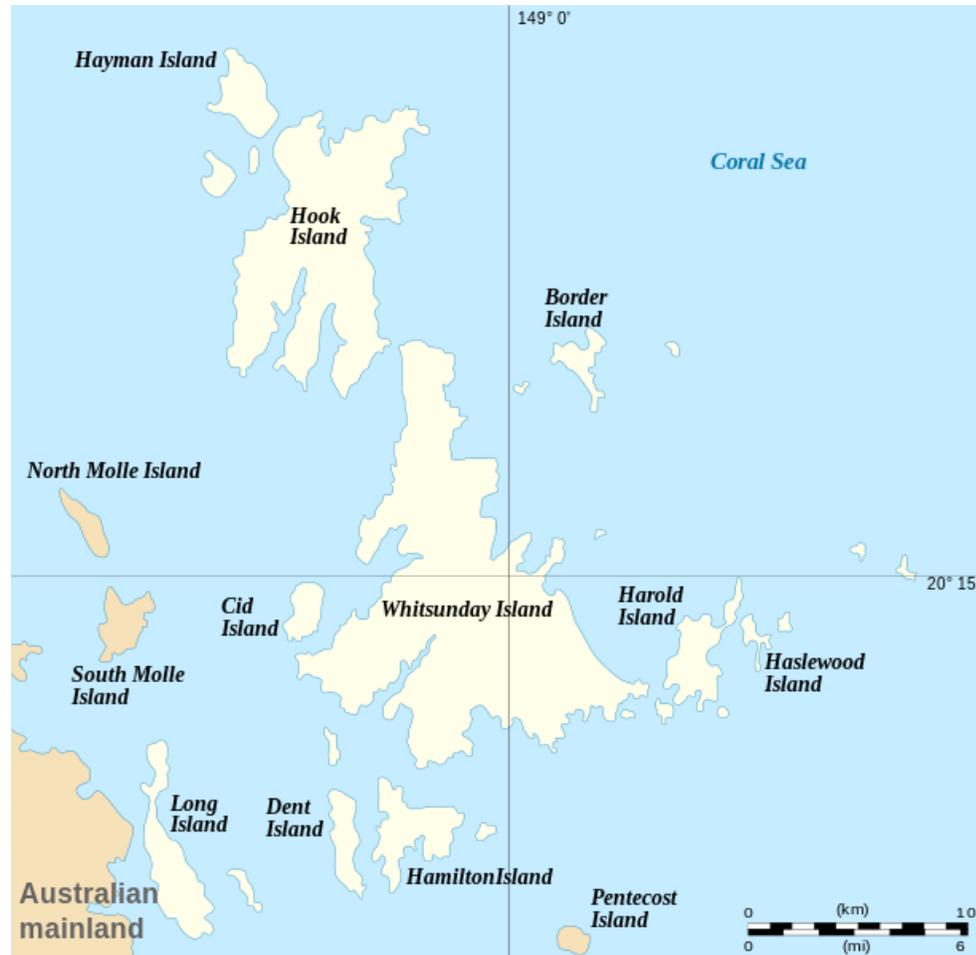


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Includes free night Sleep aboard before the sail begins...



Only minimal experience is required; you'll be briefed comprehensively to ensure you know the basics of navigation, anchoring and sailing.

The following itinerary, however, could change due to wind direction and sea conditions.

Sleep Aboard the first Night..

Day one Sleep aboard in Able Point Marina

Day two

Sail to **Cid Harbour**, it's a great, safe anchorage to get your confidence up and sunsets here are the best in the Whitsundays. Swim all afternoon then have a sundowner or two as you cook a barbecue on the back of your yacht.

At night, turtles will pop up beside your boat.

Day three

Beat the heat, get up at dawn to climb nearby **Whitsunday Peak**, the tallest mountain in the region, it'll take about two hours for the return journey or not!. Cool off with a swim then make your way through **Hook Passage** and up the eastern coast of **Hook Island**. Spend lunch at the aptly named **Luncheon Bay**, one of the Whitsunday's most picturesque anchorages. Take a half hour sail west to **Butterfly Bay** for the evening, there's moorings there, that way you can avoid anchoring on coral.

Day four

Snorkel with the turtles of **Butterfly Bay**, the snorkelling here is some of the best in the Whitsundays. Take your time over breakfast then make sure your boat's ready for a decent sail — today head back past the north-eastern tip of **Hook Island** and across to one of the Whitsunday's best islands — but also one of its least visited islands — **Border Island**. Anchor in **Catara Bay**, take your dinghy to the shore and walk up the hill for a view over the southern Whitsunday Islands.

Day five

You can't visit the Whitsundays without visiting **Whitehaven Beach**, regarded as one of the world's most pristine beaches. Anchor beside **Hill Inlet** and take your tender ashore for a day of swimming off the beach. Then sail south, watching the afternoon sun light up the silica sands before anchoring in Whitehaven's protected southern corner, now you can watch the moon light up the silica.

Day six

Sail through **Solway Passage** (be careful, time it right with the tides as it can be treacherous) and you'll come out opposite **Hamilton Island** for a perfect view of the island resort (and the towering skyscraper). Head ashore at Hamilton and have a look around the new marina, take lunch at the fantastic new sailing club, then plan overnight here or book a day dive trip or head again across to **Turtle Bay** on Whitsunday Island with its stunning little white sandy beaches, it should be fairly empty.

Day seven

Head back north for a lovely three hour sail to **Macona Inlet**, everyone goes to **Nara Inlet** just around the corner (they even call it Nara City these days) but Macona Inlet is only a few kilometres south of Nara and actually gets more afternoon sunlight than Nara. It's also home to some beautiful empty beaches with unusual sand full of trapped air that releases when you stand on it.

Day eight

If you're returning your yacht to the mainland, either sail above **North Molle Island**, or go between North and **South Molle islands** (through Unsafe Passage) back to **Shute Harbour** or **Abel Point Marina**.

