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SUGGESTED 3 NIGHT ITINERARY

Picture this... Over 12 secluded, coral fringed islands all to yourself in one of the best locations on the Great Barrier Reef. You will be swimming through crystal clear waters amongst 1,100 species of brightly coloured fish and exploring the best coral reefs in the world...

Did we mention that thrown into the mix is the feeling of total relaxation that comes from having your own luxury yacht for 4 whole days?

This part of Queensland is one of the area's best kept secrets and that is why so many of our customers keep coming back year after year, taking advantage of over 40 recognised, secluded anchorages to choose from. It really is a holiday of total relaxation, fun & adventure.



Just some of the picturesque bays of Magnetic Island

If you are looking for a unique holiday destination and a way to escape the crowds, then the serenity of sailing these spectacular waters will not disappoint. Lush tropical rainforests, deserted sun drenched beaches, Aboriginal culture, pristine fringing coral reefs and fascinating historic ruins makes this one of Queensland's most exclusive and exciting holiday destinations - and to date it's best kept secret.

DAY 1 – Getting ready to set sail

Briefing time is usually at 1000, at this time you can stow your bags and familiarize yourself with the boat. One of our friendly and experienced staff will brief you on the vessel, cruising grounds and anything else you may want to know.

If you have ordered provisioning from us we will have it stowed away for you. All you need do is just turn up with your holiday attitude.

After the briefing we fit you with complimentary snorkelling gear and then you're ready to set sail.



Breakwater Marina

A short charter allows you to explore the unique beauty of Magnetic Island and surrounding waters. Often underestimated, our customers often regret not having enough time to take it all in, and always vow to return for a longer stay.



Your first decision will be where to spend your first night.

You can take advantage of one of our private moorings in Horseshoe Bay and the journey should take around 3 hours (about 13 nm). Alternatively you may wish to sail across to Nelly Bay Harbour and a berth in the marina and just spend the night getting used to onboard life.

Either way, Magnetic Island has plenty of things to offer including fabulous restaurants & bars, cafes, supermarkets and bottle shops, beautiful parks, secluded beaches and breathtaking views.

Bays & Anchorages all to yourself

DAY 2 – Exploring on island time

One of the mysteries of island life is how the laid-back island attitude affects even short-term visitors. There just doesn't seem to be a rush to do anything.

Once you've organized yourselves it's time to explore some of the island treasures. If you elected to stay in Nelly Bay overnight, it's time to cast off and head around towards Horseshoe Bay.

Stop and have a snorkel at Florence Bay, the local yachties favourite. With its casuarinas lined foreshore and fringing reef it's a true tropical paradise. There is wonderful fish life to discover; you can even feed the friendly batfish by hand as they swim up to the back of your boat.



Snorkelling on Magnetic Island

Day 2 Cont'

For the energetic, follow the road south to the bus stop and the start of the walking track to the Forts. The view afforded by this World War 2 relic encompasses the Palm Islands in the North to Bowling Green Bay in the South. Allow about 3 hours to complete the round trip. The descendants of koalas introduced to the island in the 1930s are regularly spotted during this walk.

You could then cruise around to Radical Bay, frequented by tourists and islanders alike for swimming and sunbathing. Due to its North facing aspect it is well protected from the prevailing Sou' Easters, the granite boulder headlands that dominate the bay make an impressive backdrop for a BBQ lunch.



Deserted beaches are common on Magnetic Island

Afterwards, enjoy a short & leisurely cruise to Horseshoe Bay. This large bay is the island's best refuge from the trade winds. The esplanade here boasts an array of activities to tempt everyone. It features bars, restaurants and cafes and is the base for numerous marine based activities such as water skiing, Jet Ski hire, sea-kayaks and the unique "red baron" float bi-plane.

Enjoy sundowners from the comfort of your cockpit, secure on one of Tropic Sail's private moorings. Then take the dinghy ashore for a delicious meal from one of the fantastic restaurants available on the island.

DAY 3 – Adventure, seclusion or relaxation – the choice is yours.

After an early rise (it seems unavoidable on a boat) perhaps you'd like to share a Champagne Bush Tucker Brunch with the koalas at Bungalow Bay Koala Village, a mere 100 metres from the beach.



After breakfast if you feel inclined you can sample one or more of the exciting activities on offer from the beach at Horseshoe Bay or alternatively, just a short cruise to the West is Five Beaches Bay.

Accessible only by boat, these beaches feature the seclusion so rare in modern Australia it's easy to imagine you're the only people in the world.

Some choose to take advantage of the gentle breezes and take a sail towards the lighthouse at Cape Cleveland before returning for a swim at Radical or Balding Bay.

Snorkelling is just one of the many pastimes you will not be able to get enough of.

If the conditions suit and you'd rather avoid the crowds (such as they are) in Horseshoe Bay why not spend the night with only the local wildlife as neighbours.

DAY 4 – Soak up the sun - the end is nigh.

There is still plenty of time today for a last snorkel or long lazy breakfast before returning your boat to Townsville's Breakwater Marina by midday. Allow about 3 hours for the transit from Horseshoe to Townsville via the East coast or more if going via West Point. A staff member from Tropic Sail will greet you at the fuel wharf and park the boat back in the berth before a short de-brief and farewells. We know you'll be back. Transport to the airport can be arranged if requested.

This itinerary gives you an idea of what is possible on a 3 night charter around Magnetic Island, but it's all up to you – with your own yacht you're in charge and you can sail off into the sunset or stay closer to shore – it's your holiday so you get to choose.



Sheltered Waters – Sunny Days



So what are you waiting for?

Whether it's a romantic getaway or a fishing weekend with the boys, we can cater a package to suit your needs.

We can also provide a skipper if you would rather just sit back and relax and everything else that would make your time away more enjoyable. From provisioning, massages, a personal tour guide or any other activity that the Island has to offer - just leave it to us.

Contact Wendy or Shaun at Tropic Sail and we'll be only too happy to work with you to ensure the best holiday experience possible.

← **Overlooking Magnetic Island from The Strand**

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