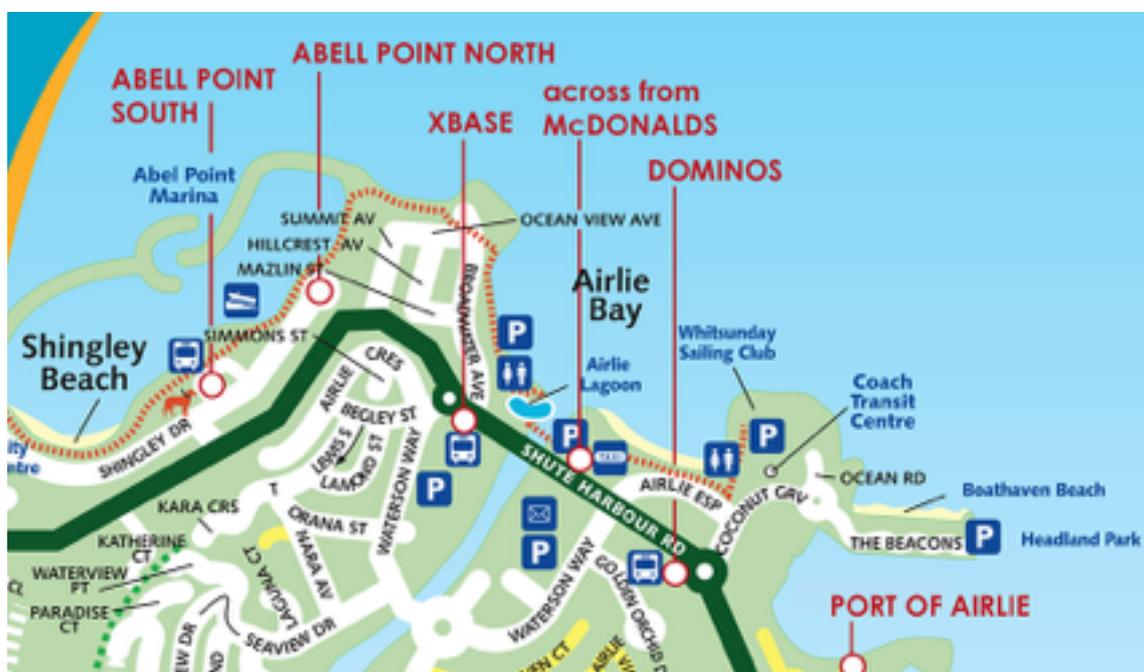




Guest Information **POWERPLAY**

1. **RECONFIRM:** Please **re-confirm** your arrival 72-48 hours with our check-in office or get your travel agent to re-confirm for you.
2. **CHECK-IN** at our Check-In Office "ABC Travel", 344 Shute Harbour Rd, main street Airlie Beach between X-Base and Garuma Restaurant: 2 hours prior to departure or any time before. Please contact them or your travel agent, should you run late.
3. **MEET** at the Coral Sea Abell Point Marina Kiosk North End, Shingly Drive, Airlie Beach, under the 4 white umbrellas by 12:30PM.

POWERPLAY DEPARTS 1:00PM. We are looking forward to welcome you.



TRAVEL ADVICE: The tour operator for Powerplay highly recommends travel insurance. This is important especially if you are on a tight schedule. Unstable weather can cause transport delays particularly in our summer (late summer) months. We do not refund or re-schedule tours for late arrivals. Your insurance should cover any costs of you not been able to make our departure. Medical travel insurance is also recommended. Travel insurance is widely available (e.g. <https://www.canstar.com.au/travel-insurance/>).

