

Heron Island Transfers

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Approx 2 hour transfer

At 34 metres, The Heron Islander is specifically designed to provide a comfortable and spacious transfer from the Queensland mainland to Heron Island. She comfortably seats 170 and has a top speed of 30 knots (55 km/h). With the exception of Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Heron Islander makes one return trip per day between Heron Island and Gladstone, per the schedules below.



Schedule

The Heron Islander operates daily except for Tuesday's, Thursday's and Christmas Day. The Heron Islander **departs from Gladstone Marina at 9.30am** to begin the journey to Heron Island. The return transfer **departs Heron Island at 12.45pm** to make its way back to the Gladstone Marina.

Check In

Check In at the Heron Island Departure Desk at the Gladstone Marina opens at 7.45am and closes promptly at 9:00am. Please ensure you are checked in and have your boarding pass prior to the check in closure time.

Luggage

Guests are permitted to bring checked baggage of up to 23kg per person. Please note that once baggage is checked in at the marina it will not be available again until guests check into their room at 3.00pm. It is recommended guests bring a small carry bag for anything they may need prior to room check in, for example swimmers, sunscreen, hat, etc.

Arrival in Gladstone by Air

Due to reduced flight schedules the airport shuttle bus is currently not operating. Guests will be required to make their own way between the Gladstone airport and marina for their ferry transfers. Once the airport shuttle bus is back up and running it will be complimentary for guests.

It is recommended that domestic flights departing Gladstone Airport are booked no earlier the 4.45pm. Please note, Aldesta Hotels does not accept responsibility for flight delays or flight schedule changes.

Arrival in Gladstone by Car

If you're making your own way to the Gladstone Marina, you'll find it at Bryan Jordan Drive, Gladstone. Check-in at the marina opens at 7:45 am.

We strongly recommend you pre-book secure car lock-up facilities by calling Compleat Angler on 07 4972 7283, available for \$17 AUD per day for a covered car park, or \$14 AUD per day for an uncovered spot.

Should you have any questions pertaining to your transfer to Heron Island, please call the Heron Island Marina Office on (07) 4972 5166.

Helicopter Transfers

Approx 30 minute transfer

Marine Helicopter Charter operates scenic helicopter transfers daily, subject to weather constraints. You'll enjoy expert commentary by their experienced pilots, as your flight from Gladstone passes Facing Is. and Curtis Is., and then about 40 km of the Coral Sea before reaching Polmaise Reef, where you may see turtles, rays, and sharks. You'll pass Masthead Is., Erskine Is. and the wonder that is Wistari Reef, before arriving at Heron Island.



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Check In

Marine Helicopter Charter's service desk and passenger lounge is located next to the baggage carousel in the Gladstone Airport arrivals area. Light snacks and free Wi-Fi are available. Please allow 60 minutes prior to departure for check-in procedures.

Luggage

Helicopters have a total weight limit that is inclusive of both baggage and guest weight. A baggage allowance of up to 15kg per person applies, however this amount may be reduced depending on total weight restriction. Smaller, soft-sided bags are strongly recommended, as they're more easily accommodated in the helicopter's restricted cargo hold. There are no exceptions to this rule as it is mandated by the Australian civil aviation authority. Extra and excess baggage can be either: 1) transferred to Heron Island aboard the Heron Islander from the Gladstone Marina, to arrive later in the day, or 2) Marine Helicopter Charter can provide complementary, secure storage at the airport.

Keep in mind, any baggage returning on the Heron Islander is subject to its sailing schedule and must be programmed accordingly to ensure its arrival for your outgoing flight from Gladstone.