



GREAT REEF CENSUS EXPERIENCE IN THE WHITSUNDAYS

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aboard your own fully crewed ultra-luxurious
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Citizen Science Initiative, the Great Reef Census.

Cruises, Private Yacht Charters



Australia, Queensland



8 days Call for a quote pp



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Journey Overview

Sail the azure waters of the tropical Whitsundays aboard your own fully crewed ultra-luxurious superyacht and be part of an inspirational Citizen Science Initiative, the Great Reef Census. Meander through the crystal-clear waters, dropping in on pristine dive destinations where spectacular coral formations provide the perfect backdrop to hundreds of species of fish, turtles, manta rays and even visiting dolphins and whales. As a citizen scientist onboard you will be actively participating in a survey of the Great Barrier Reef helping to gather data that drives impactful on-the-ground projects, delivers vital insights for management and ultimately, advances conservation outcomes for the iconic reef.



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Hamilton Island

Arrive into Hamilton Island and transfer to the marina where the crew of your superyacht awaits with a warm tropical welcome. Start your Whitsundays adventure with lunch at the Hamilton Island Yacht Club. Then take a short walk around the island before boarding your vessel.

Alternatively, there is the option to cruise to Perseverance Reef or Dent Island (home of one of Australia's most prestigious golf courses) where you can take your first dip, snorkel in the heavenly blue ocean and end the day with sunset canapés in a sheltered bay.

Meals: D

Day 2: Hamilton Island - Neck Bay

Located in the Lindeman Group, Neck Bay is a Captain's favourite and likely your first secluded experience of the Whitsundays. The snorkeling is renowned along this stretch between Shaw and Lindeman Island. Keep a look out for the myriad species of fish, hard coral, starfish, seabirds, dugongs and turtles.

When you step out of the warm water, wander across the bay and the "neck" from west to east and sprawl on a secluded beach covered by unusually polished shells and coral varieties. After a beach barbecue and natural sand body massages, you spend the night at anchor sheltered here in Neck Bay.

Meals: BLD

Day 3: The Narrows and Cid Island

Waking up to a magnificent tropical sunrise, you make your way west towards Long Island where bush cascades into the ocean creating the perfect colour palette. Continue onto Cid Island, where an afternoon kayaking through the mangrove is highly recommended. Katoomba Bank, on the north of the island, sets the scene for a jaw-dropping sunset, before anchoring in front of Hill Rock Reef or Cid Harbour for a quiet evening and overnight.

Meals: BLD

Day 4: Whitsunday and Hook Islands

Kick start your day with a 1.5 hour hike up the trail to the Whitsunday Peak for spectacular 360-degree views over Cid Harbour. Back on board, watersports enthusiasts can enjoy an afternoon of fun along the west coast of Whitsunday Island where jetskis and other motorised watercrafts are authorised. Continue cruising to Hook Island for your next overnight shelter. Separated from Whitsunday Island by a narrow, deep passage, Hook Island combines pristine wilderness with soul-refreshing forest walks, pure blue waters and white silica beaches. The faint Aboriginal rock art at Nara Inlet, created by the original Ngaro people, takes you back in time and through the history of the traditional owners.

Meals: BLD

Day 5: Hayman Island and the Outer Reef

Depart Hook Island towards Langford Island or Blue Pearl Bay on Hayman Island. The western area of Langford Island reveals a sandbank which appears at low tide, and is a great spot for a beach barbecue. This is also a helicopter landing spot should you wish to take to the air for a preview of your Great Barrier Reef experience. Blue Pearl Bay on the other hand will offer some of the area's best swimming and snorkeling surrounded by rich coral life. After lunch, head back towards Hook Island to explore the Northern tip: Butterfly Bay's underwater world is covered in coral outcrops and rubble with shallow walls, and populated by many small colourful reef fish species.

An option this afternoon is to make your way towards the Outer Reef for your first night in the open ocean. Rendezvous diving is organised for the next morning, and your dive guide will recount reef stories over dinner that night. Arrive at Hardy Reef just before nightfall, where you will safely anchor.

