

# TRAVEL INFORMATION

## VISAS

All travellers to Australia, other than Australian and New Zealand citizens, are legally required to hold a valid visa or an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) to travel to Australia. Please ask your travel agent or contact the nearest Australian Embassy/

Consulate in your country.

Participants of an event or conference in Australia may need to apply for a specific visa and delegates should contact the Embassy/Consulate with any inquiries.

Note also that the Australian Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs recommends that participants of international events held in Australia should apply for their visas well in advance of anticipated travel. This particularly applies to residents of non-ETA countries. For more complete visa information, you may wish to visit the Australian Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs website: [www.immi.gov.au/visit](http://www.immi.gov.au/visit)

## GETTING TO DAYDREAM ISLAND

Daydream Island is located within the Whitsundays Islands group on the northeastern coast of Queensland, Australia. **Delegates must travel by launch to reach the Island from the mainland (via Shute Harbour) or Hamilton Island.**

**BY AIR:** The Whitsundays are serviced by several domestic airports. The closest two are the Great Barrier Reef Airport on Hamilton Island and Whitsunday Coast Airport on the mainland at Proserpine.

Direct services operate from Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, with domestic and international connections via Brisbane, Sydney and Cairns airports. For airline schedules, contact your Travel Agent, Qantas or Virgin Blue.

Flying time to Hamilton Island is approximately:

- 1.5 hours from Brisbane
- 2 hours from Sydney
- 3 hours from Melbourne
- 1.5 hours from Cairns

Alternatively you may fly to Mackay and then take a bus to Airlie Beach. The bus service is provided by **CON-X-ION**, with departures from Mackay Airport at 10:30 and 16:30. The travel time is around 2 hours one-way and costs \$80 return (adults), \$40 (child. ie 3-14 yrs; <3yrs - no charge). For bookings contact **CON-X-ION** on (+61 7) 1300 308 718 or (+61 7) 5556 9888.

From Great Barrier Reef Airport (Hamilton Island) **Fantasea Cruises** meet flights for a comfortable 35-minute catamaran cruise to Daydream Island. From Whitsunday Coast Airport (Proserpine) regular Whitsunday Transit Coaches meet all flights for a 30-minute transfer to **Shute Harbour** where Fantasea Cruises provide a regular launch service to Daydream Island (see Launch information below).

Helicopter services are also available from Great Barrier Reef Airport and Proserpine. For enquiries, contact Heli-Reef on (+61 7) 4946 9102 or Aviation Adventures (+61 7) 4946 9988.

**BY ROAD:** The Whitsundays can be accessed by the Bruce Highway which covers the East coast of Queensland from Cairns to Brisbane. Depending on conditions, driving time to Shute Harbour via Airlie Beach is approximately 12 hours north from Brisbane and 8 hours south from Cairns. Regular coach services also operate into Airlie Beach. Secure Car Parking is available at Shute Harbour where Fantasea Cruises provide launch service (see Launch information below). For reservations and further information, contact Secure Car Parking on (+61 7) 4946 9666.

**BY RAIL:** Regular daily train services depart from Brisbane, heading North and from Cairns and Townsville heading South. A Whitsunday Transit Coach service is available from Proserpine Rail Station with launch connection from Shute Harbour to Daydream Island (see Launch information). For train timetables, contact your Travel Agent or Queensland Rail on (+61 7) 3235 1323.

**LAUNCH INFORMATION:** Fantasea Cruises operate regular services from Great Barrier Reef Airport (Hamilton Island) with a direct travel time by comfortable high-speed catamaran of 35 minutes (\$120 return) and from Shute Harbour with a travel time of 15 minutes (\$30 return). Prices as of 1 December 2004. Contact Fantasea for reservations on (+61 7) 4946 5111.

You may wish to book the ferry from Hamilton Island Airport when making your accommodation booking with Daydream Island Resort. The price is \$108 per person return. Please ask the reservations department for more details.

## QUEENSLAND

For further information on tours and travel options in Queensland, visit the Queensland Travel Centre website: [www.queenslandtravel.com.au](http://www.queenslandtravel.com.au).