



GREAT BARRIER REEF SUPERYACHT CRUISING GUIDE

| VESSEL SIZE | 35m or less ACCESS AREAS/SPECS | More than 35m to less than 70m ACCESS AREAS/SPECS | 70m + ACCESS AREAS/SPECS |
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| PAX | Passenger numbers are 12 and under (not including crew) | | |
| GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARKS | | | |
| PERMITS REQUIRED | All vessels operating commercially require a joint Marine Parks permit. Please ensure your application is submitted three months prior to when you want to access the Marine Park. A separate permit is required to commercially access National Park Islands (www.qld.gov.au) ¹ | | |
| REEF VTS | No | Yes if 50m or greater | Yes |
| Compulsory Pilotage | No | No but available in all areas | Yes in Inner Route, Hydrographers Passage and Whitsundays. ² |
| Zoning – commercial vessel | All zones except Preservation Zone (pink) | If under 50m - All zones except Preservation Zone (pink) If 50m or greater – General Use Zone (light blue) and designated shipping areas | General Use Zone (light blue) and designated shipping areas ² |
| Zoning – recreational vessel | All zones except Preservation Zone (pink) | All zones except Preservation Zone (pink) | All zones except Preservation Zone (pink) |
| Reef-wide anchorages | Designated anchorages are available reef-wide ² | | |
| PORT REGULATION / LOCATIONS | Contact Regional Harbour Master | Qld port pilotage >50m Contact Regional Harbour Master | Qld port pilotage >50m Contact Regional Harbour Master |
| WHITSUNDAYS ONLY (1% of GBRMP) ³ Use of tenders in accordance with Settings | | | |
| COMMERCIAL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area All settings except Setting 5. Outside a setting area <p>Refer to page 10 of SY Guide to Whitsundays ⁵</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area Setting 1 areas 21 superyacht anchorages with a booking 10 designated anchorages with a booking ² If under 50m – outside a Setting area If 50m or greater – outside a Setting area in General Use Zones only <p>Refer to page 10 of SY Guide to Whitsundays ⁵</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area 10 designated anchorages with a booking ² Outside a setting area <p>Refer to page 12 of SY Guide to Whitsundays ⁵</p> |
| PRIVATE (Recreational) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All settings (setting 5 only with vessel under 20 metres in length). Outside a setting area 21 superyacht anchorages without a booking <p>Refer to page 6 of SY Guide to Whitsundays ⁵</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting 1 areas 21 superyacht anchorages with a booking 10 designated anchorages with a booking Outside a Setting area <p>Refer to page 7 of SY Guide to Whitsundays ⁵</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 designated anchorages with a booking Outside a Setting area (General Use Zone Only) <p>Refer to page 8 of SY Guide to Whitsundays ⁵</p> |
| CAIRNS AREA ONLY (includes Lizard Island and Ribbon Reefs) (~6% of GBRMP) ⁴ Use of tenders in accordance with the Location | | | |
| COMMERCIAL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area All Locations Booking to Sensitive Locations Outside a Location | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area Reef anchorages Designated anchorages (with a booking) ² Outside a Location (General Use Zone Only) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit plus a booking to the Planning Area Designated anchorages (with a booking) ² Outside a Location (General Use Zone Only) |
| PRIVATE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Locations Outside a Location | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reef anchorages Outside a Location Designated anchorages (with a booking) ² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outside a Location Designated anchorages (with a booking) ² |
| TORRES STRAIT (All vessels from overseas require Biosecurity Clearance and Pratique prior to landfall) ⁶ | | | |
| COMMERCIAL | Local community permission | Local community permission and Pilotage available | Local community permission and Pilotage compulsory in Torres Strait and North East Channel |
| PRIVATE | | | |
| PORT REGULATION / LOCATIONS | | Port Kennedy pilotage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All foreign flag ships with LOA >35m transiting Hovell Bar All ships with LOA of 50m or more. | Port Kennedy pilotage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All ships with LOA of 50m or more |
| PERMITS REQUIRED | No specific permit in place at present but courtesy to get permission to anchor and land for all craft. For inhabited islands ⁷ . For uninhabited islands email admin@gbk.org.au | | |



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