

Hamilton Island, Queensland, Australia

A resort island at the heart of the Whitsundays, Hamilton Island is the jumping-off point for Whitehaven Beach's legendary silica sands and the living coral spectacle of the Great Barrier Reef.

 Tender port

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 AUD (Australian Dollar)

 English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Hamilton Island Marina

Best For: Whitehaven Beach, reef snorkelling, island walks

Walk to centre: 2 min — Marina Village shops & restaurants are dockside

Don't Miss: Hill Inlet Lookout for the swirling turquoise-and-white sands

Getting around:  Taxi  A-60/trip ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Whitehaven Beach & Hill Inlet Lookout** — The Whitsundays' signature experience: silica sand so pure it squeaks underfoot, and Hill Inlet Lookout delivering the swirling blue-white panorama...
 - Great Barrier Reef Snorkel & Dive** — Day trips to Hardy Reef and Reefworld pontoon put you over living coral gardens teeming with reef fish, turtles, and rays.
 - Scenic Helicopter Flight over Heart Reef** — A short scenic flight over the iconic heart-shaped coral formation and the reef from Hamilton Island Airport.
- Passage Peak Hike** — A moderately challenging bush trail climbs to Passage Peak (234 m), Hamilton Island's highest point, rewarding hikers with sweeping views over the...
 - Catseye Beach Water Sports** — Hamilton Island's main beach fronts the resort and offers kayaking, paddleboarding, catamaran sailing, and parasailing — all bookable on the beach...

BEST WALKS

- Marina Village to Catseye Beach** 1.5 km · 20 min · Easy — A flat, signposted path leads from the Marina Village through resort grounds to Catseye Beach — Hamilton Island's main swimming beach.
- Passage Peak Summit Trail** 5 km return · 2-3 hrs · Moderate — The island's signature hike follows a bush trail through eucalypt forest to Passage Peak at 234 m.
- One Tree Hill Lookout Stroll** 2 km · 30 min · Easy-Moderate — A short walk or buggy ride leads to One Tree Hill, a popular sunset viewpoint with 360° views over the marina, the Coral Sea, and neighbouring Whitsunday islands.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		79°	75°	17d
Jun		72°	68°	9d
Aug		72°	67°	6d
Sep		75°	70°	6d
Oct		78°	73°	7d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 6:15AM–5:52PM · Jun 6:37AM–5:31PM · Aug 6:26AM–5:51PM · Sep 6:00AM–5:58PM · Oct 5:33AM–6:06PM

