



Whitsunday Coast

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Sun, sea and sand all add together to make the Whitsunday Coast the ideal place to relax and chill out. Enjoy a 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 16 miles from the Whitsunday Islands there is plenty to see so why not just hang out and enjoy? Backpackers and families alike will enjoy the many attractions such as Airlie Beach lagoon and the amazing croc safaris up the Proserpine River.



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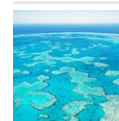
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THE REGION



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The Whitsunday Coast lies between Mackay and Bowen and includes 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 a local mango!

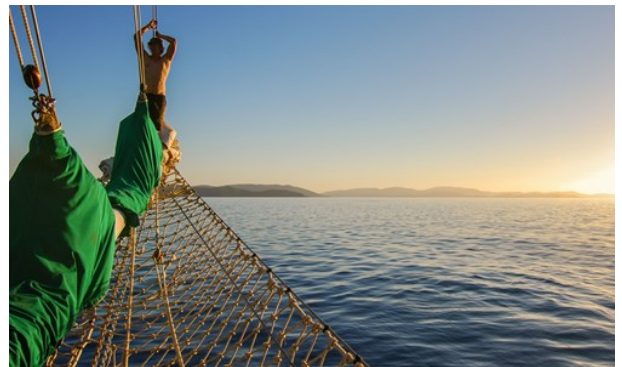
Airlie Beach is a lively town with the marina and beach attracting an increasing number of new visitors every year. Known as a backpacker paradise with its tropical climate and ambience, this resort area is a not to be missed. The area is nowadays not only frequented by backpackers, but there's also been an influx in 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 like swimming, Airlie Beach Lagoon is the place. Walkers will enjoy the Great Whitsunday Walk which is 30 km of walking trails in Conway State Forest with the backdrop of the Coral Sea. Bowen has several historic buildings including an Art Deco Post Office and 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 to ignore 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 able 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 buskers 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 taking in all the sights. 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 dive opportunities are all available with both companies.

Cruise Whitsundays

24 The Cove Road, Airlie Beach

+61 4946 4662

www.cruisewhitsundays.com.au

Fantasea

+61 4967 5455

www.fantasea.com.au

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Address: 24 The Cove Road, Airlie Beach

Proserpine



In this Queensland rural town, the 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, you may also fancy a local eco tour. Take one of the Whitsunday Crocodile Safaris up the Proserpine River.

Photo: Mark Scott Johnson (image cropped)

Address: Proserpine, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 7 4948 3310

Internet: www.proserpineecotours.com.au

Email: info@crocodilesafari.com.au

Airlie Beach Lagoon



Opened in 2001, Airlie Beach Lagoon is a stinger free environment. It has landscaped gardens, free barbecues and shower rooms. Beautiful setting and close to all facilities. There is no charge to use the lagoon.

Photo: dany13 (image cropped)

Address: Airlie Beach Lagoon, Whitsunday Coast

Great Whitsunday Walk



This attraction is a 30 km track through the Conway State Forest. The main routes are from Brandy Creek to Airlie Beach, however, there are also short trips from Brandy Creek car park. Wander through this magical countryside and see a range of wildlife including the wompoo fruit-dove.

Photo: Grey82/Shutterstock.com

Address: Conway State Forest, Whitsunday Coast

Bowen



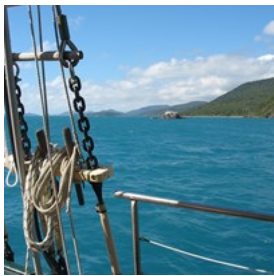
Visiting the town of Bowen is like stepping back into the 1940's or 50's, unpretentious, with wide streets. A good place to make for is the Historical Museum packed full of artefacts said to be one of the best museums in Central Queensland well worth visiting. Bowen Courthouse, built in 1883, is also 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

Stone Island



Stone Island is where the very first settlers landed and it's a very interesting place to visit. No more than 2 km from the coast, it can be reached by

ferry.

Photo: Alex Edmonds/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stone Island, Whitsunday Coast

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.

