

SAMPLE ITINERARY FOR A 5 NIGHT CHARTER

	AIRLIE BEACH – 5 NIGHTS	NAUTICAL MILES
Day/night 1	Airlie Beach to Nara Inlet	13NM
Day/night 2	Nara Inlet to Butterfly Bay	12NM
Day/night 3	Butterfly Bay to Whitehaven Beach	18NM
Day/night 4	Whitehaven Beach to Hamilton Island	10NM
Day/night 5	Hamilton Island to Cid Harbour	7NM
Day 6	Cid Harbour to Airlie Beach	15NM

This itinerary is based on predominantly south – south easterly breezes. In a northerly Butterfly Bay and Whitehaven Beach may only be goof for a lunch stop and not an overnighiter. Alternative anchorages in these instances could be Stonehaven or Macona Inlet instead of Butterfly Bay and Chance Bay/Turtle Bay as an alternative to Whitehaven Beach.

NARA INLET

Beautiful fjord like inlet. Entrance is on the starboard (right) side as there is an extensive reef to port (left). 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.

BUTTERFLY BAY

A great place to snorkel or dive. There are quite a few public moorings in these bays, but anchoring can also be don’t outside of the reef protection markers. Bullets (wind gusts) can be frequent in strong southerlies, so if anchoring make sure is it well set. From Butterfly Bay you can also dinghy to Maureen’s Cove for more beautiful snorkelling and diving. There is an abundance of fish and corals that can take you days to explore. Not a good anchorage in northerlies and fishing is not permitted.

TONGUE BAY

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 Beach and Hill Inlet. Not a good anchorage for N-NE-E winds.

WHITEHAVEN BEACH

This 7km beach of pure white silica sand is extremely popular and a must to visit on everyone’s itinerary. Can sometimes be roly at night. If on the beach at dusk or dawn watch out for the sandflies! Good in all breezes except N-NE.

HAMILTON ISLAND

This resort island is in the middle of the Whitsunday group and can be a great mid-charter stop over for many reasons. You are free to use most of the resort facilities (pools etc.) and there are many restaurants and cafes to choose from and a good range of activities to keep you amused. Fill up with water, top up the fridge with fresh produce and dispose of your garbage. There is also a doctor, general store, bakery, bottle shop, bank, post office and many boutique stores. There is a fee for the night. Contact the QYC reservations team to make a booking.

CID HARBOUR

Sawmill Beach is a very good anchorage in any breeze except W-NW-N winds. Sawmill Beach has a great walking track which is not too strenuous around to Dugong Beach, if you are fit and have the whole day consider a walk to Whitsundays Peak for spectacular views over the Whitsundays. This anchorage is teeming with turtles, and you will also spot Sea Eagles and the occasional dugong.

PLEASE CONSULT YOUR CHART AND THE 100 MAGIC MILES BOOK BY DAVID COLFELT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AS THIS IS A GENERAL GUIDE ONLY AND IS SUBJECT TO WEATHER. IF UNSURE CONTACT THE QYC OFFICE FOR ADVICE.