



ISLANDS  
OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

# Fact Sheet

## Great Keppel Island

Fringed by 28 kilometres of stunning beaches and bays, Great Keppel Island is a fun-loving resort for couples, families and travellers of all ages. Located slightly north of the Tropic of Capricorn, the island enjoys an ideal sub-tropical climate and near-constant sea breezes which, combined with the crystal-blue clarity of its waters and the beauty of its fringing coral reefs, creates a holiday escape unique to the region. Complementing the island's 17 white-sand beaches, the resort features five swimming pools, two spas, restaurants, bars, entertainment facilities, and great free sporting and leisure activities. Already a holiday paradise for guests of all ages, Great Keppel is on track to becoming one of the most exclusive island destinations in the Great Barrier Reef following a multi-million-dollar refurbishment of the resort in late 2007.

### Activities

Enjoy the exhilaration of traditional water sports such as windsurfing, sea kayaking, catamaran sailing and snorkelling as well as novel activities like the boom-net cruise, where you can experience the biggest "spa bath" ever, being towed along behind a Freedom Fast Cat. On shore, there are beach sports galore, with cricket, soccer and volleyball being popular choices.

Fitness enthusiasts can enjoy a work out in the well-equipped gymnasium or a leisurely bush walk along one of ten scenic tracks, while golfers can tee off on the picturesque par three nine-hole course or try their skill in the "One Club Challenge". Those who prefer more passive recreational pursuits can try lawn bowls, bocce, or croquet.

Take a coral cruise aboard a glass-bottom boat or enjoy a peaceful camel ride as you saunter slowly along the island's white sands, led by an experienced camel driver.

At the end of the day, head to the Sunset Bar for a relaxing pre-dinner drink while watching the sun sink, in a riot of crimson hues, over the Capricorn Coast. Keppel's Restaurant, overlooking the resort's main beach, offers both indoor and outdoor dining and is open daily for buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner. The popular themed buffet dinners rotate nightly so that guests can enjoy a variety of cuisine and the region's freshest seasonal produce.

Whether relaxing on a quiet beach, indulging in some soft adventure, or going wild with the resort's adrenaline activities, Great Keppel Island offers something for everyone.

### Five key selling points

1. Great Barrier Reef destination, plus numerous sporting and leisure activities
2. Caters to families, couples and travellers of all ages
3. Abundant native flora and fauna
4. Ideal, sub-tropical climate – far enough north to enjoy mild winters while far enough south to avoid the tropical monsoons
5. 17 white-sand beaches

### Style of Accommodation

Great Keppel Island Resort combines gracious Queensland hospitality with comfortable 3.5-star accommodation. The resort's 181 rooms and villas all feature generous balconies, built-in wardrobes, private bathrooms, refrigerator, ceiling fans, and tea and coffee-making facilities.





### Garden View Rooms

Garden View Rooms are located near the reception building, overlooking the tennis courts and golf course, with easy access to the resort facilities.



### Beachfront Rooms

Beachfront Rooms, located either side of Keppel's Restaurant, have direct access to the northern and southern ends of Fisherman's Beach, complete with stunning views.



### Hillside Villas

The split-level Hillside Villas are air-conditioned and command spectacular views over the golf course, resort grounds and the Capricorn Coast's neighbouring islands.

### Destination highlights

- 17 white-sand beaches
- Wide variety of sporting and leisure activities
- Snorkelling and diving
- Camel rides along the beach
- Boom-net cruises
- Abundant native flora and fauna – more than 100 species of bird

### Great Barrier Reef access

- Fringing reef and snorkelling straight off the beach
- Snorkelling and diving trips to local fringing reefs (including those of neighbouring islands)
- Dive tuition
- Glass-bottom boat trips

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### Access

Regular flights into Rockhampton Airport are available from all major ports (some via Brisbane). From Rockhampton Airport, guests can fly to Great Keppel Island (approx. 20 minutes by light aircraft), or travel by coach to Rosslyn Bay near Yeppoon, a distance of 55 kilometres, and embark on a high-speed launch for the 30-minute trip to the island.