WHAT TO BRING & FAQs (by boat operator)

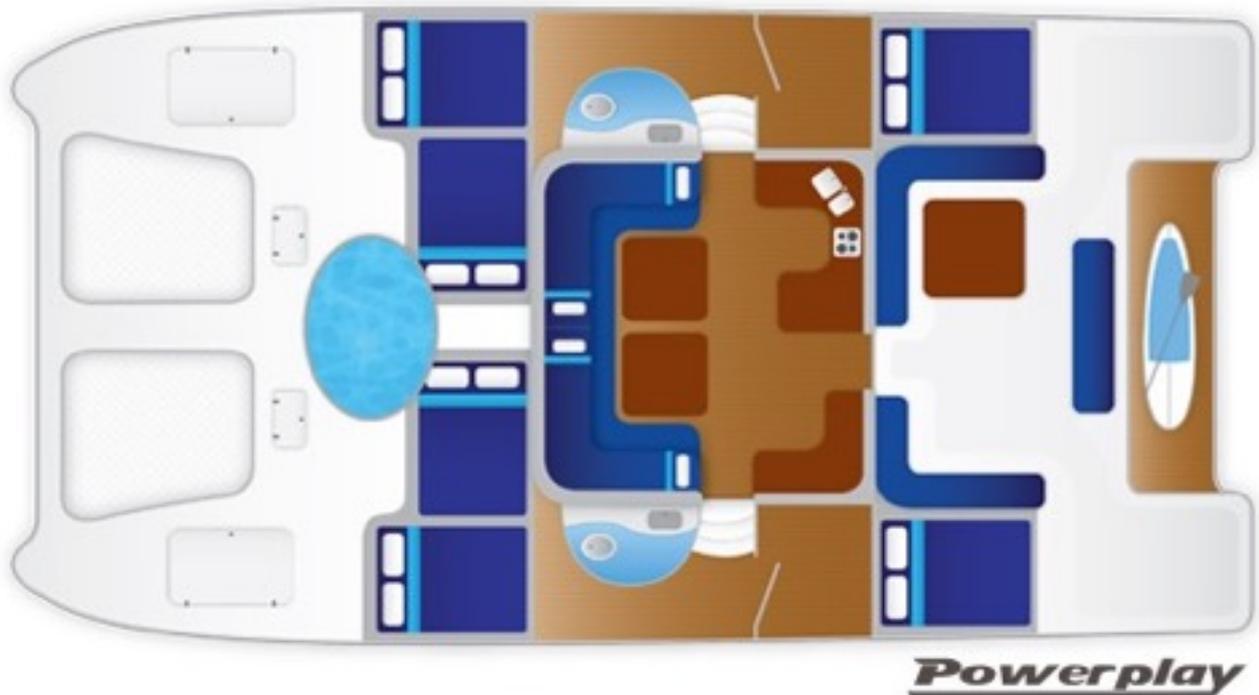
- You will not need much. Please bring all your things in a **small soft bag** (no roller suitcases or large backpacks). Luggage storage is available in many shops in downtown Airlie Beach or at 344 Shute Harbour Rd (main street Airlie) for \$5 per person per tour at time of release of this information.
- Foot ware: You will only need **flip flops or sandals** (no shoes worn aboard)
- Hat: The Tropical sun is very strong and a **Hat**, (with cord so it does not blow off).
- 30+ **sunscreen and sunglasses** are essentials; **Swim Wear**, bathers
- **Beach towel**, a bath towel and bed linen is supplied.
- **Warm clothing**: Especially in winter (2-3 long layers, socks). A rain jacket & jumper or **combination of fleece jacket and waterproof shell** is ideal.
- USB Charge Cord
- **Alcohol: BYO**, Bring your own CHILLED alcoholic beverages. No glass, no red wine. This is because glass is dangerous aboard a moving boat. Beers/Ciders in tin cans. Wine bottles are OK. Please buy cold beer, it is the same price. Chilling Facilities & Cups provided aboard free of extra charge. Our Code Of Conduct, Terms & Conditions apply.
- Reusable **water bottle** (not essential, but nice for the environment). The boats' water supply is safe to drink. Please refill your bottle from any bathroom tap (**it's all potable water**). Bottled water is available for a small fee aboard.
- **Food**: All meals are provided on board. First day catering starts with a snack platter. Please make sure you let us know of any **food allergies or dietary restrictions**. This is an adventure tour aboard a small boat with a camping size kitchen. Therefore we cannot cater for unnecessary diets.
- **Wear Glasses?** If you don't wear contacts but need glasses to see, we recommend you hire a prescription mask from the Aqua Dive Shop at the marina.
- Snorkel Suits: We **provide lycra suits**, these protect against jellyfish and sunburn.
- Snorkel Gear: **We provide masks and snorkels**. Bring your own gear if you have one fitted especially to you by a quality dive shop. We provide snorkel/watersports life vests, too.
- **Car Parking**: If you are leaving a vehicle during your trip, a car and motorhome park is at Coral Sea Abell Point Marina, Shingly Drive, Airlie Beach, public boat ramp area between Northern and Southern Marina This is a pay and display car park costing ~\$24 for 24 hours at release date of this information. Any free car parking needs to be sourced independently.
- **Weather**: We do not cancel boat charters because of rain or lack of sunshine. We conduct boating adventures and we make no promises as to what the weather will be like. If we cancel because conditions are unsafe, we endeavor contact as early as possible. Please provide contact details to your travel agent or the boat operator. More info on page 6.

