



VOYAGES
BRAMPTON ISLAND
GREAT BARRIER REEF

"Snorkellers come out to swim in the channel with turtles, rays and schools of fish. Others leave their footprints on the exposed sandy bar that gives access at low tide to the nearby, uninhabited Carlisle Island."

Sunday Telegraph

From the emerald green of the island's national park to the azure waters of the surrounding waters and its 12 golden beaches, Brampton's style is vibrant and easy-going. It's hard not to be captivated by the beauty of this classic Queensland Island, lying at the southern entrance to the world-renowned Whitsunday Passage off Mackay.

Brampton is big on fun and activity – and with so much included, it's a perfect haven for couples in search of a romantic hideaway with all the trimmings. Plus there are no day-trippers to interrupt the peace and solitude.

ORIENTATION

Untainted by development and home to the best beaches in the Whitsundays, Brampton Island is an affordable, stylish haven where couples of any age can escape the noise and crowds with time to connect and rejuvenate.

Brampton Island is a National Park covering 460 hectares. Situated at the southern end of the acclaimed Whitsunday Passage, it is 32 kilometres north-east of Mackay on the Queensland coast and 60 km south of Hamilton Island.

Like most of the islands off the Queensland coast, Brampton was first sighted by Captain James Cook who passed through the area in early June, 1770. But it wasn't until 1879 when Staff Commander Bedwell of the Royal Navy officially named Brampton and neighbouring islands in honour of towns located in the Cumberland Lake District of England.

In 1916 Joseph Busuttin, his wife Sarah and five children became the first European settlers on the island. By the early 1930s the Whitsundays were beginning to attract tourists on an increasing scale and the Busuttins decided Brampton would be an ideal location for a resort and in 1933 welcomed passengers from the SS Canberra.

During World War II, in common with most resorts in the area, Brampton closed, but re-opened at the end of the war. The Busuttins carried out a refurbishment, introduced new units and attracted tourists back to the island.

In November 1959 Carapark Motels purchased the resort and invested \$300,000 to upgrade facilities and double occupancy to 100 guests. Following a visit to the property with Brampton's owners, local tourism pioneer Tom McLean took over the resort in 1962 with two members of the Busuttin family remaining as managers.

In 1965 an air-strip was established to help Trans Australia Airways (TAA) expand their services throughout the Whitsundays (and Queensland). Twenty years later TAA acquired Brampton as part of their push to diversify operations to include Queensland island resorts and packaged tours.

TAA was acquired by Qantas in 1992, who then sold Brampton to P&O Australian Resorts in 1997. Following a \$3 million refurbishment, day-trips from Mackay were halted and the island became a much sought after romantic escape.

Voyages took over the property in July 2004, as part of their \$225 million acquisition of P&O Australian Resorts.

AT A GLANCE

- Voyages Brampton Island comprises 106 rooms across 4 distinct accommodation styles: deluxe Premium Ocean View rooms (x13), spacious Ocean View rooms (x14), private Island View rooms (x54) and tropical Palm rooms (x25).
- Brampton is located at the southern end of the Whitsunday Passage, 32 km northeast of Mackay on the Queensland coast and 50 km south of Hamilton Island.
- At low tide, guests can walk across a sand bar to neighbouring Carlisle Island and explore its magnificent Melaleuca Forest.
- Brampton Island is a National Park, covering 460 hectares and offering an array of traditional island experiences such as walking trails, jet ski safaris, snorkelling and scuba diving, sailing, cruises, fishing charters, and waterskiing (to name a few).
- The Sea Spa delivers a range of therapeutic spa treatments which harness the natural qualities of the island destination. For more information or to download a Spa Menu, **visit** www.brampton-island.com/sea-spa
- Peak season: August to January (recommended booking period in advance: six to 12 months)

GETTING THERE

Regular flights are available from all Australian capital cities to Brampton Island via Mackay. Australian Helicopters operates daily connecting flights to the island from Mackay Airport. A launch also runs from Mackay Marina to Brampton Island daily.

For full information, **visit** www.brampton-island.com/getting

ACCOMMODATION

Premium Ocean View Rooms

Premium Ocean View Rooms are located right on the beach and offer the best accommodation views on the island. Rooms are modern with a king size bed, large and comfortable lounge chairs and contemporary furnishings. CD player, evening turn-down service, waffle weave bathrobes and aromatherapy oil burners are just some of the exclusive features included, as well as an extensive outdoor area which offers a private hammock. Guests also receive a bottle of premium sparkling wine on arrival.

