



VOYAGES WILSON ISLAND

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF - QUEENSLAND

Wilson Island is essentially natural – a divine sweep of castor sugar sands that is home to turtles and birds. This tiny coral cay is both part of the Great Barrier Reef and surrounded by it. Its pristine waters host to unimaginable variety of marine life including coral and fish – in fact some of the best snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef is right off the beach at Wilson Island. Covering just 5.24 acres, Wilson Island is the ultimate island castaway experience, offering seclusion in a setting of unrivalled natural beauty and playing host to just 12 guests at any one time.

Wilson Island is closed from January 30 to February 28, by National Parks to allow resident bird population the peace and quiet they need to nest.

LOCATION

Just north of the Tropic of Capricorn, around 80kms north east off the coast of Gladstone and 15kms from nearby Heron Island. Gladstone is 534kms north of Brisbane and 1,183kms south of Cairns.

GETTING THERE

- Access to Wilson Island is via Heron Island
- Regular flights are available from all Australian capital cities to Gladstone .
- Australian Helicopters depart Gladstone Airport for Heron Island daily during daylight hours

ACCOMMODATION

The 6 permanent tents, all with reef & ocean outlooks, are designed for ultimate comfort and feature:-

- Raised Timber Floors • King Size Bed with Duvets (seasonal) and Pillows • Bedside Tables & Storage Chest • Battery-Operated Bedside Lights and Clock • Comfortable Deck Chairs and Hammocks • Bathrobes • Bath Towels • Beach Towels • Guest Toiletries • Umbrellas • Complete Insect Screening • Mosquito Coils • Personal Insect Repellent • Daily Housekeeping Service

Please note that smoking is not permitted inside the tents.

Solar power allows for hot showers and other creature comforts to be enjoyed in the central amenities building. Each tent has its own designated private shower & dressing area in the Washhouse. Toilets and vanities are also located in this building.

TAKING CARE OF NATURE

All power is provided by battery or solar power, therefore 240v appliances will not operate on Wilson Island. Our fresh water is supplied by rainwater. Bottled drinking water is provided.

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CLIMATE

With a subtropical climate, the average year round temperature on Wilson Island is approximately 26° Celsius (78° Fahrenheit).

WHAT TO BRING

Casual clothing, swimwear, light pants and long-sleeved clothes for the evenings and suitable footwear for walks. There are no convenience stores on Wilson Island, so don't forget any necessities you simply can't do without (although most essentials can be purchased on Heron Island).

WHAT NOT TO BRING

You can forget your mobile phone, laptop, hairdryer, clothes that require ironing, and leave behind your stresses. Wilson Island is a total escape from the pressures of everyday living, and so whilst you may have to do without a few modern-day 'comforts', you will wonder why you ever needed them in the first place!

ACTIVITIES ON WILSON ISLAND

- Relax in a hammock
- Take a self-guided nature walk
- Join your Hosts for a guided island or reef walk (upon request)
- Experience the wonder of watching Green and Loggerhead turtles laying their eggs or their baby hatchlings emerging from their nests (in season)
- Enjoy world class snorkelling directly off the beach (equipment provided)
- Glass bottom kayaks
- Challenge your fellow adventurers to a board game
- Help yourself to our library of educational books, novels, magazines & CD's

All Wilson Island activities are included in the package. Some activities are subject to tide and weather conditions.

THE LONGHOUSE

The Longhouse is the central dining and relaxation area, featuring the long table, where most meals are enjoyed, a large comfortable banquette seating area for relaxing and socialising and an open kitchen. Guests are encouraged to treat the Longhouse as their own home, helping themselves to the library, beverages and snacks as they please.

DINING ON WILSON ISLAND

All meals are included in the package and the menus have a distinctive Australian feel, with a commitment to freshness, simplicity and variety. Breakfast is a tropical buffet, with hot breakfasts cooked to order. Lunch is a delicious smorgasbord which can be enjoyed in the Longhouse, or picnic style on the beach.

Each evening begins with guests enjoying sunset drinks and canapés. Returning to The Longhouse they will find the table set for a dinner party style gathering of friends, with light music playing, candles lit, and the Island Hosts making final preparations for the evening's dinner. The dinner menu changes daily.

Vegetarian options can only be catered for if advance notice is provided. Due to the remote location of Wilson Island, it may not be possible to cater for other special dietary requirements. Please discuss your requirements at the time of booking.

BEVERAGES ON WILSON ISLAND

Premium Australian wine, Champagne, standard and light beer, standard spirits, soft drinks, juices and bottled water are available on Wilson Island.

A Cellar Masters list is also available if you wish to purchase a special wine for the occasion.

'COMMUNITY' TENT

A Community Tent with open sides, a large day bed and comfortable arm chairs, a selection of magazines and binoculars provides guests the perfect place to relax, chill out, and enjoy the stunning ocean, reef and sunset views!

ACCESS TO WILSON ISLAND

Wilson Island is a 40 minute boat ride from Heron Island. Transfer times between Heron and Wilson Islands are subject to tide and weather conditions, and may vary accordingly.

In rare instances of extreme weather conditions, access to Wilson Island may be restricted. In these circumstances, alternate accommodation, activities and dining options will be arranged on Heron Island.

ACCESS TO HERON ISLAND

Air Connections

A 30 minute helicopter flight from Gladstone Airport to Heron Island is operated by Australian Helicopters. Baggage allowance for helicopter transfers is limited to one suitcase and one small carry-on item of hand luggage. A limit of 15kg per person applies. Storage for excess luggage is available at the airport free of charge.

Sea Connections

A courtesy coach departs from Gladstone Airport 10.15am daily to Gladstone Marina, to connect with the Heron Island launch service. The launch departs Gladstone Marina at 11.00am and returns at 3.45pm. There are no launch transfers on Christmas day. The launch trip from Gladstone to Heron Island takes approximately 1 hour 40 minutes each way.

Children 12 years and under are not catered for.

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Services and activities are subject to change without notice.



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