

# Immerse yourself in reef life



**Heron Island**  
GREAT BARRIER REEF



## Location

Covering 18 Hectares, Heron Island lies on the Tropic of Capricorn (23° south of the equator), 72 kms NE off the coast from Gladstone, Queensland. 534kms north of Brisbane. 1,183kms south of Cairns.

## Getting There

- Regular flights are available from all Australian capital cities to Gladstone.
- Chopperline departs Gladstone Airport for Heron Island daily at scheduled times.
- A daily launch service departs Gladstone Marina for Heron Island once a day.



On Heron Island, the emphasis is on enjoying natural beauty. Set amongst a dazzling parade of aquamarine waters, shimmering white sand beaches and colour-splashed reefs teeming with life. Here you can explore the reef, encounter extraordinary marine life and discover the attractions that have made Heron famous around the globe — like some of the best diving in the world.

### Accommodation. Total of 109 rooms all featuring:

• Balcony or terrace • Ceiling fan • Refrigerator • Tea & coffee making facilities • Beach towels • Alarm clock • Ironing facilities • Ensuite with shower • Hairdryers • Umbrellas • To help guests leave the outside world behind, televisions and telephones, while available on the island, are not found in guest rooms (telephones are available in Point Suites, Wistari Suites and the Beach House).

### Beach House

Located beachside and set within a grove of trees, the Beach House offers filtered ocean views and a private boardwalk, providing direct access to the beach. With only one Beach House on offer, it couldn't be any more exclusive. It offers maximum privacy and is just a short stroll away from the central resort facilities and restaurant. The Beach House is air-conditioned and features a separate bedroom and spacious en-suite including a luxurious bath and shower. The expansive living area features an oversized sofa, work desk and opens out onto a private patio with outdoor furniture and shower. Other room features include a mini-bar; a CD player; turn-down service and canapés.

### Wistari Suites

Wistari Suites enjoy secluded garden setting with ocean views and offer maximum privacy. Interiors are spacious and include a living area with a sofa armchair and a separate sleeping area with King Size bed. Wistari Suites are air-conditioned and boast a mini-bar and CD

player in the room. A private outdoor terrace features wooden furniture and a two-person hammock. The Suites are a short stroll away from the central resort facilities, beach and walking tracks and also include a turn-down service and canapés.

### Point Suites

Point Suites are positioned with uninterrupted views of the reef and magical sunsets over the ocean. Point Suites are spacious and include a large en-suite and separate dressing room. A generous living area extends through glass doors to an extensive outdoor terrace with sun lounges. From there you can walk out onto the lawn and resort gardens. Suites are air-conditioned and enjoy a range of in-room comforts including a mini-bar, a CD player; turn down service and Canapés.

### Heron Beachside Rooms

Beachside Suites offer spectacular views over Heron Reef and are set in a prime beachside location with direct access to the beach and reef. Double glass sliding

doors fill the room with natural light and connect both the spacious bedroom and separate living area with a large outdoor balcony. The living area features two beds, comfortable armchairs, coffee table and desk. The Suites offer a large bathroom, mini-bar and a CD player.

### Reef Rooms

Reef Rooms are positioned close to the beach and offer reef and water views through a canopy of beachside trees and shrubs. Reef Room interiors are light and comfortable with a living-area extending outdoors to a balcony or garden. Family room configurations are available.