Meals: BLD

Day 6: Hardy Reef & Hook Reef

Today you will have the opportunity to survey some key reefs, deemed important as a source for coral larvae, all identified by expert marine scientists and Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef, as part of the Great Reef Census. Choose to dive or simply snorkel. The crew will equip you with GoPros and guide you in the tender to the designated area. The process is simple, each guest is required to take about 10 photos of the site, which are then uploaded to an online platform once back on board for future analysis by marine scientists. Some of the key identified sites include Barb Reef, Hook Reef, Hardy Reef, or Block Reef.

You also have the opportunity of a helicopter or seaplane trip which will reveal the world-famous and much photographed Heart Reef. Experience vertical waterfalls on the yacht tenders, which appear when the tide lowers by 2 to 3 metres, or trawl for the day's catch on the way from Hook Reef.

Meals: BLD

Days 7: Dumbell Island - Whitehaven Beach

Today's cruising arrives at Dumbell Island, populated by a wide diversity of birds including sea eagles who can be fed off the aft deck. A little further south appear the first signs that world-famous Whitehaven Beach is approaching. Before reaching this unique and sought-after sight, take a hike up Hill Inlet and admire the astonishing views: the inlet below is a striking mix of aqua and white swirls as the island's famed sands shift through the waters, creating beautiful patterns. Your yacht will anchor, and let you experience the silica sand with its tenders. The fine sand particles are great for polishing jewellery! Anchor here for the evening.

Meals: BLD

Day 8: Depart Hamilton Island

This morning the yacht returns to Hamilton Island where you disembark after your final breakfast on board.

Meals: B

Note

Please note this is a sample itinerary and can be customised to suit. Weather conditions may also impact the itinerary. A collection of nine superyachts are available to choose from depending on your group size and preferred dates, [please click here to view](#). Contact an A&K Journey Designer to plan your perfect Whitsunday escape.

Accommodation

De Lisle III



Crafted for comfort and positioned for pleasure; DE LISLE III is a world-class superyacht based in, but not limited to, the South Pacific Ocean. DE LISLE III offers an unparalleled variety of vacation opportunities all around the Australian Great Barrier Reef, Fiji, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.

DE LISLE III is 137 feet of absolute luxury spread over four levels. Combining relaxed indoor-outdoor free-flowing spaces, DE LISLE III was designed for optimum exploring and leisure.

With unparalleled space and stability, this popular charter superyacht is ideal for alfresco entertaining, offering ample exterior living areas. On the main deck, is a spacious aft deck complete with comfortable seating and a dining table. Further aft, the transom lowers to create a magnificent teak platform. The upper deck offers a central wet bar with barstools, shade and dining table. Her top deck offers stunning views while cruising around the stunning destinations, and also features an outdoor jacuzzi spa and seating area.

Refitted in 2018, no expense has been spared with quality finishes and the greatest technology fitted throughout the ship. She accommodates 8 overnight guests in 4 staterooms, which include a Master Cabin complete

with king size bed, a VIP and a Queen guests cabins, and a Twin with 2 single beds.

Hosts: 8 Guests

Explores: Australia East Coast

LENGTH: 42m

Tender and Watersports

- 2 x Seadoo GTI jet skis (for riders over 21 years of age)
- 1 x 6.1m Brig Tender with a Honda 150 hp (2016)
- 2 x Sea kayaks
- 2 x Standup paddleboards (rigid) and 2 x inflatable
- 1 x wakeboard
- Towable toys
- Dive compressor and equipment (rendezvous)
- Fishing & Deep-Sea Fishing equipment, Spearfishing equipment

Masteka 2



MASTEKA 2 is an elegant superyacht with expedition capabilities. Nominated for superyacht of the year in the 30-40m category 2009, her Dubois styling shines in every aspect of her design.

This world-standard luxury charter yacht with an Australian and South Pacific focus, provides charters to the highest international level with the added bonus of unbeatable local knowledge. Her incredible journeys have so far taken her to the East Coast of Australia (Sydney and the Whitsunday Islands since 2011), and further afield to the South Pacific Islands: New Caledonia (in 2018 & 2019), and the Fijian Islands since 2013. From fishing charters, rendezvous diving with knowledgeable instructors, cultural interactions in traditional villages, she is the perfect platform to create unforgettable memories.

