



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 destination 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.

Already a holiday paradise for guests of all ages, a planned multi-million-dollar refurbishment of the Island's major resort could see Great Keppel Island become one of the most exclusive island destinations in the Great Barrier Reef.

In the meantime, visitors can experience the quiet and relaxing days of island life at the Great Keppel Island Holiday Village, nestled in palm and gum tree gardens less than a minutes walk to two of the 17 pristine, white sandy beaches on the Island. The holiday village offers a range of accommodation options including a fully furnished house, cottages, cabins, twin and double rooms and camping facilities. A fully equipped communal kitchen with gas stoves, refrigerators and microwave are available, as well as an outside BBQ.

Activities

Snorkelling Gear is provided for visitors staying at Great Keppel Island Holiday Village. Guests can also participate in guided kayak and motorised canoe trips to surrounding beaches and Islands.

There are also a number of tours that operate from Yeppoon and Rosslyn Bay and explore the beautiful Keppel group of Islands.

Keppel Bay Escapes is based at Keppel Bay Marina, Rosslyn Bay at Yeppoon on Queensland's Capricorn Coast. The charter vessels range from fast 11 metre power cats to sailing vessels allowing visitors to choose their own Keppel Bay Escape experience. They specialise in tailoring a complete on water charter experience and have a range of vessels for visitors to choose the type of getaway you have been dreaming of. Visitors can be cruising around the pristine Keppel islands within an hour of leaving port, without the hustle and bustle of some other more frequented coastal cruising grounds. www.keppelbayescapes.com.au

Keppel Bay Marina offers bareboat, fishing, sailing and skippered cruising tours as well as sunset cruises. Enjoy the best the Keppel Island's has to offer on a Keppeluna, a 1010 flybridge power catamaran or head out for a full day fishing adventure. Sail Capricornia offers a day on "Grace" which includes a one and half hour sail to one of the many beautiful beaches in Keppel Bay, swimming, snorkelling, beachcombing, kayaking, fishing and a tasty hot and cold buffet lunch, including local prawns. Sunset, Romantic, overnight adventures and seafood feast cruises are also available. www.keppelbaymarina.com.au

Freedom Fast Cats offer Ferry services to Great Keppel Island and also Day Cruises. Join their experienced crew for a memorable day exploring the Keppel Islands. It is fun for all the family with snorkelling, glass bottom boat, boom netting, lunch on board, and a visit to Great Keppel Island. Coral snorkelling cruises are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturday and Sundays, with lunch cruises also available for the time restricted traveller. www.freedomfastcats.com

Funtastic Cruises explores the Keppel Group, from Great Keppel Island, North Keppel, Pumpkin Passage or others of the 18 islands on a unique sailing experience and is something visitors will always remember. Sailing aboard "Funtastic" visitors will be taken to some of the most amazing secluded beaches and coral reefs to be found anywhere. Swim, fish or just take it easy, Hans and Di will make your chartered cruise fun and exciting. Visitors can charter our boat for day sailing cruises, extended overnight cruising, corporate events or island transfers. www.funtasticcruises.com.au





Five key selling points

1. Great Barrier Reef destination with stinger free waters all year round.
2. Caters to families, couples and travellers or 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 Holiday Village is known as the “quiet alternative”, with the village catering to couples and singles wishing to experience the unique natural atmosphere of the island. Accommodation options include:

Keppel House offers the perfect accommodation to recharge your batteries and enjoy all the island has to offer. This two-storey, solar powered house is set among large shade trees on the southern end of Fisherman's Beach, with the beach and Keppel Bay at your doorstep. It is a fully equipped open plan house ideally suited to the island's subtropical climate. It sleeps up to 6 people, with a queen size bed and single bed in the large room upstairs with adjacent deck, and a queen size bed and single bed downstairs. Verandas outside the lounge room and kitchen offer plenty of shady outdoor living. Barbecue, TV, DVD player, all linen, towels and blankets are provided. Bring your food and beverages - then settle in and relax into island living.

Dolphin Cottage offers privacy from the Village with its own lovely garden area to enjoy the outdoor living style of the island. A veranda overlooks the garden where you can enjoy your meals or a lazy afternoon. The house caters for up to 5 people. There are two bedrooms, one with a queen sized bed, one with a double bed and single bed. The living area has a TV & DVD player. The kitchen is fully equipped and all linen & towels are provided. Just bring your food and drinks - settle in and relax.

The cabins are light, airy, and spacious. Ideal for couples, but can accommodate three people with one queen bed and one single bed. Each cabin has a small refrigerator, fan, private amenities, lounge, and both indoor and outdoor table and chairs.

Double and Twin rooms are available in the main building and feature a double bed or 2 single beds with bedside tables, lamps, fans, and comfortable outdoor chairs and patio.

The tents are real tents with the smell of canvas and the gum trees, but they have some of the comforts of home, like wood floors, double or twin beds, white steamed linen and four pillows, lights, fans, and a small deck with comfortable outdoor furniture. Tents are fully screened, providing excellent air flow. If you enjoy the outdoor experience this could be just what you are looking for.

Destination highlights

- 17 white-sand beaches
- Snorkelling and diving
- Bushwalking
- 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 (ex mainland)

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Access

Regular flights into Rockhampton Airport are available from via Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. From Rockhampton Airport travel by coach to Rosslyn Bay near Yeppoon, a distance of 55 kilometres, and embark on a high-speed launch with Freedom Fast Cats for the 30-minute trip to the island.

