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Events

Balancing the books? Balancing your weight? Balancing commitments? Revive and renew yourself at Club Med Lindeman Island's Body and Soul festival, a "balance boot camp" to inspire and motivate anyone looking to get a jump on next year's resolutions and good-health intentions. Taking place against the stunning holiday backdrop of Lindeman Island on the Great Barrier Reef, the event (in November each year) combines a relaxing tropical escape with motivational tutorials and lifestyle workshops for the chance to shape up, inside and out. www.clubmed.com.au

What: Body and Soul

When/frequency: November/annual

Where: Club Med Lindeman Island

Pack-up the family and come and enjoy the gourmet delicacies, jazz and tranquility of the Coral Sea with Brunch and Live Jazz Session. This lunchtime event allows you the afternoon to laze in the sun, while the kids swim in the pool and take in the glorious views. Bring the family and have a great day out at the Coral Sea Resort. www.coralsearesort.com

What: Brunch and Live Jazz Session

When/frequency: Weekly

Where: Clipper Restaurant and Lounge, Airlie Beach

Celebrate the region's diversity of fine foods, as well as an extensive range of Australian wines, at the Airlie Beach Food and Wine Festival. The evening festival features food stalls offering gourmet delights prepared by chefs from the finest restaurants in the area along with wines from the best winemakers and regions in Australia. www.airliebeachhotel.com.au

What: Airlie Beach Food and Wine Festival

When/frequency: 6 May 2007/annual

Where: The Esplanade, Airlie Beach

Get up-close and personal with some of the finest chefs and winemakers at The Great Barrier Feast. The ultimate food and wine weekend in the ultimate tropical location, this small and exclusive event is a gourmand's delight, providing maximum exposure to Australian culinary gems. www.hamiltonisland.com.au

What: The Great Barrier Feast

When/frequency: 8-11 June, 2007/annual

Where: Hamilton Island Resort, Hamilton Island





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Power up for Australia's largest, oldest and richest outrigger canoe event, the Powerade Hamilton Island Outrigger Cup, which attracts more than 1,000 competitors from all over Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Fiji and Hawaii.

www.hamiltonisland.com.au

What: Powerade Hamilton Island Outrigger Cup

When/frequency: 27 June–1 July, 2007/annual

Where: Hamilton Island

Swim, cycle and run the race of your life in the Airlie Beach Triathlon. Acclaimed as the best triathlon in North Queensland, this event makes the most of the Whitsunday Coast's spectacular landscape. Staged over a sprint distance (750-metre swim, 20-kilometre cycle, five-kilometre run), it includes elite age group categories plus a junior category. www.whitsundaytourism.com/whats_on/events-calendar

What: Airlie Beach Triathlon Festival

When/frequency: 8–9 September, 2007/annual

Where: Broadwater Avenue, Airlie Beach

Hoist sail in the Meridien Airlie Beach Race Week – Queensland's "tropical shirt regatta". Now in its 18th year, this first-class international event takes place in the stunning Whitsundays and is an ideal warm-up series for Australia's premier offshore yacht racing regatta, the Audi Hamilton Island Race Week.

What: Meridien Airlie Beach Race Week

When/frequency: 9–16 August, 2007/annual

Where: Airlie Beach

Witness some of the world's best sailing and join in the fun and festivities of Australia's largest offshore yachting regatta – Audi Hamilton Island Race Week.

The festival begins with a giant welcome party and concludes with a gala presentation dinner and concert. In between, there are myriad sailing events over eight divisions. On the land, there are Audi car driving demonstrations, tennis clinics with Todd Woodbridge, a Collette Dinnigan fashion parade, a Moët & Chandon lunch and the famous Whitehaven Beach Party, just to name a few. www.hiyc.org.au

What: Audi Hamilton Island Race Week

When/frequency: 17–25 August, 2007/annual

Where: Hamilton Island

Take a seat at the Chef's Table.

– Mingle with some of the finest chefs in the country, such as former Michelin star, now Australian resident, Bruno Loubet, at the **Chef's Table** dinners and **master classes** on Hamilton Island. www.hamiltonisland.com.au





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– Go behind the scenes and into the Main Kitchen with Hayman's executive chef, Glenn Bacon, or a member of his chef's brigade, for a six-course banquet with matching wines, and a visit to the famous La Fontaine wine cellar and Chocolate Room. **The Chef's Table** is a weekly experience at Hayman Resort. www.hayman.com.au

Test your sporting prowess at the famous Lizard Island Black Marlin Classic. The waters surrounding Lizard Island boast some of the best black marlin fishing grounds in the world. More 1,000-pound-plus black marlin are tagged and released – and occasionally captured and weighed – in this area than at any other international location. Eleven current World and four current Australian black marlin records have been taken from the reefs located between Cairns and Lizard Island since 1969.

www.lizardislandgfc.asn.au; www.lizardisland.com.au

What: Lizard Island Black Marlin Classic

When/frequency: 13–20 October, 2007/annual

Where: Lizard Island

