

WALK THE WHITSUNDAYS · 5 DAYS · 4 NIGHTS · WINTER 2027

Sail to the islands. Walk to the view.

Aboard the 122-year-old tall ship Solway Lass.

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The Ultimate Escape

The Whitsunday Islands has over 100kms of individual walking tracks dotted around the region, each with their own unique draw cards.

Some of the most spectacular tracks are located on the islands, and are only accessible by boat.

For the first time ever, we've combined the best of a conventional Whitsundays sailing cruise with the opportunity to explore these unspoiled tracks.

You'll get to spend quality time enjoying the typical activities of a Whitsundays cruise and see all the icons that make the Whitsundays famous. By embarking on a longer trip you'll have more time to relax.

Set your watch to island time and let the serenity take over.

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Are you ready to spend four active days with your friends sailing around the whitsundays?

Acting as your floating home, transporting you between secluded bays and tropical islands, is your traditional, liveaboard tall ship.

There is no better way to see the islands than to harness the power of the wind to carry you from one location to the next.

Get as involved as you want, grab the helm or tail the mainsheet. Alternatively, sit back, feel the breeze on your face and feel the excitement as the wind carries you.

With capped numbers, the vessel will be under its usual capacity, this means there will be extra room to feel at home. The vessels we use are specially designed for charters in the Whitsundays.

Welcome aboard Solway Lass

Majestic

Solway Lass is one of a very few century old vessels still commercially active.



Charming

From the moment you step aboard you'll appreciate the old world charm and history.

Spacious

Solway Lass is a tall ship, providing you with a ample space above and below deck to enjoy your trip.



Comfortable

A range of cabins from private en-suite to multi-share, all with air conditioning ensure a relaxed trip.

Indulgent

Make your trip just that little more special, select one of the two en-suite cabins.



Options

Select from one of five double, two twin or the multi-share cabins, all with shared facilities. All cabins are air-conditioned.

Tasty

Our crew prepare all of your meals. Local ingredients are preferred to ensure freshness and we catered for all dietary needs.



Quenching

Solway Lass has a fully licenced bar with a full range of beverages. Enjoy a glass of wine, a beer or a G&T after your walk.



Spend time exploring Whitehaven Beach, and take the short bush walk up to the magnificent Hill Inlet lookout. See the incredible seven kilometres of beach stretch out in front of you.

Jump in to the water for amazing snorkelling opportunities; meet the tropical fish and be impressed by the intricate coral formations in front of you.





Let yourself become mesmerised by the landscape as you sail through the stunning turquoise waters.

To top it all off, you get to come off the beaten track and explore a selection of the diverse, unspoiled walking tracks to fantastic vistas.

You'll get to follow part of the Ngaro Sea Trail, a sea and land trail which would have been used around 9000 years ago, by the Ngaro indigenous tribe.

Remember - with so many different lookouts, you'll need a good camera!

Why the Whitsundays?

The Whitsunday Islands are a natural wonder, found on the central coast of Queensland, just north of Mackay. The islands were formed after the last ice-age, when sea levels rose, separating a coastal mountain range to form 74 islands. This makes them the largest offshore island chain in Australia. Before the last ice age, the area was an extremely volcanic region, this is how the coastal mountain range was initially formed. Evidence of this past life can still be seen in the bedrock around the islands.

The Whitsunday Islands have a rich indigenous history, being the home of the Ngaro Sea tribe for around 9000 years before European settlement. Archaeological evidence suggests the Ngaro tribe had permanent settlements on the larger islands of Hook, Whitsunday and South Molle, with the main camp on Whitsunday Island opposite Cid Harbour. Fish traps, and stone axes/cutting tools have been found around the islands, plus a stone quarry and cave paintings still in position today.

The Whitsundays Today

Today, the Whitsunday Islands are a world-renowned idyllic holiday destination. Popular with visitors from Australia and around the world, The Whitsundays attracts around 600,000 visitors a year. The islands feature secluded, calm bays, fringing Great Barrier Reef coral systems straight off the islands, and an extremely biodiverse underwater world. The most famous icon is Whitehaven Beach. This iconic beach is a massive 7kms of 98% pure silica sand - the purest silica found naturally on Earth.



Queensland National Parks manage around 96% of the 300,000 ha of wooded hills, rocky headlands and shingle beaches, protecting the plants, animals and environment. There is a vast array of well-maintained, scenic walking trails on numerous islands, with ample places for wildlife and bird watching. The waters of the Whitsunday Islands are included under the protection of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, which has had World Heritage Status since 1981. This protects the 4000 species of fish found in the region including many endangered species.

