



Sample 7 night itinerary

	Airlie Beach - 7 night	Nautical Miles
Day/night 1	Airlie Beach to Nara Inlet	13nm
Day/night 2	Nara to Cid Harbour or Gulnare Inlet	8nm/14nm
Day/night 3	Cid/Gulnare to Hamilton Island	7nm/3nm
Day/night 4	Hamilton Island to Whitehaven Beach	10nm
Day/night 5	Whitehaven to Cateran Bay	8.5nm
Day/night 6	Cateran to Butterfly Bay	10nm
Day/night 7	Butterfly to South Molle or Palm Bay	14.5nm/20nm
Day 8	South Molle/Palm Bay to Airlie Beach	8.5nm/12nm

Nara Inlet (Hook Island)

Beautiful Fjord like inlet. Entrance is 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.

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!

Gulnare Inlet (Whitsunday Island)

This is a fully protected anchorage in all conditions. However, entry and exit to the inlet must be on a rising tide as there are a few shallow places to look out for on the way in. Anchoring is in deeper water. Refer to 100 Magic Miles for details on using a back bearing to navigate through the entrance. This inlet is great for spending hours exploring the mangrove creeks in the dinghy.

Hamilton Island Resort

This resort island is located in the middle of the Whitsunday group and can be a great mid charter stop over for many reasons. When staying in the marina you are free to use all the resort facilities (pools, restaurants, showers, etc) and there are a great many restaurants and cafés to choose from and a good range of activities to keep you amused. Fill up with water, top up the fridge & get rid of your rubbish. There is also a Doctors, General Store, Bakery, Bottle Shop, Bank, Post Office and many boutique clothing stores.

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.



Tongue Bay (Whitsunday Island)

This is a great anchorage to explore Hill inlet. There is a platform lookout, accessible by taking the dinghy around to Betty's Beach - which has great views over Whitehaven and the inlet. Not a good anchorage for N-NE-E winds.

Cateran Bay (Border Island)

Good in E-SE-S-SW breezes but can be a little roly as the wind eases. 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.

Butterfly Bay (Hook Island)

A great place 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.

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. The resort is now a backpacker resort. There is a fee to visit – just pick up a mooring and announce yourself at reception. They have such activities as squash, tennis and a 9 hole golf course, along with restaurant, bar and pool. If you just wish to visit the island purely for the 16kms of walking tracks (great views of the surrounding islands), then simply drop anchor and proceed inshore to the start of the track behind the resort.

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!

Daydream Island Resort & Spa

There are moorings here which are located just outside the harbour entrance (currently \$55.00). 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.

