



Fact Sheet

Lady Musgrave Island

The southern-most island in the Capricorn Cays National Park – and a true coral cay – Lady Musgrave rests on the edge of a coral-fringed lagoon measuring 8 kilometres in circumference. This aquatic playground boasts a huge variety of colourful marine life, while the cay itself – cloaked in dense pisonia forest and fringed with sheoaks and pandanus palms – is home to rare turtles and birds.

In this World Heritage-listed marine national park, nature prevails. A variety of commercial launches cater for day-trip visitors, but for those seeking the ultimate “castaway” experience, the island offers bush camping for a maximum of just 40 people at any one time. The only facilities are composting toilets, a compressor bunker, and an emergency radio tower; the only duty, to relax and enjoy back-to-basics natural beauty.

Activities

The turquoise lagoon that provides sheltered anchorage for a variety of private charter and scheduled vessels is also the focus of the island’s activities. From glass-bottom boat and semi-submersible rides to swimming, snorkelling and diving in the calm waters – as well as fishing in one of the most abundant locations in south-east Queensland – Lady Musgrave offers a wealth of reef experiences. One of the world’s best dive locations, the lagoon and its reef are home to more than 200 different species of soft and hard coral and some 1,200 species of fish.

After immersing yourself in this aquatic wonderland, explore the island on a guided nature walk. In-season you can watch turtles and birds nesting and the birth of hatchlings. Or simply enjoy the expansive ocean views. Whatever time you visit, you can be assured of one thing: an island experience small on comforts, but big on natural beauty.

Five key selling points

1. Uncrowded – time and space to enjoy a real reef experience
2. Virgin coral cay/Great Barrier Reef location
3. Magnificent lagoon, measuring 8 kilometres in circumference
4. World-class diving and snorkeling
5. Nature and ecology

Style of Accommodation

Lady Musgrave Island offers wilderness-style camping for a maximum of 40 people at any one time. Only the most basic facilities – composting toilets, an information shelter, emergency radio, navigation tower, fuel storage and compressor bunker – are provided. The island has no water and campers must be self-sufficient during their stay. Camping is by permit only (available from the Environmental Protection Agency/Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service website) and bookings can be made up to 11 months in advance.

Great Barrier Reef access

- Coral cay
- Snorkelling straight off the beach
- Diving
- Glass-bottom boat
- Semi-submersible • pontoon





Destination highlights

- Virgin coral cay
- Nature and ecology – turtles and manta rays all year round
- World-class diving, snorkelling and fishing in marine national park
- Unique, navigable lagoon
- Bush camping – true “castaway” experience

Fact Box

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Access

Lady Musgrave Island is accessible only by private vessel or via Lady Musgrave Barrier Reef Cruises with the closest departure points being Bundaberg, Gladstone and the Town of 1770. Regular flights are available from all Australian capital cities to Gladstone