What's Aboard? Boat Accommodation & Equipment

Powerplay is a power catamaran of 12.2 m length with a width of 7.8 m at the beam.

Sleeping Configuration:

2 x private double berth cabins, 4 x open shared double berthes, 4 x singles in the saloon and further bedding when converting the saloon tables. There are 2 x communal bathrooms consisting of 1 x shower, 1 x toilet, 1 x sink for all guests and crew.



Water: Powerplay Catamaran carries up to 600 litres of fresh water plus water bottles. This is regular tap water and safe to drink. While it is a lot of water for a boat, short (hot) showers of ~ 1 min are required in order not to run out quickly.

Watersports Equipment:

Snorkel Masks, snorkels, snorkel suits. The Aqua Dive Shop in the marina hires out additional equipment (prescription goggles, fins, suits) should you wish to do so. SUPs, Paddles, Inflatable Kayak. Please seek the crew's supervision before commencing water sports activities.

Spa: A small bubble bath is on the bow of the vessel.

Power: 12 V USB charge points are installed in the cabins and saloon and can be used to recharge phones or camera batteries. The skipper may decide to turn this facility off at times (in order to preserve the batteries).

Phone Reception: On the outside of the Whitsunday Islands (e.g. Whitehaven Beach) there is no phone reception as yet.

Additional Information

Seasickness:

Serious seasickness is pretty uncommon, occasionally people feel unwell for short periods but normally recover quickly. If you are dehydrated you are far more likely to suffer sickness. The best prevention against sea-sickness is to arrive well hydrated (with H₂O :) and fed.

Stress is another big cause, stress produces histamines which will make you susceptible, so don't worry about getting sick and you probably won't. Natural remedies like ginger tablets are helpful, However If you are really prone to motion sickness **see a doctor or a chemist and get medication well before the tour.**

DISABILITIES, PREGNANCY AND

MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

Please consult with the boat operator or your travel agent **prior to booking** if you have any medical condition, disability, are pregnant or are elderly. Our tours are adventure tourism. All travellers above 18 years of age are welcome as long as they are in a physical fit state, can easily climb a ladder up and down, swim 50m, walk 15 min, etc.

Powerplay cannot take guests with serious disabilities or medical conditions. We cannot take bulky gear aboard or provide medical equipment requiring electrical power. Our cancellation policy applies.

CHILDREN

Powerplay does not take children under the age of 18 years aboard regular tours. Please enquire for a private charter.

Jellyfish:

Irukandji jellyfish are nearly invisible and stings are relatively rare. They are not unique to the Whitsundays and are found throughout the asia pacific region.