MASTEKA 2's expansive deck space, sleek lines and great layout make her an elegant and functional choice. She is seaworthy enough to comfortably cruise long passages, compact enough to take guests right up close to all the hidden wonders of the Pacific and spacious enough to give each guest their own slice of paradise.

Hosts: 12 Guests

Explores: Sydney & The Whitsundays

Length: 37m

Tender and Watersports

- 1 x Custom Castoldi tender 16' 125 HP diesel jet
- Wakeboard
- Inflatable Paddle Boards

- Kneeboard
- Inflatable Kayaks – double and single
- Snorkelling & diving equipment
- Gym equipment

Settlement



Built-in Great Britain by the famous British yard Sunseeker International to RINA class LY3, SETTLEMENT was delivered in 2015 as one of the yard's highly successful 115 Sport Yacht models. Her new Owners took great pride introducing her to the Australian charter market. The interiors are fitted with signature black American walnut panelling, accommodating 10 guests in 5 cabins: a Master cabin on the Main Deck, full-width with a private ensuite and jacuzzi bathtub, two large doubles and two twins (both which can be joined up to form double beds), all with modern entertainment centres and ensuite bathroom facilities.

The open-plan saloon has extensive seating on cream coloured settees with black lacquered coffee tables, a full wet bar and an entertainment centre including a 55-inch television screen and a System Orca sound system. A special feature is her port and starboards sea balconies, opening up to each side of the Main Salon an accessed via sliding patio doors. Forward is a formal dining area with seating for up to 10 guests. The aft cockpit is fitted with everything needed for al fresco entertaining and dining, leading down to the garage and swim platform, where all the water-fun resides!

Upon the flybridge are two helm positions, custom bar, Jacuzzi with vast surrounding sun pad areas, seating and dining areas, sheltered by a retractable hardtop.

Hosts: 10 Guests

Explores: The Whitsundays

Length: 34.60m

Tender and Watersports

- 1 x 5m Williams diesel jet tender
- 1 x 7.5m Boston Whaler (25')
- 2 x Sea-Doo Jet Skis
- 2 x Sea Bobs
- 4 x full sets of scuba diving equipment, BCD's, computers etc, with dive compressor
- Inflatable air deck 6m x 3m
- Stand up paddleboard
- 6 x spear guns
- Fishing equipment, fishing rods for both trolling and bottom fishing, light and medium tackle
- Towing tubes and inflatable toys

Oneworld



Launched in February 2018 ONEWORLD is proudly the newest superyacht on the Australian charter market. With a spacious modern interior and large expansive deck spaces, ONEWORLD caters to large corporate and entertaining groups right down to more private and exclusive holidays.

ONEWORLD can host up to 120 guests for events, serving as the perfect venue for that unique product launch, corporate gathering, Christmas Parties, Weddings as well as milestone birthdays & anniversaries. Overnight, she can accommodate up to 12 guests in five luxuriously appointed guest suites each with their own ensuite bathroom and state the art entertainment systems. Let the on-board chef take you on a culinary adventure tailored just for you or experience the watersports activities on board including the giant inflatable slide! The possibilities on ONEWORLD are endless.

Hosts: 12 Guests

Explores: Sydney & The Whitsundays

Length: 31.5m

Tender and Watersports

- Tender: 1 x Gemini 650 (6.5m) wave rider with a ski pole
- 1 x Seadoo Spark jetSki
- 2 x Standup Paddleboards
- Funair slide
- Funair splash mat (1.5m x 6m)
- Snorkelling for kids and adults
- Rendezvous diving only
- Inflatable toys

- Fishing gear (light fishing)

Beluga



BELUGA is an explorer-style motor yacht, custom-built by Moonen in 2006 and last refitted 2011. She was built as a go-anywhere yacht with 4,000 nm range, a robust elegant style, a wide beam, and therefore unusually large volume for her length. She is currently based in Port Douglas, the perfect getaway to the Great Barrier Reef experiences (55minutes drive North of Cairns International Airport).

BELUGA's interior layout sleeps up to 10 guests in 5 staterooms, including a master suite, 2 double cabins (with splitting wall which creates 2 single beds in each cabin), 2 twin cabins and 2 pull-man beds. She carries up to 7 crew onboard to ensure a relaxed luxury yacht experience. Timeless styling, beautiful furnishings and sumptuous seating feature throughout her living areas to create an elegant and comfortable atmosphere.