The Perfect Time to Visit

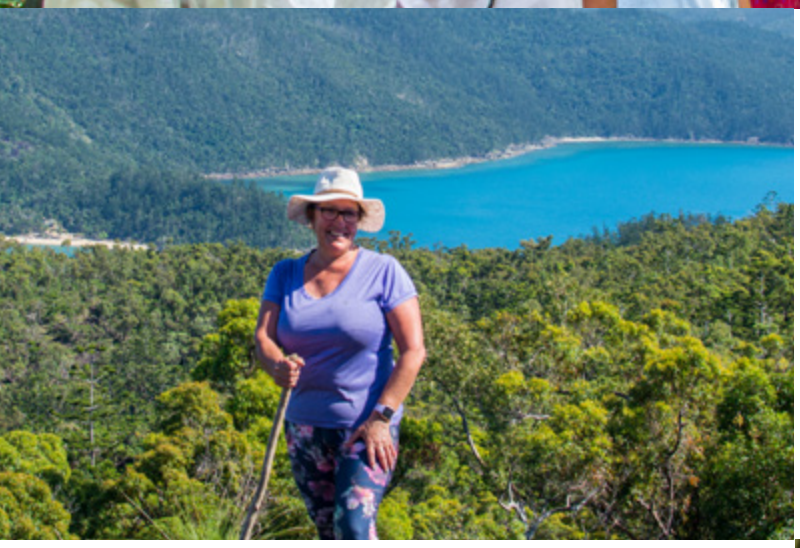
During the winter season, between the months of April – October, the climate in the Whitsundays region stabilises. This results in minimal rainfall, steady winds, and comfortable temperatures. While the rest of Australia shivers, it's still a warm 25°C average here, and the humidity drops. This makes it a more comfortable sleeping temperature, and everyone can be more active during the day. With less rain, comes more frequent beautiful, blue skies, and more predictable weather. During these winter months the region is quieter and less crowded. This means often you'll feel like it's just your charter that's experiencing the beautiful islands at that time. You'll often have scenic lookouts to yourselves, and a whole stretch of beach for your group!

And did we mention the wildlife? During the months of July - Sep, the sheltered waters of the Whitsunday Islands become the temporary home of migratory Humpback Whales. As they raise their calves with needed protection from predators, they can often be seen from the boats, breaching and diving. A truly spectacular sight. At this time of year, you're also likely to see turtles, dugongs, manta rays and many more marine creatures.



Words from our Walkers





"The trip was awesome! We enjoyed every moment of it. The crew did a splendid job keeping us happy, very well fed. The walks were all nice and achievable. Snorkelling was way better than we expected, so a real nice surprise. Sailing was a real highlight – serenity and beauty... All in all, a great experience that we will remember for a long time to come. We will certainly recommend this trip to others."

"Crew were great – helpful, attentive, knowledgeable, easy to engage with. Food – perfect. Tour – wonderful! What an experience to be able to sail to remote islands, to walk and snorkel. Would Highly recommend. Four days was the perfect time."









"Wonderful time and you could not have done much more to make the experience unforgettable… The benefit of four days was that you got to explore many parts of the beautiful Whitsundays. Tracks were challenging and worth the effort to get to the peaks and view the area. Snorkelling was fantastic. Staff, service and location were wonderful."

"I loved every minute of the trip, it was totally fantastic - the crew, the food, snorkelling and the walks. It was a trip of a lifetime."





A Sample Itinerary

The following is an example of what your trip may entail. To ensure your comfort and safety, the itinerary will change according to the tides, wind and weather conditions. Your skipper will decide the best route and places to stop, to ensure you can make the most of your time in the Whitsunday Islands.

Arrival day (Day one)

Welcome to the Whitsunday Coast Airport (PPP), where you're complimentary Airport Transfers will take you to your accommodation (if arriving earlier) or direct to the marina if arriving the day of departure.

5:00 pm Cruise Check-in, Please meet our team at Coral Sea Marina South, at Metting Point 'C' at 5 pm where you will be checked in for your cruise.

5.30 pm Depart on Solway Lass for your Sunset and Dinner Cruise. Enjoy a welcome platter and complimentary drinks during your sunset cruise through the Whitsunday Islands, before dining under the stars on the top deck.

Day two

The next morning start your day by waking up in your cosy cabin, before making your way up to the top deck where you will enjoy a hearty breakfast while sailing to your first island walk.

Arrive at South Molle Island for a walk to Spion Kop Lookout and back. After lunch on board, start cruising again, with a stop for your first snorkel. Cruise to your overnight anchorage.

Day three

The next day starts early for breakfast and a transfer to the island for the Whitsunday Peak walk. After taking in the stunning views and making your way back down, enjoy lunch back on the boat as you cruise to Tongue Bay. Take the short bushwalk up to Hill inlet lookout and time to explore the north end of Whitehaven Beach. Cruise to South Whitehaven Beach for overnight anchorage.

