australian icon.

Highlights

- Scenic return cruise through the Whitsundays to the outer reef
- 4 hours at Hardy Reef
- Snorkelling with all gear provided, including wetsuits and stinger suits
- Access to underwater observatory
- Semi-submarine guided tour
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

Hardy Reef

Hardy Reef is part of the Great Barrier Reef, off the Whitsundays coast of Australia. The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system composed of over 2,900 individual reefs and 900 islands stretching for over 2,300 kilometres.

The pontoon sits above colourful Hardy Reef, one of the many thousand small reefs that make up the Great Barrier Reef. A coral wall, home to an ecosystem of magnificent corals and marine life runs adjacent to the pontoon. Hundreds of fish species at Hardy Reef will surprise and delight you - especially the giant groper.

Giving the reef that magical feel is an intricate garden of hard and soft coral thriving in sheltered lagoons. The bright colours and amusing antics of anemone, parrotfish and sometimes even turtles and reef sharks, captivate all. It is common to see tusk fish, cuttlefish, morays, barracudas, unicorn fish, surgeonfish, angelfish, starfish, feather stars and much more.

Underwater Observatory

For those who don't want to get wet, you'll still be able to discover the amazing underwater world. The pontoon has a spectacular underwater viewing observatory.

The observatory sits underneath the pontoon. It's an incredible space with one whole side of the room fitted with full length windows, showcasing an amazing wild aquarium of reef life. Only inches from the glass, you'll see colourful schools of fish and you'll also be able to watch the entertaining antics of the divers as they explore their surrounds.

Semi submarine

This is the perfect way to explore the reef, learning as you go. On board the semi submarine, there is a reef interpreter providing an informative commentary on all the interesting things you'll see. This is great for all ages and means everyone can see the magic of the reef without even getting into the water.

Snorkelling at your leisure

Of course the highlight of visiting the Great Barrier Reef is getting into the water to discover what lies beneath. If you want to see the best of the reef, take a guided Snorkel Safari (optional extra at own expense) or, you're welcome to cruise around at your leisure.

There are marker buoys and ropes clearly indicating the areas you are free to explore and the staff will be happy to provide directions. If you are not confident swimming please make sure you let staff know. There is a lifeguard station, buoyancy aids and instructors for first time snorkellers.

• POLICY •

Cancellation Policy

- If you cancel at least 7 day(s) in advance of the scheduled departure, there is no cancellation fee.
- If you cancel between 0 and 6 day(s) in advance of the scheduled departure, there is a 100 percent cancellation fee.
- If no show, no refund.



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