Did you know the North of the Great Barrier Reef is the only place on Earth where you can swim with dwarf minke whales? Each year, during the months of June and July, the Minke whales enter their winter playground in Australia. This experience is one of the planet's most captivating and memorable encounters with Mother Nature.

Hosts: 10 Guests

Explores: Port Douglas, Whitsundays & The Great Barrier Reef

Length: 34.7m

Tender and Watersports

- BELUGA operates with her own 40ft Assegai-built chase boat fully equipped for all types of fishing, scuba, snorkelling which is included in the standard charter fee (MV MINKE)

- 2 x Tenders 4.3m Swift Mirage RIB 60hp
- 2 x brand new F5 Seabobs (4 power levels)
- Diving equipment including a dive compressor
- Snorkelling gear
- Fishing gear
- Waterskis, wakeboard, doughnut, banana
- 2 x SUP
- Gym equipment: Yoga mats, bench press chair with dumbbells

Mohasuwei



With her distinctive Italian styling, MOHASUWEI offers a luxurious and contemporary platform for your next luxury escape. After an extensive interior refit by the current owners in 2018, MOHASUWEI features a sophisticated and luxurious yet relaxed interior, perfect for both day/event or liveaboard charters.

Step on the aft deck, and instantly sense welcome on board. The perfect balance of pale furnishing with mat-styled teak wood throughout creates an atmosphere of relaxation and calls for contemplation. The interior space features multiple living areas including a large main salon filled with light, comprising of comfortable lounges, and further entertainment area which can also transform into a dining space. As you walk further through you discover a dedicated cinema room complete with plush sofa and surround sound system. Heading down the stunning wooden stairs and leather-coated handrails, MOHASUWEI's cabins will offer the most peaceful rest needed after a day of activity. The stunning guest quarters accommodate 8-10 in 4 luxurious cabins, each with its own private ensuite.

A unique feature throughout MOHASUWEI's interior is the selection of playful and distinctive collector pieces from renowned 1960's photographer Terry O'Neill. Walking through to the bridge and out to the large sun deck, you are greeted by panoramic views of your surroundings. Last but not least, the impressive beach club allows guests to step straight into the water from the comfort of MOHASUWEI's large swim platform.

Hosts: 8 Guests

Explores: Australia East Coast

Length: 33m

Tender and Watersports

- 10m Technohull tender (8 guests comfortably), perfect for watersports and speed!
- Aqua Lily Pad
- Inflatable and towable tubes, ski biscuit
- Snorkelling equipment for adults and children

Aurora



Built-in steel and aluminium by Dutch yard Moonen to a design by Rene van der Velden, she was delivered in 2004 fully equipped for extended sea voyages. An interior in high gloss cherry wood accommodates up to 8 guests in 4 cabins: a Master Cabin, a VIP and 2 Twins to port and starboard (with a shared ensuite) – all located on the lower deck.

A generous main saloon has a lounge area with comfortable seating, panoramic windows and an entertainment centre including a satellite TV and surround sound system. The dining table seats up to 8 guests comfortably, opposite the galley which can be closed off with an electrically operated panel, or left opened for interaction with the Chef.

The exterior offers several areas for outdoor entertainment, including the aft deck with built-in upholstered seating and shade from the sun, and an expansive flybridge with a bar, gourmet grill and fridge. Plenty of sun lounging sofas offer the ultimate relaxing afternoon on board, whilst the watersports are being enjoyed from the swim platform on the aft deck. AURORA is offered with a range of snorkelling gear and inflatable toys for kids and adults alike, as well as basic gym equipment for these active mornings.

AURORA will spend the summer months in Sydney Harbour and relocated to the Whitsundays for the cooler months. She is available for events, short and liveaboard charters through Ocean Alliance.

