

## Amazing adventures!

Hop aboard a day or half-day cruise for a unique opportunity to come face-to-face with a massive humpback whale in the calm waters of Hervey Bay.

Sure, you can spot whales in other parts of the world, but it's here in Hervey Bay during the months of July to November that they choose to holiday in small groups or pods of adults and calves — allowing us the chance to experience their antics and awesome size up close.



# Whale Watching in Hervey Bay

## Who's watching who?

Humpbacks are natural entertainers, and appear to be as interested in us as we are in them.

Bobbing out of the water to "spy watch" is a common behaviour — along with the blow, tail slapping, waving and slapping their pectoral fins, and best of all, the spectacular breach — a whale propels itself out of the water with ease and comes crashing down almost in slow motion.

A close and personal encounter with a humpback whale is an intimate and humbling experience. Many people comment on the profound effect it has on them.

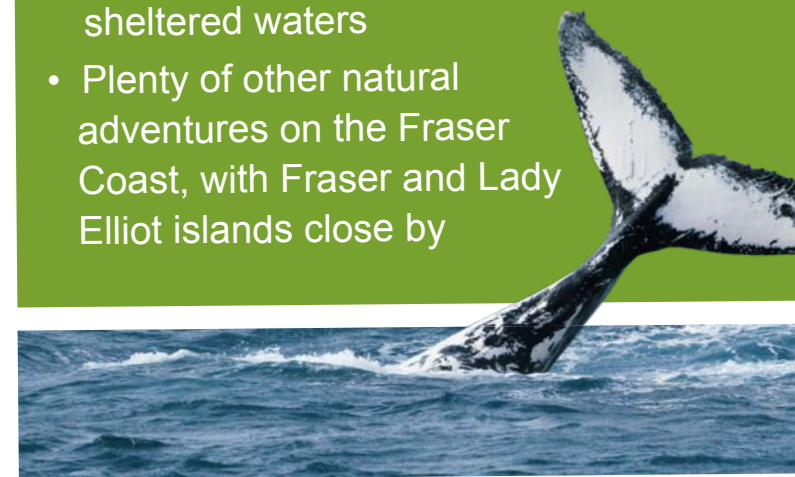
It's definitely something you have to experience for yourself to truly appreciate.

From **July to November** set your course for Hervey Bay — Australia's best whale watching spot. It's the only place where you can get up close to majestic humpbacks, as they break their southern Antarctic journey to rest, feed and frolic in the warm, calm waters between Hervey Bay and Fraser Island.



## Why is Hervey Bay best?

- Up close and personal whale encounters
- 10 dedicated whale watching operators offering whale watch and marine tours
- Whales stay and play in Hervey Bay — they aren't just passing by!
- Guaranteed sightings offered by most boats
- Calm bay conditions and sheltered waters
- Plenty of other natural adventures on the Fraser Coast, with Fraser and Lady Elliot islands close by



## Dolphins, turtles and dugongs

You might come for the whales but there's much more in store! The protected waters between Hervey Bay and World Heritage-listed Fraser Island are also home to pods of friendly dolphins, several species of turtles including greens and loggerheads, and birds including pelicans, curlews, terns, pied oystercatchers and snipes. Fraser is a bird-lover's paradise with no fewer than 350 species recorded. You'll also spot graceful manta rays and dugongs, which feed on the seagrass beds along the Fraser coastline.