Ocean View Rooms

Designed to make the most of their stunning beachside locations, Ocean View Rooms are generous in size and have many appealing features. Double sliding doors open out onto a large L-shaped balcony or terrace area allowing guests to enjoy ocean breezes and sensational views of the Whitsunday passage. Ocean View Rooms interiors are spacious and comfortable with modern furnishings and splashes of colour giving these rooms a relaxed beachside feel.

Island View Rooms

Set amongst native gardens, these rooms are compact and comfortable. Interiors are bright with a tropical theme and each room has a small private balcony or patio offering views to neighbouring Carlisle Island. Rooms are located within easy reach of all resort facilities.

Palm Rooms

Palm Rooms are light-filled with bright interiors and comfortable appointments. The rooms have a tropical outlook, some with water glimpses and each with private balcony or outdoor area overlooking native gardens. Palm Rooms are located a short distance away from the main beach and are close to all resort facilities.

ACTIVITIES

Brampton has a rhythm of its own and there are activities to enjoy at every imaginable tempo - from fast and furious water sports and heart-thumping sports activities, to relaxing by the pool or enjoying a rejuvenating massage. As the sun sets, the fun continues and guests are invited to join in the lively atmosphere of our theme nights and live entertainment.

Top 5 'things to do'

1. Snorkel the 'fish bowl'

Few islands in the Whitsundays can boast of having coral gardens just metres off shore. The 'fish bowl' is one of Brampton's most impressive attractions; home to turtles, rays and schools of fish.

2. Bushwalking

Explore the National Park walking trails and lose yourself in the natural beauty of this untainted tropical island. Bring along a lunch and enjoy a snack and the view.

3. Carlisle Island & Melaleuca Forest

Kayak or walk across the sand bar to explore the spectacular Melaleuca Forest. Guided tours available.

4. Learn how to wakeboard or water ski

Circumnavigate Brampton on a jet ski, stopping off at secluded beaches and swimming in crystal azure water. Guided safaris available.

5. Indulge at the 'Sea Salt' fine dining experience

An 8-course degustation menu featuring quality food and wine is prepared exclusively for you. An intimate service is on offer so you can enjoy each other's company.

FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY

Resort Film & Photography Guidelines

Media capturing images on resort property must be accompanied by a staff member at all times.

Brampton Island National Park Film & Photography Guidelines

Commercial film and/or photography permits are required for professional media visiting and shooting Brampton Island.

For more information on Film & Photography Guidelines or Permit Applications contact the Queensland Parks & Wildlife Service Cairns office: +61 07 4946 2509 or, **visit** www.epa.qld.gov.au/ecoaccess/parks_and_forest_management/commercial_activities/commercial_filming_/photography

VIDEO & IMAGE LIBRARY

To access high resolution image files and/or broadcast quality footage from the Voyages website, **visit** www.voyages.com.au/corporate/images

To order high resolution image files from the Tourism Queensland website, **visit** www.tq.com.au/news-room/travel-media/media-image-library/media-image-library_home.cfm

WEATHER

Brampton Island enjoys a tropical climate, with an average year-round temperature of approximately 27 degrees Celsius (80 degrees Fahrenheit). Its location at the southern end of the Whitsunday Passage diminishes the influence of traditional wet season weather conditions associated with islands further north.

For the current weather, **visit** <http://www.bom.gov.au/>

Average monthly maximum temperatures for Voyages Brampton Island:
(degree Celsius and Fahrenheit)

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
30	29	28	26	25	22	21	23	26	28	29	30
86	84	82	79	77	72	70	73	79	82	84	86

FLORA & FAUNA

The majestic White Bellied sea eagle, and smaller Osprey are commonly sighted as they soar above the cliffs and rocky shores or reefs. A walk through the National Park and resort grounds may reveal orange footed scrub fowl nest mounds up to three metres high. Brampton is also an important rookery for flat back and green turtles which are protected.

Green and Easter Dwarf Tree frogs together with Black Headed flying foxes, sand goannas, Black and Blue Tiger butterflies, Dugongs, kangaroos, Boo-Book owls, and a host of migratory birds (to name a few) find refuge in Brampton's pristine natural environment.

Dramatic hoop pines silhouetted against the skyline on rocky headlands, sections of tropical rainforest and coastal mangroves typify the Brampton Island, as does its pearl coloured beaches strewn with limestone fragments from hard coral.

WHO ARE OUR GUESTS?

- Couples and friends looking for an affordable island holiday where they can immerse themselves within beautiful natural surrounds and enjoy an island experience away from the crowd
- Special occasions such as weddings and honeymoons

RATES & PACKAGES

For full list of current rates and packages, visit www.brampton-island.com/pricing

CONSUMER BOOKINGS

Voyages Travel Centre (Sydney Corporate Office):

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