



*Welcome to the Whitsundays.....*

## **THE WHITSUNDAYS** **74 ISLANDS IN THE HEART OF** **THE GREAT BARRIER REEF**

**Itinerary for post AIME familiarisation 2010**  
**Thursday 4th – Saturday 7th March 2010**

### **74 ISLANDS - One Spectacular Business Event Destination!**

The Whitsunday Islands and Coast are the ideal Australian Business Event destination located centrally on the Queensland coast, in the heart of Australia's Great Barrier Reef. With its' exotic location, tropical climate, easy access, and variety of activities the Whitsundays is one of Australia's most enticing destinations for business and leisure.

The region boasts 74 islands, and internationally renowned natural icons – the world Heritage Great Barrier Reef, of course magical Heart Reef and Whitehaven Beach – one of the top ten beaches in the world. With world class resort and conference facilities, catering for groups of 10 to 1000 delegates, the opportunities are endless to create a unique and memorable experience for your next business event.

The Whitsundays experience is like no other with "74 Islands In the Heart of the Great Barrier Reef". We look forward to welcoming your next event to the beautiful Whitsunday region.

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## **ITINERARY:**

### **Day One - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

- 08.30am Depart Melbourne Tullamarine Airport Jetstar flight JQ860 direct to Hamilton Island.
- 10.55am Arrive at the Great Barrier Reef Airport Hamilton Island  
(On arrival you will be met by Tourism Whitsundays host Paula Boucher and Hamilton Island Host Julie Ford). Transfer to Reef View Hotel for private check-in, morning tea and time to freshen up.
- 12.00pm Lunch at Hamilton Island Marina on front street.
- 2.00pm Site inspection of Hamilton Island including accommodation, convention facilities and qualia, Australia's newest luxury resort.
- 4.30pm Transfer to Hamilton Island Marina to embark on Cruise Indigo's Banjo Patterson for a sunset sail through the Whitsunday Islands with nibbles.

Cruise Indigo is Hamilton Island's premier day cruise operator, offering a variety of tours throughout the Whitsunday Islands. They can cater from two people to one hundred people on our two stylish vessels, each with their own individual characteristics.

- 5.45pm Transfer back to Reef View Hotel to get ready for dinner.
- 7.00pm Meet in Reef View foyer for hosted dinner.

Hamilton Island offers the perfect setting for all types of corporate events including conferences, product launches, exhibitions and incentives. With the spectacular island location, convention facilities for 10 to 1000 people and a dedicated team of professionals to organise your event, Hamilton is the ultimate conference and incentive destination.

Accommodation: Hamilton Island Reef View Hotel

### **Day Two – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

#### **What to wear for today's activities:**

*Casual clothing, swimwear, hat, sunscreen and comfortable flat shoes.*

*(Pack a small day bag to take with you on our trip to Whitehaven beach)  
(NB Your main luggage will be travelling separately to tonight's accom venue)*

- 8.00 am Breakfast in the Pool Terrace Restaurant in the Reef View Hotel.
- 9.15am Porters to collect bags from rooms to be transported to Peppers Coral Coast and placed in your room prior to arrival later this afternoon.

Day Two – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010 continued

**Please check out**

9.30am Meet in Reef View Hotel foyer for transfer to marina for site inspection of Sunsail vessels and Ocean Dynamics for morning tea.

11.30am Board Fantasea Adventure Cruising Vessel.  
(Fantasea Host TBA)

On board BBQ lunch will be served as we cruise through the sheltered waters of the beautiful Whitsunday Islands to Whitehaven Beach with Fantasea Adventure Cruising.

Treat your guests to an amazing Whitsunday experience on board one of Fantasea's high speed air-conditioned catamarans that can cater for up to 600 pax.

Whitehaven Beach is one of the top 10 beaches in the world with pure white silica sand stretching for 7 kilometres.

5.30pm Return from Whitehaven to Peppers Coral Coast via Peppers bus.

6.00pm Check into accommodation.

7.00pm Meet at Reception for site inspection of the Resort.

8.00pm Hosted dinner at Tides Restaurant.

Accommodation: Peppers Coral Coast. Located in Queensland's famous Airlie Beach, the gateway to the Whitsundays, Peppers Coral Coast Resort Airlie Beach is the perfect venue for conferences, meeting and events.

With the capacity for 110 delegates theatre style, Peppers Coral Coast Resort offers premium conference facilities in a beautiful tropical setting certain to make an impact.

**Day Three – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**What to wear for today's activities:**

*Casual clothing, swimwear, hat, sunscreen and comfortable flat shoes.  
(Pack a small day bag to take with you on our trip to the reef)*

6.30am Breakfast at Tides Restaurant.