Irukandji is the name given to a small species of cuboid jellyfish that cause the Irukandji syndrome. A tiny transparent jellyfish with a maximum bell diameter of just 12mm. All species of Irukandji are transparent and practically impossible to see in the water. Most Irukandji stings occur between October-May, with the average being around 10 stings per year for the whole Whitsunday region. In many other parts of the world operators simply do not inform guests of risks such as this. In Australia we are required to inform guests of the risks associated with adventure activities. Thousands of people snorkel Queensland reefs every week without being stung.

You will see jellyfish of various sizes and forms while snorkelling. Please keep in mind there are over 200 species of jellyfish in the Whitsundays area but only 1 rare type poses a risk to humans.

The real risks

During 10 years of operation and carrying thousands of guests, the tour operator only experienced 2 cases of irukandji stings and only very few people spotted a small shark. Most cases of medical drop offs have been pregnant women with anxiety disabled people unable to use the toilet. Serious sunburns and tendon injuries have occurred. Falling or tripping is guests' highest risk. Please make use of handholds and move around carefully. People suffering from general motion sickness can feel ill the entire tour and should take serious medication.

Panic attacks are the most common snorkel rescue reason. Please practise swimming and snorkelling before the tour if you tend to anxiety.

TOUR & BOAT INFORMATION

What do we do?

The tour does not have a set **itinerary** due to changing weather conditions. The course of itinerary can flip, e.g. Whitehaven in the morning, snorkelling in the afternoon and length spent for each activity can vary. Nature doesn't work like a swiss watch. The following is an example, the skipper will select the best snorkel and anchor spots for the day. Feel free to discuss the itinerary with him/her. We can visit Whitehaven Beach & Hill Inlet Lookout in all conditions.

- 1. Afternoon cruise from Airlie Beach to Whitsunday Island (snorkelling or other activity, night time anchorage)**
- 2. Voyage to Whitsunday Island (tender over to Whitehaven Beach, bush walk up to the Hill Inlet Lookout, time on Whitehaven)**
- 3. Voyage to southern End of Whitehaven Beach (2nd Lookout, time on Whitehaven)**
- 4. Voyage to Chalkies Bay (snorkel)**
- 5. Activities (snorkel, watersports, explore)**
- 6. Cruise back to Airlie Beach**

Every tour will have the opportunity to use the watersports equipment aboard (no extra charge, under supervision, weather permitting).

Cruising is one of our favourite activities and the boat is all for it. The Whitsunday Islands are a large area and a good part of the tour is getting from one spot to the next. Luckily this happens with the best constantly changing scenery going past. The more you watch it, the likelier you are to see some amazing wildlife.

A boat tour is a great opportunity to reconnect to nature not least of all your own human one.

What are the facilities aboard?

The tour operator's boats' interiors represent standard modern accommodation aboard a small ocean going vessel conducting backpacker tours.

The nature of boating dictates space to be limited. This means beds, bathrooms and storage cupboards are much smaller than in a regular hotel.

The boat is a moving vessel, unsecured items can roll onto the floor and become a trip hazard or potentially harm boat interior or humans. On deck there is further possibility of items being blown overboard or drenched in water.

Electricity: Small items like phones or camera batteries can be charged via 12V USB Charge Cord.

