



Lizard Island

Cairns & Great Barrier Reef

Remote luxury at its best

As one of Australia's most northern island resorts on the Great Barrier Reef, Lizard Island, is as famous for its seclusion as it is for its scenery.

This island is home to one resort that's set amongst 1,013-hectares of National Park, all just 240 kilometres (150 miles) north of Cairns.


Everything about this five-star resort is geared towards delivering a luxury experience in nature, with 40 luxury villas, each mere footsteps from the beach.

From the iconic natural landscape, architectural villas, food philosophy and onsite day spa - make no mistake, Lizard Island is a luxury island escape like no other.

Spend your day absorbed in Lizard Island's natural beauty, whether it's exploring the island's 24 private white beaches or taking the challenging, four kilometre walk to the island's summit to drink in unparalleled views of the Coral Sea.

Take advantage of the fact Lizard Island is entirely fringed by reef, exploring the natural wonders of the underwater world that surrounds. Beneath the impossibly blue water, clam gardens, vibrant coral and abundant marine life all await, just steps off the island's shore.

Further afield (one hour's boat ride from Lizard Island), dive tours take Lizard Island guests to some of the world's best dive sites like the Cod Hole, known for its friendly potato cod residents.

 **Take a one-hour scenic flight from Cairns to find Lizard Island.**

Luxury Lodge of Australia

Lizard Island forms part of the Luxury Lodges of Australia, a collection of the best high-end lodges and camps across Australia.

Experiences that elevate

Dive in

Make the most of Lizard Island's position by diving into the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef.

Sitting 27 kilometres off the coast, when you take a dive tour from Lizard Island, you'll spend more time exploring the reef, than on a boat getting to it.

From Lizard Island, choose between half-day dive and snorkel excursions to the Inner Reef and full-day dive and snorkel excursions to the Outer Reef. Find the iconic Cod Hole, rated one of the world's best dive sites, just 45 minutes from Lizard Island. It's here you can hand feed the colossal potato cod, some of which grow up to 100kg in size.



Learn to scuba dive, undertake a PADI refresher course or referral course right here on the Great Barrier Reef.

Snorkel an icon

Step right offshore into the underwater amusement park that is the Great Barrier Reef. Find the clam garden a few freestyle strokes from Watson's Bay, promising colourful coral and marine life.

Other spots offshore for snorkelling include Anchor Bay and Sunset Beach, which both resemble an underwater aquarium.

If you'd prefer a guided beach snorkel rather than self-guided snorkelling, join the marine team at Lizard Island to learn about the fish, coral and other marine life that inhabit the fringing coral gardens.

For those that don't want to get wet, a glass-bottom boat can take you to the Clam Gardens in Watson's Bay.



Lizard Island offer a complimentary 30-minute snorkelling lesson for all guests.

Treat yourself

Cocoon yourself with a spa ritual at Essentia Day Spa, Lizard Island's very own spa sanctuary.

On the spa menu, you'll find everything from full body massages, skin rituals and facials.

For a true wellness escape, let Lizard Island turn up the relaxation dial, with a Healthy Lifestyle Package which includes yoga and meditation classes, spa treatments and a specially-crafted healthy menu.



Download the full treatment menu:
lizardisland.com.au/experiences/spa

On the menu

The luxury focus of this island extends to the daily menu, which heroes fresh, local produce sourced from the coast, hinterland and waters of Tropical North Queensland.

With most produce arriving on daily flights to the island, seasonality drives the exceptional food found on Lizard Island.

- For simple and relaxed fare, choose Salt Water Restaurant, which enjoys 180-degree ocean views and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.
- For a Beachside Degustation you won't forget, enjoy a seven-course degustation at Anchor Bay.
- Sip back and relax with sundowners the Lizard Island way at Driftwood Bar.
- Casual dining is dished up at The Marlin Bar, the only public bar on the island.



Discover more:
lizardisland.com.au/wine-and-dine

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Getting to Lizard Island



From Cairns, take an hour-long scenic flight over the Great Barrier Reef and enjoy a bird's eye view of this World Heritage-listed icon.

Getting to Cairns



Both domestic and international flights arrive into Cairns Airport and connect via personal transfer to charter flights to Lizard Island.

When to visit

Expect tropical conditions all year around with an average, daily temperature of 27 degrees. With a weather forecast primed for water-based activities 365 days a year, whether you visit Lizard Island in summer or winter or in between, an idyllic island awaits.

Picnic somewhere truly remarkable

With over 24 private beaches at your doorstep, take one of the dinghies out for a day of exploring, and ask chef to prepare you a private picnic hamper (no extra charge).

With a gourmet hamper prepped for a Robinson Crusoe-inspired adventure, motor to find your very own beach on the island or have one of the team drop and pick you up, for a day like no other.



Levels of Lizard Island luxury

Choose between a variety of elegant and luxurious villas, rooms and suites, with four different grades, on this Great Barrier Reef island.

The Villa is the pinnacle of the Lizard Island accommodation offering, sitting atop the island's ridge line, with the accommodation enjoying uninterrupted views of Sunset Beach and the Coral Sea.

Coral Sea views equally make a stay at **The Pavilion** memorable, combining complete privacy with a 270-degree panorama of Anchor Bay, Osprey Island and Sunset Beach.

For accommodation with direct beachfront access, the **Beachfront Suites** each have their own private pathway leading directly to the beach, while the **Garden View Rooms and Suites** look out to the tropical setting.

The **Oceanview Villas** leverage their elevated position to soak in the sea views over Anchor Bay and Sunset Beach.

Regardless of which option you book, each stay includes daily gourmet meals, drinks (including basic spirits), access to motorised dinghies to explore the surrounding secluded beaches, paddle board, kayak and snorkel hire.

For more information about Cairns & Great Barrier Reef, please visit:

teq.queensland.com/au/en/trade/places-to-see/visit-cairns-and-great-barrier-reef

For further resources including other factsheets please visit:

teq.queensland.com/au/en/trade/trade-tools-and-resources/sales-tools

Need to know

Children

Children over 10 years of age are welcome at the resort.

Sustainability

Sustainability is at the forefront of the operations on Lizard Island, with the property treading lightly on its iconic environment. To hear how Lizard Island protects the Great Barrier Reef, join the Lizard Island Research Station for an educational presentation about the reef's greatest threats.

Beyond a tour, the environmental commitment of the resort is evident throughout the guest experience, with the island removing all plastic straws and bottles.

Behind the scenes, environmentally-friendly practices like recycling and waste handling ensure the resort preserves the natural environment it sits within.

What to pack

While there's no formal dress code on island, pack smart casual wear for the day and relaxed evening wear for night. Suitable footwear for beach and island walks is a must - especially if you intend to hike to Cook's Look (the summit). Don't forget an underwater camera to capture the island's main attraction, the Great Barrier Reef.

Wi-Fi and mobile reception

While there is complimentary Wi-Fi in the resort's guest rooms, Lizard Island's remote locations means there is no mobile phone reception, meaning this is a place you can truly escape it all.