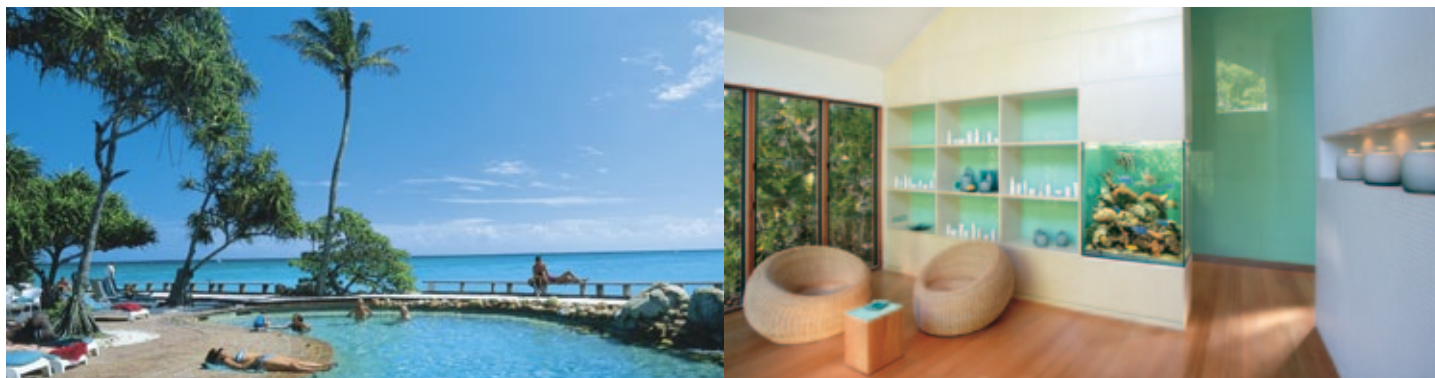
### Turtle Rooms

Turtle Rooms are located in a garden setting, a short walk away from the beach and close to the central resort facilities. With two rooms per block, all Turtle Rooms are at ground level and feature a deck and outdoor area. Rooms are compact and interiors are bright and fresh. Family room configurations are available.

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## Check-in / out times

Check-in 2:00pm / Check-out 10:00am.

Note: Heron Island operates 1 hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST) all year round.

## Climate

Subtropical climate, average year round temperature of approximately 26° C (78° F).

## What To Bring

Casual resort style for daytime, smart casual for after 6:00pm. Also include suitable footwear for beach and island walks.

## Meetings, Conferences & Incentives

The Wistari Conference Room overlooks the Great Barrier Reef and provides a great meeting environment where delegates can enjoy the natural wonders of the coral cay in their spare time.

## Restaurant and Bar Facilities

### Shearwater Restaurant

At Shearwater, both breakfast and lunch are buffet style on the deck with views of The Coral Sea. You can enjoy a three-course 'table d'hote' menu for dinner five days a week and try an 'Aussie BBQ' on Tuesday nights and a selection of local seafood presented on a Seafood Buffet on Saturday nights. We also cater for special diets and special requests. Picnic hampers you can enjoy anywhere on the island are a popular favourite.

### Pandanus Lounge & Baillie's Bar

The Bar & Lounge are the place to relax with a cold drink after a warm day. The complex is designed to make the most of panoramic reef views, with an outdoor terrace, a cocktail bar, entertainment lounge, dance floor and a mezzanine level library area. Any time is a good time, open from 9:30 am till late.

## Activities

### Complimentary

- Guided reef walks (operate daily subject to tides)
- island ecology walks • guided birdlife walks
- stargazing • wildlife presentations • snorkelling lessons in the swimming pool • tennis (night & day) and table tennis • nature slide show presentations • trivia night
- marine documentary.

### Charges Apply

- Snorkelling excursions to the reef edge • semi-submersible coral viewing cruises • commentary by reef interpreter • scuba diving • night dives • adventure dives • diving & fishing charters • Discover Scuba (1 day resort course) • PADI dive courses • fishing trips
- scenic helicopter flights • Sunset wine & cheese cruises • wine & cheese tastings • day spa • turtle viewing (peak nesting times) • pool tables
- Heron Kids Junior rangers Program (7–12 years inclusive) available during Australia eastern seaboard school holidays.

Please note: Some activities including dive and snorkelling are subject to weather conditions and wildlife restrictions.

### Aqua Soul Spa

After a day of energetic activity, relax and unwind in the harmonious Aqua Soul Spa. The healing properties of marine elements and natural botanicals combine to create positive influences that uplift the spirit. Indulge the senses with a facial, body treatment or massage. Bookings are essential and charges apply.

## Services & Facilities

- Reception is open from 8:30am to 7:00pm during Spring/Summer and from 8:30am to 6:00pm during Autumn/Winter • wireless internet • major credit cards accepted • foreign exchange and traveller cheques cashed • safety deposit facilities • internet kiosk • postal service • public telephones • daily activities program
- flora & fauna reference literature • departure showers
  - swimming pool • board games • resort boutique
  - guest laundry service and facilities • marine parks interpretive centre • registered nurse and first aid clinic.

## Access

### Air Connections

Via Gladstone with QantasLink and Strategic Airlines. A 30 minute helicopter flight from Gladstone Airport to Heron Island is operated by Chopperline. Baggage allowance for helicopter transfers is limited to one suitcase and one small carry-on item of hand luggage. A limit of 15kg per person applies. Storage for excess luggage is available at the airport free of charge. All flights are subject to change without notice due to weather conditions.

### Sea Connections

A courtesy coach departs from Gladstone Airport at 10:15am daily to Gladstone Marina, to connect with the Heron island launch service. The launch departs Gladstone Marina at 11:00am and returns at 3:45pm. There are no launch transfers on Christmas day. The launch trip from Gladstone to Heron Island takes approximately 2 hours each way. All launch transfers are subject to change without notice due to weather conditions.

**Please note there is no mobile phone coverage on Heron Island.**