Day four

The next day, enjoy breakfast on board and your morning coffee before being transferred to the beach. Walk to Chance Bay and take time for beach activities. Cruise to Border Island for a short walk and then the first snorkel opportunity. Cruise to Saba Bay for another snorkel. Travel to your overnight anchorage.

Day five

On the last day, we make one last early rise for breakfast and the Whitsunday Cairn walk. After taking in the amazing views, climb back down for lunch on board. Finally set the sails one last time and head back to Coral Sea Marina, Airlie Beach for 3 pm.

3pm Transfers will be waiting to take you to your next location of choice (You may choose to stay longer in the region or they will take you back to the airport for your departing flight). Safe Travels...





Chance Bay

3.5 km return (1.5hrs) | Grade: Moderate

On the track to Chance Bay, there's an easy gradient all the way along this sandy path. Escape the sun and follow this track through some of the Whitsunday Island's more secluded forests to the peaceful Chance Bay. This enjoyable walk branches off the Solway circuit at the south of Whitehaven Beach.

Dugong – Sawmill Track

3 km return (1hr) | Grade: Easy to moderate

A moderately easy walk with a mainly flat gradient. Wind your way beneath towering hoop pines and shady rainforest. Closer to Dugong Beach, stands of giant rainforest trees and solitaire palms create a fairy tale world populated by moss, lichens and fungi. The track starts from either Dugong or Sawmill beach. From Sawmill Beach, you will need to cross Sawmill Creek to reach the track – be prepared to get wet if the tide is high.

Whitsunday Peak

5 km return (4hrs) | Grade: Difficult | Frequent

Accessed from Sawmill Beach in Cid Harbour, the Whitsunday Peak track offers a great getaway from the busy beaches. A steep winding track along an unmade path, very physically challenging, but worth every step. Climb through diverse vegetation, from rainforest gullies to windblown heaths, and be rewarded with spectacular vistas on the 'roof of the Whitsundays'. Stand at the top of the island and enjoy uninterrupted views of the Whitsundays.



Border Island

Border Island walk 1km return (30mins) Grade:Moderate Frequent

A short steep walk up to the rugged saddle of Border Island brings you to a stunning lookout over the endless ocean. One of the few places that, at certain times of the year, you can watch the sunrise directly over the horizon.



Langford Island

Langford Island Lookout walk 500 m return (10mins) Grade: Easy

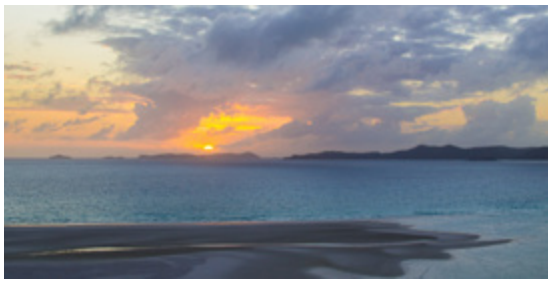
This short walk brings you to a lovely lookout back over the Langford Island spit and the islands behind you, with vegetation naturally framing the boats you've just come from.



Whitsunday Island

Hill Inlet lookout 1.3 km return (40mins) Grade: Easy Frequent

Take an uphill stroll on newly renovated, well-made path, to three lookout points. Absolutely spectacular views over Hill Inlet's turquoise waters and white sweeping sands. a highly significant area to the Ngaro people, and most people's highlight of their trip to the Whitsundays.



Solway circuit 1.2 km return (40mins) Grade: Moderate

Starting from Whitehaven Beach, this one-way circuit winds its way uphill to a natural rock platform – giving spectacular views over Solway Passage and surrounding islands. Trackside information gives walkers an insight into Whitehaven's slowly changing landscape.



Whitsunday Cairn 4 km return (3hrs) Grade: Difficult Frequent

Steep and challenging, the track to Whitsunday Cairn leads off Cairn Beach, the most northern beach on Whitsunday Island. A demanding ascent, over an unmade path which takes you through hoop pines and dry rainforest. Stick carefully to the ridge line as you walk through drier open woodland where giant grasstrees dominate. Emerge onto a wind-exposed, rocky outcrop below the towering Whitsunday Cairn for breathtaking views.





South Molle Island

Bauer Bay to Spion Kop 4.7 km return (3 hrs) Grade: Moderate Frequent

Offering spectacular views, this track traverses rainforest, grassland and open eucalypt forest to lookouts over the resort and Whitsunday Passage. This track also passes an ancient Ngaro stone quarry, an area of shattered rock high on the hillside and spilling toward the sea. The track is relatively flat and easy, and generally smooth. Note: the track is 'walkers only' from the set of stairs leading to Spion Kop.