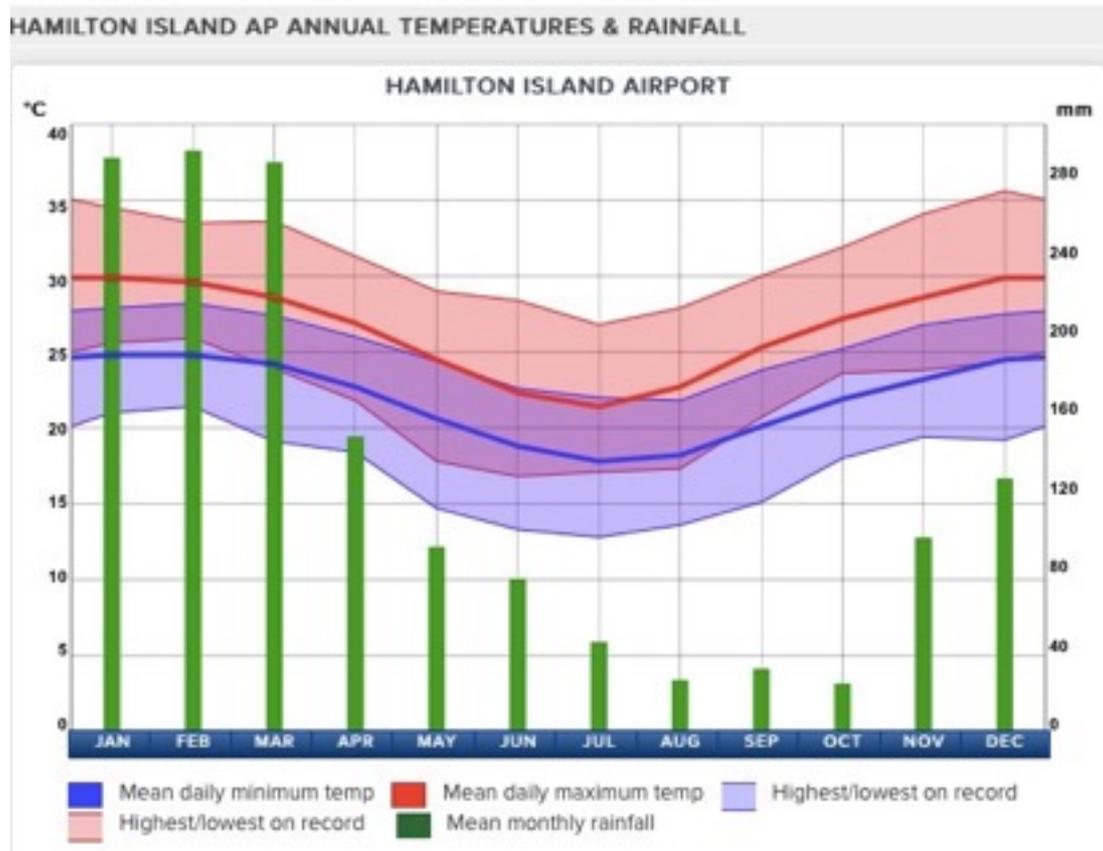
Water: The boat has around 600 litres of potable fresh water aboard. This allows for short showers only and considered water use. The showers have hot water.

Climate Control: The boat **does have air-conditioning downstairs in the starboard and port hull** (not in saloon). Fans are fitted throughout. Conditions are similar to when camping in summer. Make sure you are well hydrated and bring appropriate clothing. Late summer/early autumn are hot and humid in the Whitsundays. In winter bring at least 2 long layers including socks and beanie, however it never gets seriously cold in the Queensland Tropics.

Refridgeration and Glasses: The boat has a limited communal drinks cooling facility as well as cups.

WEATHER

The weather in the Whitsundays is generally very good all year round with fairly few days of rain compared to other parts of the world. The winters are warm and dry; the summers hot and tropical. The very best time of year is mid August to late October, however we run tours all year round without any off-season. Please find below some average weather data. It can be windless and sunny or rainy and windy on any day any month of the year in the Whitsundays. For any questions in regards to weather, please do not hesitate to contact your travel agent or the boat operator.