Sailing Whitsundays:

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Address: Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 74948 0933

Internet: www.sailing-whitsundays.com

More Info: Sailing Whitsundays, Ground Level 398

Whitehaven Beach

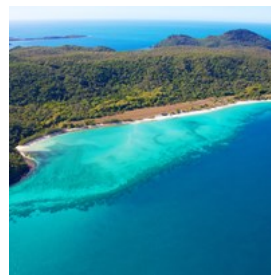


One of the most beautiful beaches in the world, Whitehaven Beach can be reached by boat from Airlie Beach. A totally undeveloped national park, be prepared for a 7 km stretch of 99% white silica sand. It is just breathtaking!

Photo: ProDesign studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Whitehaven Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Whitsunday Islands



Experience tropical beaches and relaxed days in the sun at 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

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 travelers don't have to miss out on the underwater experience - just grab a mask and snorkel to meet some tropic fish.

Sailing Whitsundays:

Photo: ChameleonsEye/Shutterstock.com

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

Phone: +61 74914 2425

Internet: www.sailing-whitsundays.com

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.

Mangrove Jack's Café and Bar

Winner of the Queensland Award for Excellence, this bistro styled eatery provides a range of succulent pizzas and mouth-watering desserts. Located within the Airlie Beach Hotel.

Address: 16 The Esplanade, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 4964 1999

Internet: www.airliebeachhotel.com.au

More Info: Cnr Esplanade and Coconut Grove

Shipwrecked Seafood Bar and Grill

Come here for local seafood waterfront dining with great fun and great prices. The service is excellent and they have 33 wines on offer by the glass.

Address: 1 The Esplanade, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Open 7 days a week.

Phone: +61 4946 6713

Email: info@shipwreckedbarandgrill.com.au

More Info: The Esplanade Airlie Beach

Cactus Jack's

Cactus Jack's offers great value for eating and drinking in Tex Mex style. Enjoy the spectacular views, sizzling fajitas and mountainous margaritas.

Address: The Esplanade, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 4964 1800

Internet: www.airliebeachhotel.com.au

Email: reservations@airliebeachhotel.com.au

More Info: Located at Airlie Beach Hotel

Tides Restaurant and Bar

If you are looking for one of the best views on the coast, accompanied by great food then you should spend one night at Tides Restaurant and Bar. If you happen to be fully booked, try to catch their amazing breakfast or lunch.

Address: Mt Whitsunday Drive, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 7 4962 5106

Internet: www.tidesrestaurant.com.au

Email: airliebeach.rest@peppers.com.au

More Info: Tides Restaurant is the in-house restaurant of The Whitsundays Resort Peppers Airlie Beach.

Mr Bones

This restaurant fuses the best of Italian and Spanish cuisine. Various tapas and a great selection of pizza are on their menu. Vegetarians as well as meat-lovers will be pleased with the offer.

Address: 263 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach
Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 09:00 - 21:00
Phone: +61 416 011 615
Email: mr_bones@bigpond.com

Fish D'vine

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.

Address: 303 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach
Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 17:00-late
Phone: +61 7 4948 0088
Internet: www.fishdvine.com.au
Email: clarkrebecca@hotmail.com

Beach Club Restaurant

Ideally located on the idyllic Hamilton Island, this restaurant is your spot for a quick lunch or a candlelight dinner. The experienced staff is happy to help you with the choice of your wine so just lean back and let them take care of you.

Address: Beach Club Resort, Hamilton Island
Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 11:30-14:30, 18:00-21:00
Phone: +61 7 4946 8002
Internet: www.hamiltonisland.com.au
Email: vacation@hamiltonisland.com.au

The Cove Restaurant

Asian 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!

Address: 2B Horseshoe Bay Rd, Bowen
Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 11:00-15:00, 17:00-22:00
Phone: +61 7 4786 3842
Internet: www.thecoverrestaurant.com.au
Email: bookings@thecoverrestaurant.com.au
More Info: The Restaurant is located at 2B Coral Cove Apartments

Bommie

Fine wine, a luxurious setting and award-winning cuisine is awaiting you at Bommie on Hamilton Island. Located at the yacht-club, the restaurant serves traditional Australian food with a modern twist. This is your number one address for a special evening.