Hosts: 8 Guests

Explores: Australia East Coast

Length: 26m

Tender and Watersports

- Tender: Novurania 430 DL
- Engine: Yamaha 2 Stroke 70 HP, built: 2002
- 1 x 2-man sitdown jetski (for guests with PWC licence)
- 4.5m Funair inflatable slide (setup from port aft sundeck)
- 1 x Fliteboard (for adults only and under supervision of the crew)
- Toys: Donut, Wakeboard, waterskis, Various snorkel equipment, wetsuits.
- Snorkelling equipment
- Gym equipment: Dumbbells, 2x Yoga Mats

Infinity Pacific



One of the newest additions to the Australian charter market, INFINITY PACIFIC has already established a solid reputation and looks forward to welcoming you onboard! Built by Mondomarine in 2007, INFINITY PACIFIC's sleek profile conceals a voluminous five-cabin interior designed by Luca Dini and Frédéric Méchiche. Cool and clean styling abounds, with up to 10 guests easily accommodated in the master suite and four double cabins.

The main deck aft features a large semi-circular glass entranceway, offering spectacular views from the interior dining area. The sun deck includes a large Jacuzzi, vast undercover area with a full-service bar and wonderfully private seating and lounge options for perfect evenings aboard. The previous owner has maintained the yacht impeccably, working to create several redesigns and improvements over the years.

INFINITY PACIFIC's interior configuration has been designed to comfortably accommodate up to 10 guests, and she is also capable of carrying up to 8 crew onboard to ensure a relaxed luxury yacht experience. The large full-beam master stateroom is on the main deck forward. Upon entering, there is a private study with seating leading into the full-beam cabin space where there is a king-size bed, sofa, walk-in wardrobe and his and hers ensuite, offering a large central shower. On the lower deck are 2 spacious VIP guest cabins, each full beam, with queen size beds, sofa, desk and walk-in wardrobe. A further 2 cabins are port and starboard, with side by side twin beds.

INFINITY PACIFIC offers underway and zero speed stabilizers and has semi-displacement versatility with a range of up to 3,000-miles or speed up to 21 knots.

Hosts: 10 Guests

Explores: Sydney

Length: 40.2m

Tender and Watersports

- 8 person, 6-metre Novurania tender with 160hp diesel inboard engine
- 6-pax jacuzzi
- 5.8m Blow-up slide (offered to groups under 20 guests and weather dependent)
- 6 seater Seadoo floating lounge
- Lilly Pad
- Inflatable toys, Stand Up Paddleboards
- Fishing equipment (light fishing)
- Snorkelling gear
- Rendez-vous diving only

PERLE BLEUE



PERLE BLEUE set new standards of luxury, style and design when she was recognized in the Show Boats 2008 awards as the “best displacement yacht under 50m”, outshining many larger vessels in her class. PERLE BLEUE is renowned for her stunning interior décor by renowned designer Donald Starkey (inspired by 1930’s French Salons), unique art, beautiful use of natural materials and her magnificent deck spaces (more generous than many larger yachts). A one-of-a-kind yacht offering a unique experience for those who appreciate subtle beauty. Throughout the yacht, the eye is delighted by the use of natural textures, colours and the play of light.

PERLE BLEUE ’s friendly, experienced crew will assist you in maximizing the fun side of your holiday experience. The yacht carries an excellent array of toys and equipment for the enjoyment of guests of all ages and interests. Don’t forget to try the 51ft slide, the 3-person jet skis, seabobs, paddleboards that double as windsurfers, or any number of other great options!

After cruising many years around the Mediterranean, Caribbean and Bahamas, she recently arrived into Australia and is eager to show you these fantastic cruising grounds: from a long weekend in Sydney, to a week or more discovering the Whitsunday Islands, the Great Barrier Reef, or even further afield: PERLE BLEUE is undeniably the perfect choice for 1 or 2 families, 5 couples, or up to 8-10 individuals and will play host to your most cherished memories.

Hosts: 10 guests

Explores: Sydney & The Whitsundays

LENGTH: 38m

Tender and Watersports:

- 10m Intrepid tender with 2 x 300hp engines, 4.8m tender with 90hp engine
- 2 x jetskis (3 man), 2 x SeaBobs, 2 x stand up paddle boards, 2 x kayaks (2 man), Waterskis, wakeboards & tows, Waterslide, Snorkelling gear, Fishing gear
- Exercise equipment: treadmill (hidden under sun pad on aft sundeck), free weights, exercise mats and bands.

Dates & Pricing

Call for a quote.

Note: The Great Reef Census takes place between October - December 2021. Bookings are available between October - December 2021.

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