

Suggested Itinerary (7 Night Charter)

Day 1. Airlie Beach to Nara Inlet

Arrive to base for your briefing at 9am. By midday you will be sailing to Nara Inlet on Hook Island – a distance of 13nm. Anchoring only with good holding in all conditions.

This beautiful Fjordlike inlet features ancient Aboriginal Cave paintings with a walk to lovely views back through the inlet. In the wet season, the inlet teems with waterfalls of all different sizes and is a magnificent sight and sound!

Day 2. Nara Inlet to Butterfly Bay via Langford Reef

Depart Nara Inlet for Butterfly Bay at the northern end of Hook Island. This is a distance of 11nm. If time permits and the tide is right, it is worth stopping at Langford Reef where you can pick up a moorings, walk the sand spit or snorkel.

Butterfly Bay is a great place to snorkel / dive. You will find public moorings (they have a 2hr time limit) or alternatively, you can drop anchor outside of the reef protection markers. There is an abundance of fish and corals here which can take you days to explore. In strong southerlies this anchorage can be gusty, so make sure your anchor is well set.

Day 3. Butterfly Bay to CATERAN Bay

Depart for CATERAN Bay located on the northern side of Border Island. A distance of 10nm. Public moorings are also found here, again with a time limit. You can drop anchor outside of the reef protection markers.

CATERAN Bay offers another great snorkeling spot with an abundance of underwater activity. Again make sure your anchor is well set if you don't have a mooring as in strong southerlies you can experience frequent bullets.

Day 4. CATERAN Bay to Whitehaven Beach

A short hop to Whitehaven Beach on Whitsunday Island. With a distance of 8.5nm, a stop at Tongue Point may be a good idea for the walk to the lookout over Hill Inlet.

Whitehaven Beach is a must do on everyone's itinerary. A 5km expanse of pure white silica sand, it truly is a breath taking beach. Can sometimes be a little rolly at night.

Day 5. Whitehaven Beach to Hamilton Island

A good stopover 10nm from Whitehaven Beach. If you are looking for an overnight resort experience, restock or re-water the vessel and get rid of rubbish. Dine out at one of the many restaurants.

Hamilton Island Marina berths need to be prebooked. Once you have your berth for the night you are free to take advantage of the island activities (and there are many).

Day 6. Hamilton Island to Cid Harbour

Another short sailing stint to Cid Harbour on the western side of Whitsunday Island which is a distance of 7nm. Cid Harbour (Sawmill Bay) has a lovely beach and for those who want some strenuous walking – take a hike to the top of Whitsunday Peak for spectacular views! For those who want something a little easier, then the walk around to Dugong Beach is lovely.

Day 7. Cid Harbour to Happy Bay (Long Island)

Located west of Cid, across the passage with a distance of 12nm.

Happy Bay has a Club Crocodile resort. There are moorings here but it is recommended that you drop anchor as the moorings are not maintained regularly. There is a good pool bar here and over 20kms of walking track to explore, along with island activities such as tennis, mini golf etc

Day 8. An easy sail back to Abel Point Marina of 11nm and our base by 10am for check out.