Address: Front St, Hamilton Island
Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 18.00-00.00
Phone: +61 7 4946 9999
Internet: www.hamiltonisland.com.au/bommie-restaurant

La Tabella Trattoria

This casual, cool modern Italian restaurant is known for its handmade pasta and garlic bread and where the chef prepares the food by the freshest and finest quality ingredients. The restaurant is also worth a visit for breakfast when they serve sweet treats such as crepes filled with caramelised banana, mascarpone cream.

Address: 6 The Esplanade, Beach Plaza Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: Breakfast / Lunch: 07:30 - 16:30, Dinner: 17:00 - 21:30
Phone: +61 7 4948 1888
Internet: www.latabella.com.au

CAFÉS



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When feeling for a relaxing time why not pop into one of the cafés in Whitsunday Coast and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea? There is no lack of beach cafés 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, and here you will find plenty of cafés and restaurants where to relish tasty treats and delicious smoothies and ice-creams.

Hog's Breath Café

Hog's Breath Café offers food with attitude and a licensed café that stays open late. Great venue for lunch or to simply grab a dessert, if your sweet tooth is calling.

Address: 261 Shute Harbour Road, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 4946 7894

Internet: www.hogsbreath.com.au

Email: bosshog@hogsbreath.com.au

Lagoon Cafe and Gallery

The environment is magical, with beautiful views over the Botanic gardens. If you do come here for a quick snack or a relaxing break, you can enjoy a high tea menu with an Australian twist.

Address: 9 Lagoons Street, Mackay, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 7 4952 6930

Internet: www.mackayregionalbotanicgardens.com.au

More Info: Located at Mackay Botanical Gardens

360 on the Hill

360 on the Hill is a café situated on the top of Flagstaff hill. It is easy to get up here and very rewarding, with views that will take your breath away. Enjoy the energy oozing from this altitude.

Address: 1 Margaret Reynolds Drive, Bowen, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 7 4786 6360

Sidewalk Cafe

Shopping the day away? Chances are that you find yourself at the arcade in Airlie Beach. In that case, it's worth checking out this little café known for delicious breakfast and lunch.

Address: 1a/293 Airlie Esplanade, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 06:30-22:00

Phone: +61 7 4946 6425

Internet: www.sidewalkcafe.net.au

Email: webmaster@sidewalkcafe.net.au

Marina Cafe - Marina Village

Marina Cafe serves a range of food and drinks, fresh drinks such as fruit and vegetable juices and barista-made coffee and tea. Here you can enjoy a late night snack to relaxing jazz tunes while overlooking Catseye Beach. This laid-back cafe is perfect for families or groups of friends.

Address: Marina Village, Hamilton Island

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 06:30 - 15.30

Phone: +61 4946 9999

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Airlie Beach is buzzy and vibrant. It's party central whilst 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 extremely cool clubs. The clubs 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



mean burger here!

Cheap food and plenty of drink in a pub atmosphere is what you'll find here at one of the most popular bars in Airlie Beach. They make a

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Address: 356 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 7 4946 6244

Internet: www.beaches.com.au/Bar-Grill

Email: airliebeach@beaches.com.au

KC's



This bar offers a lively atmosphere, live entertainment and great food including croc steaks. Noisy but fun, KC's often has live bands.

This you cannot miss!

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 382 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 4946 6320

Magnums



Magnums Hotel lies on the main street of Airlie Beach and is considered one of the largest entertainment venues. No wonder, since they have six different bars, including a Party bar and a Sports Bar, a happening beer garden and several pool tables.

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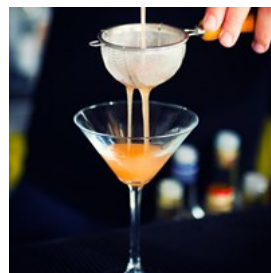
Address: 366 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast

Phone: +61 7 4946 6188

Internet: www.magnumshotel.com.au

Email: magnums.hotel@alhgroup.com.au

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 at the Fish D'vine restaurant within.

Photo: Netfalls - Remy Musser/Shutterstock.com

Address: 303 Shute Harbour, Road Airlie Beach
Phone: +61 7 4948 0088
Internet: www.fishdvine.com.au
Email: clarkrebecca@hotmail.com

Boom Nightclub



Perfectly located in the heart of Airlie Beach, it is the areas first state of the art nightclub, where the guest will experience world class sound and lighting. The perfect place to dance the night away to the beats of the DJs.