**(Please check out and bring all your luggage with you** as your luggage will be travelling with us to Hayman Island via Cruise Whitsundays vessel on today's reef trip. On arrival at Abel Point Marina we will be checking our luggage in for loading onto their reef trip vessel for unloading at Hayman on our trip out, where it will be placed into your room prior to our return to Hayman later this afternoon.)

7.00am Assemble in reception for transportation to Abel Point Marina.

7.10am Transfer from Peppers Coral Coast to Abel Point Marina.

*Day Three – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010 continued*

8.00am Depart Abel Point Marina aboard Cruise Whitsundays vessel bound for "the Great barrier Reef".

This morning you will be cruising out to the Great Barrier Reef with Cruise Whitsundays to explore one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

**Cruise Whitsundays Reef Trip** (Cruise Whitsundays host tbc).

Cruise Whitsundays takes you to Knuckle Reef Lagoon, a living reef with a snorkelling area boasting 85% live hard coral and the remaining 15% a combination of soft coral, sponges, algae and sea grass.

A sumptuous lunch will be served at the reef by our hosts Cruise Whitsundays.

Cruise Whitsundays is an exciting and innovative day cruise operator in the Whitsundays region, Queensland - Australia.

Run by an experienced tourism team, Cruise Whitsundays provides an exciting selection of day cruise experiences and activities that really make the most of this incredible part of the world - including the stunning Whitsunday Islands National Park and the Great Barrier Reef.

3.00pm Depart Knuckle Reef Pontoon for Hayman

4.45 pm You arrive at Australia's award winning island, Hayman. Hayman is Australia's leading resort and one of The Leading Hotels of the World. Check in to your accommodation.

*A departure letter confirming your launch departure time tomorrow and bag pick up time will be in rooms upon arrival.*

6.00pm Meet in the Lanai (main reception area) to begin your Resort tour.

*Day Three – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010 continued*

At the conclusion of the tour, enjoy pre-dinner drinks overlooking the Hayman beach.

Tonight you will join your Hayman hosts and enjoy a Hayman dining experience in one of over 30 of the magnificent dining locations on island, with after dinner drinks in the Club Lounge.

Accommodation: Hayman

Award-winning Hayman is the ideal setting for world-class business events. Hayman's unique resort ambience and inspiring tropical surrounds provide the perfect backdrop for small or large meetings, incentives and special events and individual reward programs.

## Day Four - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**What to wear for today's activities:**  
*Casual clothing suitable for travelling*

6.15am Enjoy a final Whitsundays breakfast at Azure.  
A perfect location to enjoy a private farewell breakfast.

*You will have received a departure letter the night prior advising of your confirmed departure details including luggage collection and departure time from the Central Lanai.*

### **Time as advised by Hayman in departure letter**

***Please check out and ensure your luggage is packed and ready for collection inside your door.***

Meet in the lanai for your launch departure.

Say a fond farewell to Hayman from their luxury launch as it takes you to Hamilton Island for your flight home.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

This itinerary, provided to you by Tourism Whitsundays, includes accommodation, tours, transfers and meals as specified. All other items and expenses of a personal nature, or noted "own arrangements" or "own expense" are to be met by the participant.

#### **We recommend you pack:**

- casual clothes for warm weather,
- comfortable shoes,
- sneakers,
- long trousers,
- a shirt with sleeves,
- a smart-casual outfit for evenings,
- a light jacket/cardigan/sweater (for out on the water),
- sunscreen,
- swimming costume,
- a hat,
- spending money,
- a camera and
- a big smile.

\*\* Beach towels will be provided for the duration of the trip. You will not need to bring your own. \*\*

Average daily temperatures in the Whitsundays are:

Month	°C	°F	Month	C	°F
January	31	88	July	23	73
February	30	86	August	25	77
March	29	84	September	26	79
April	28	82	October	28	82
May	26	79	November	31	88
June	24	75	December	31	88

Please note your itinerary arrangements do not include:

- a) Return flights to and from the Whitsundays
- b) Items of a personal nature (e.g. mini bar, videos, beauty salon)
- c) Laundry service
- d) Telephone, Telex, Fax or other communication costs
- e) Insurance
- f) Tipping
- g) Drinks and alcohol (unless specified otherwise)
- h) Meals - (unless specified as hosted)

**Contact Paula Boucher to lock in your space for your post AIME FAMIL with the below contact details.**

***Please Note: There is a cancellation fee of \$200.00 if cancellation occurs prior and inclusive of 2 weeks of the famil.***

**Warm Whitsundays regards**

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