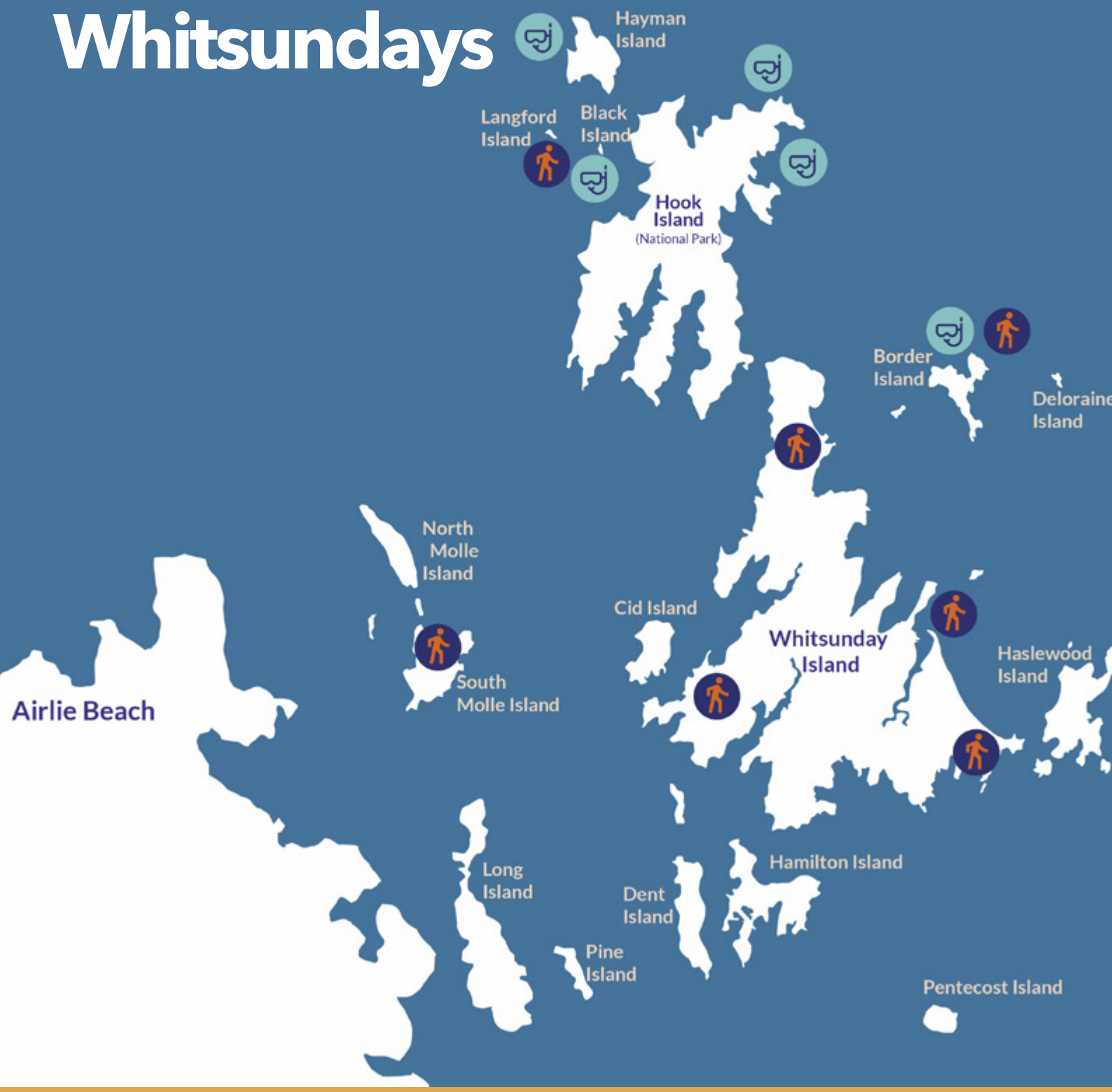
Extension to Balancing Rock 0.35 km return (12mins)

Perched in eucalypt forest, Balancing Rock provides views across the patchwork of South Molle's vegetation communities from under a large balancing rock.

Extension to Mt Jeffreys 2.6km return (at least 1hr) Grade: Moderate

The 1.3km extension to South Molle Island's highest point branches off the track to Spion Kop. If you are seeking incredible views, this track is a must. It winds up a gradual slope to South Molle Island's highest point, Mount Jeffreys. Once there, you will enjoy a sensational 360° view of the Whitsunday islands and mainland.

Welcome to the Whitsundays





READY WHEN YOU ARE

Are you ready to Walk the Whitsundays on Solway Lass?

Shared cabin	Sole use cabin	Double ensuite cabin
$2,295	$3,445	$5,500
per person	one person	per cabin, for 2

How to book

1. Tell us your dates and group size. We run this trip in winter 2027 and will confirm dates soon.
2. We hold your place for 14 days, with no obligation, while you check with family, friends and the boss.
3. Confirm your cabin and we will send everything you need to know before you arrive.

BOOK OR ASK A QUESTION

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