Photo: clownbusiness/Shutterstock.com
Address: Shute Harbour Rd, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast
Opening hours: Wednesday: 22:00 - 05:00, Thursday: 22:00 - 05:00, Friday: 22:00 - 05:00, Saturday: 22:00 - 05:00, Sunday: 22:00 - 05:00
Phone: +61 404 386 744

Mangrove Jacks Café/Bar



If you are into sport, Mangrove Jacks Café/Bar shows major sporting events on a giant flat screen. If hungry, they serve a wide variety of traditional pub favourites, such as fish & chips and chicken parmigiano. You will find this venue on Airlie Beach's main street.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: 16 The Esplanade, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Coast
Phone: +61 7 4964 1999
Internet: www.airliebeachhotel.com.au

Marina Tavern



Try the Marina Tavern for a cool beer or a glass of wine during the day or a cocktail in the evening. Located right on the waterfront.

Photo: iko/Shutterstock.com
Address: Front Street, Hamilton Island
Phone: +61 4946 9999

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



In Cannonvale there is the mall Whitsunday Shopping Centre, which includes BiLos, Target Country, cafés and restaurants. It is a good place to stock up. There is also a post office together with banks and speciality shops, a modern and sophisticated centre.

Photo: Ariwasabi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 226 Shute Harbour Road, Cannonvale
Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 08:00-21.00, Saturday:
08:00-21:00, Sunday: 09:00-18:00
Phone: +61 7 4948 0441
Internet: www.whitsundaysc.com.au

Airlie Beach shops



Airlie Beach shops are open seven days a week and you should be able to buy 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 and on Saturdays, a fantastic market takes place behind Main Street.

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Address: 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, shoes, gifts, homewares and food.

Photo: CandyBox Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: 310-330 Ross River Rd, Aitkenvale
Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 09:00-17:30, Saturday:
09:00-16:00, Sunday: 10:00-16:00
Phone: +61 7 4779 6033
Internet: www.shoppingcentres.stockland.com.au

Whitsunday Plaza



They provide fashion for men, women and children.

Fashion, cafés, jewelries, bookstores - you name it. Whitsunday plaza has got it all. The shopping center provides the ideal opportunity to get a new outfit or buy some gifts.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: 8 Galbraith Park Dr, Cannonvale
Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 09:00-17:30
Phone: +61 7 4946 1505
Internet: www.whitsundayplaza.com.au
Email: info@whitsundayplaza.com.au

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Address: Proserpine

Proserpine Boutiques



Boutiques and fashion stores as far as you can see can be found at Proserpine. Get a new dress or buy something for the little ones or why not get a new beach wear.? You will find something for every occasion.

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Address: Proserpine

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport



Whitsunday Coast Airport, Proserpine (PPP) 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 coaches meet all flights.

There is a shuttle bus service that you can pay for a one-way fare or return to Airlie Beach.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Whitsunday Coast Airport

Phone: +61 4946 1515

Internet: www.whitsundayshuttle.com.au

Public transport



Buses and trains serve the town of Proserpine and there are services to Airlie Beach and the Whitsunday Coast. Local buses run to the

Whitsunday six times a day.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +61 4946 1800

Internet: www.whitsundaytransit.com.au

Taxi



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

Phone: +07 49444 955

Internet: www.mackaytaxi.com.au

Post



There is a post office located just behind McDonalds and one at the Whitsunday Shopping Centre in Cannonville.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 15/226 Shute Harbour Rd, Cannonvale

Opening hours: From 09:00-17:00

Pharmacy



Airlie Beach Day & Night Chemist

Photo: Gemma Garner

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

Opening hours: 08:00 - 20.00

Phone: +61 7 4946 7000

Telephone



Country code: +61 Area
code: 07

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



240 Volts / 50 Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

Airlie Beach: 5,000

Bowen: 9,000

Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Generally stores & shopping mall are opened 7 days a week, late night shopping on a Thursday night until 9pm. Sunday between 4–5pm. Closed only christmas day.

Newspapers

Whitsunday Times

The Guardian

Emergency numbers

Fire, Ambulance and Police: 000

Local Police: +61 7 4948 8888

Tourist information

Cairns & Tropical North Visitor Information Centre

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