



Suggested 10 night itinerary for a start & finish at Airlie Beach

	Airlie Beach / Airlie Beach - 10 night	Nautical Miles
Day/night 1	Airlie Beach to Cid Harbour	14.5nm
Day/night 2	Cid Harbour to Whitehaven Beach	12nm
Day/night 3	Whitehaven to Cateran Bay	8.5nm
Day/night 4	Cateran Bay to Nara Inlet	10.5nm
Day/night 5	Nara Inlet to Daydream Island	10nm
Day/night 6	Daydream to Stonehaven	11.5nm
Day/night 7	Stonehaven to Butterfly Bay	4nm
Day/night 8	Butterfly Bay to Blue Pearl Bay	5.5nm
Day/night 9	Blue Pearl to Macona Inlet	11nm
Day/night 10	Macona Inlet to Woodwark	16nm
Day 11	Woodwark to Abel Point Marina	8nm

Cid Harbour (Whitsunday Island)

Sawmill Beach is a very good anchorage in anything except W-NW-N winds. In this case anchoring in Dugong Inlet is an option in all but West winds. Sawmill Beach has a great walking track which is not too strenuous around to Dugong Beach or if you are fit and have the whole day consider a walk to Whitsunday Peak for spectacular views over The Whitsundays. This anchorage is teeming with Turtles and you will also spot Sea Eagles and the occasional Dugong!

Whitehaven Beach (Whitsunday Island)

This 5km beach of pure white silica sand is extremely popular and a must to visit on everyone's itinerary. Can sometimes be roly at night and at dusk and dawn if on the beach watch out for the sandflies! Good in all breezes but N-NE.

Cateran Bay (Border Island)

Good in E-SE-S-SW breezes but can be a little roly as the wind easts. Best in lighter conditions. Great snorkeling and diving and a pretty beach accessible at high tide. There are public moorings in place here and anchoring is permitted outside of the reef protection buoys.

Nara Inlet (Hook Island)

Beautiful Fjord like inlet with the entrance on the starboard side as there is an extensive reef to port. Nara Inlet features ancient aboriginal cave paintings with a good bush walk and views over the inlet. Take a walk to the top of the waterfall which is spectacular after heavy rains. Anchoring only (no moorings) with very good holding and one of the best places for a sound night's sleep in all conditions.

Daydream Island Resort & Spa

There are moorings here which are located just outside the harbour entrance. This anchorage is not the best in windy conditions but the resort is well worth a visit especially if you want to treat yourself to a wonderful spa experience. There is a bar, restaurants, pool, outdoor aquarium, mini golf and outdoor cinema to enjoy.

Stonehaven (Hook Island)

This is a really good anchorage that has 10 or so Moorings to pick up. Anchoring is also possible however it will be in fairly deep water. This anchorage is known for it's bullets in strong breezes but does offer protection between NE-E-SE-S between 15 to 25 knots. There are some snorkel spots to be found here.

Langford Reef (Langford Island)

When approaching Langford from Stonehaven be very careful to negotiate your path between the special mark on the southern end of Black Island and the starboard mark on the SE edge of Langfords sand spit. There are moorings to pick here and very good snorkeling. Great lunchtime spot and walking along the sand spit which gets more exposed as the tide goes out is amazing. Protected in SW-S-SE to 15 knots.

Butterfly Bay (Hook Island)

This is a great bay to snorkel or dive. There are quite a few public moorings in these bays but anchoring can also be done outside of the reef protection markers. Bullets can be frequent in strong southerlies, so if anchoring make sure it is well set. From Butterfly you can also dinghy around to Maureens Cove for more beautiful snorkeling and diving. There is an abundance of fish and corals that can take you days to explore. Not a good anchorage in northerlies & fishing is not permitted.

Blue Pearl Bay (Hayman Island)

Can be reached easily from Langford, making sure you stay on the outside of Akhurst Island as you make your way into this anchorage. There are moorings to pick up and some great snorkeling and diving to be found in this popular anchorage. Protected from NE-E-SE 15-25kn this anchorage can get roly at times.

Macona Inlet (Hook Island)

Entrance to Macona is on the Port side. Almost as protected as Nara Inlet and has some nice sand beaches to explore. Good in all winds.

Woodwark Bay

Not often frequented by other boats but makes a good last night anchorage with only a short distance to Abel Point Marina. Good in E-SE-S-SW-W breezes 15-25 knots. Can get roly at times. Good fishing and exploring.

Other Whitsunday Resorts**Bauer Bay (South Molle Island Resort)**

Good in E-SE-S-SW 15-25kn. Can become roly as the wind swings more east. This resort has become a little rundown of recent times & caters to backpackers mostly, however is worth stopping at to stretch the legs and enjoy over 16 kms of walking tracks (some offer outstanding views). There is a fee to visit (currently \$22.00 to anchor in the bay) and they have such activities as squash, tennis and a 9 hole golf course, along with restaurant, bar and pool.

Happy Bay, Club Croc (Long Island Resort)

Good in NE-E-SE-S-SW 15-25kn. Can be a good first night or last night stop over. Moorings are available (currently \$55.00). There are 20kms of walking tracks for those wanting to stretch their legs or the on island activities include tennis, mini golf, jet skis, parasailing, volleyball etc. Have a meal in the restaurant or café or laze by the pool with a few drinks from the bar!