Hamilton Island Ap Climate

HAMILTON ISLAND AP LONG-TERM AVERAGES

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
Mean Max (°C)	29.9	29.6	28.6	26.9	24.5	22.3	21.4	22.7	25.3	27.2	28.6	29.9	26.4
Mean Min (°C)	24.8	24.8	24.2	22.7	20.6	18.8	17.8	18.2	20.1	21.9	23.2	24.5	21.8
Mean Rain (mm)	283.4	287.0	281.2	145.6	91.2	75.4	44.2	25.4	30.9	23.7	95.8	125.0	1506.3
Median Rain (mm)	289.4	286.4	149.3	143.2	65.4	38.0	25.9	9.9	9.1	10.0	24.8	55.5	1137.1
Mean Rain Days	17.9	17.1	18.0	15.2	14.1	12.3	11.2	7.1	6.1	5.1	8.5	9.7	136.3

HAMILTON ISLAND AP DAILY RECORDS

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
High Max (°C)	34.5	33.5	33.6	31.3	29.0	28.4	26.8	27.9	30.0	31.9	34.1	35.6	35.6
Low Max (°C)	25.6	25.9	23.9	21.8	17.8	16.8	17.1	17.3	20.7	23.6	23.8	24.4	16.8
High Min (°C)	27.9	28.2	27.4	26.0	24.4	22.6	22.0	21.8	23.8	25.2	26.8	27.5	28.2
Low Min (°C)	21.0	21.4	19.1	18.4	14.7	13.3	12.8	13.6	15.1	18.0	19.4	19.2	12.8
High Rain (mm)	266.0	233.2	149.2	91.2	87.6	69.8	51.8	45.0	90.6	38.8	233.2	159.8	266.0

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

Transfer Companies from/to Proserpine

Airport / Whitsunday Coast Airport:

- Whitsunday Transit: 07 4946 1800 or www.whitsundaytransit.com.au
- Whitsunday Transfers 0447 997 111 <https://www.whitsundaytransfers.com> or
- Whitsunday Taxis Ph: 131 008 or www.mackaytaxi.com.au or 13CABS, call 13 22 27
- further companies and AirB'n'B operators

Transfer Companies from/to

Hamilton Island Airport:

- Cruise Whitsundays Ferries 0749467000 <https://www.cruisewhitsundays.com>
- MARS Water Taxi 1800 202 909 <http://www.marscharters.com.au>

Transfer Companies from/to

Mackay Airport:

- Not recommended. Drive time to/from Airlie Beach is 2.5 hours one way.
- Car Hire Companies, e.g. Hertz
- Greyhound Bus

Accommodation

There are all levels of accommodation available in Airlie Beach. The tour operator is not affiliated with any accommodation house or hostel. Anywhere along Shute Harbour Rd, Waterson Way to Shingly Drive you will find yourself in flat easy walking distance from the check-in and tour departure point.

Lunch Options:

- A large supermarket which also sells sandwiches and salads is right behind McDonalds in the center of Airlie Beach.
- Subway Sandwiches is on Shute Harbour Rd towards Port of Airlie.
- There are several Sushi Take-Away options on Shute Harbour Rd.
- The Kiosk at the meeting point sells Sandwiches, Wraps, Pies and more.
- Restaurants can be found along Airlie Esplanade.

What to do while waiting?

- Walk the Bicentennial Walk. A scenic walk stretches along the foreshore from the Sailing Club through the Coral Sea Marina Resort up to Cannonvale Beach.
- Swim in the Lagoon: a public free-to-use swimming pool located in central Airlie Beach. You will find showers and public toilets at the Lagoon.
- Get last minute supplies. A large supermarket is just behind McDonalds, surf clothing shops are along the main street.
- Explore Port of Airlie. The port on the other end of town is quiet and peaceful with cafes and restaurants.
- Visit the Beaches: There is Boathaven Beach near Port of Airlie, Airlie Beach next to the Sailing Club, the small Lagoon Beach, Cannonvale Beach or Shingly Beach (has SUPs for hire).
- Bushwalk. There are the Airlie Creek Walk (Waterson Way) or the Honeyeater Walk (end of Kara Crescent) accessible from Airlie Beach.
- Visit the Markets. Every Saturday or whenever a cruiseship is in town, there is a market with plenty of local craft as well as local foods.