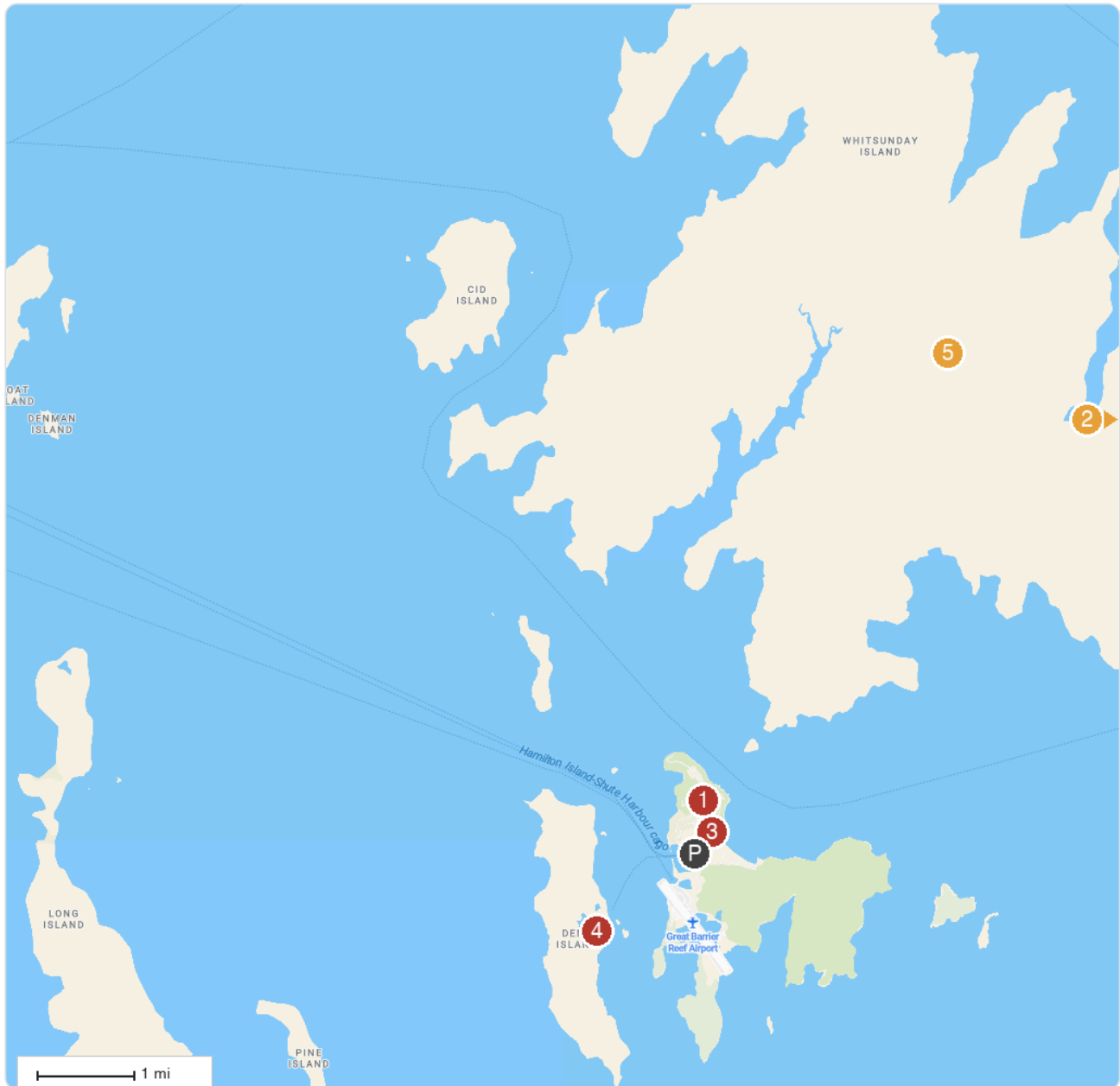
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender early: Lines for tenders back to the ship can build up 90 minutes before all-aboard. Budget your return time, especially if on a reef day-trip that deposits you at the marina late.
- Hire a buggy: Golf buggies are the primary transport on Hamilton Island and hire is straightforward near the marina. Book as soon as you land — fleet is limited on busy ship days.
- Sun protection is non-negotiable: Queensland UV is severe year-round. Reef-safe sunscreen, a hat, and rashies are essential, especially on water-based excursions.
- Cards widely accepted; the Marina Village shops, restaurants, and tour operators all take Visa/Mastercard. A small amount of AUD cash is handy for beach vendors.
- Book off-island tours before you sail: Whitehaven Beach and reef trips regularly sell out on cruise-ship days. Pre-book through your cruise line or direct with Cruise Whitsundays.
- Reef-safe sunscreen only: Chemical sunscreens harm coral — use reef-safe mineral SPF on any Great Barrier Reef tour. Some operators enforce this at check-in.

Hamilton Island, Queensland, Australia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| <p>1 One Tree Hill</p> <p>3 All Saints Chapel</p> <p>5 Whitsunday Islands NP</p> | <p>Hamilton Island's most famous sunset viewpoint, overlooking the Whitsunday Islands and marina.</p> <p>Small hilltop chapel on Hamilton Island offering ocean views, a popular wedding venue.</p> <p>Protected archipelago of 74 continental islands surrounding Hamilton Island within the Great Barrier Reef.</p> | <p>2 Whitehaven Beach</p> <p>4 Hamilton Island Golf Club</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Renowned 7km beach of pure silica sand on Whitsunday Island, famous for its swirling sand-and-water patterns.</p> <p>Championship 18-hole course occupying its own dedicated island, Dent Island, accessed by ferry.</p> |
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