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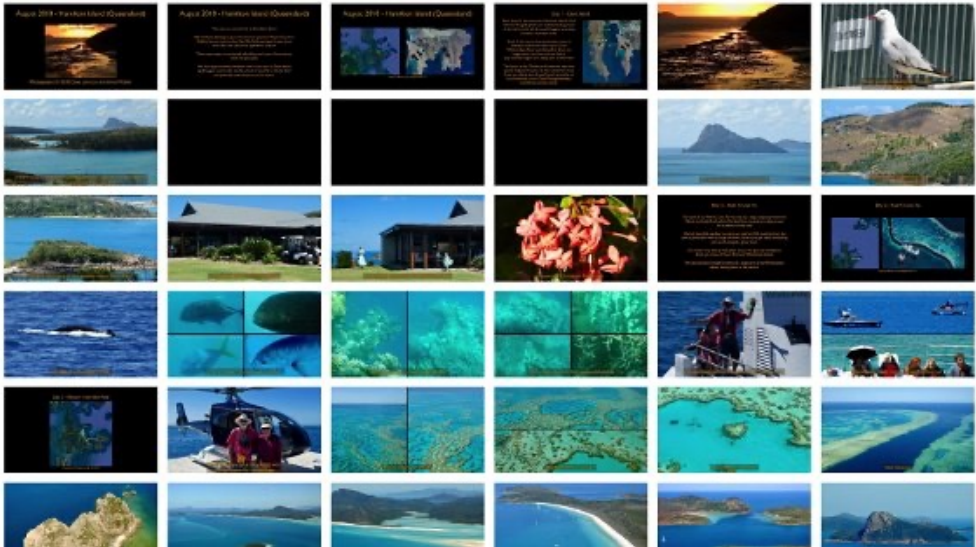


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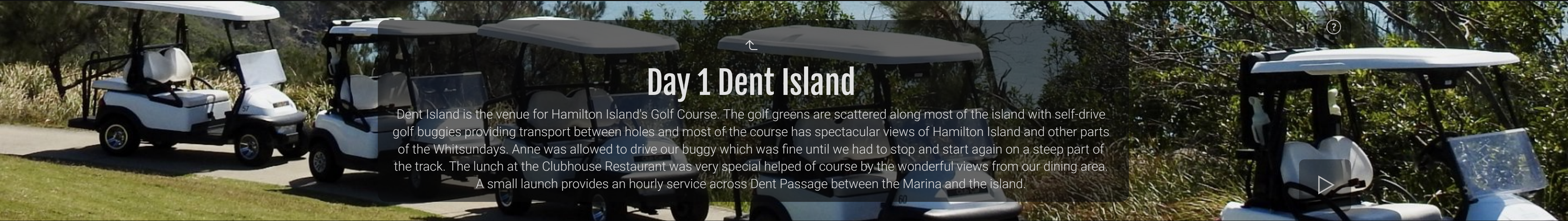
Whitsundays Overview Map

[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]



Walking trails on Hamilton Island

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Day 1 Dent Island

Dent Island is the venue for Hamilton Island's Golf Course. The golf greens are scattered along most of the island with self-drive golf buggies providing transport between holes and most of the course has spectacular views of Hamilton Island and other parts of the Whitsundays. Anne was allowed to drive our buggy which was fine until we had to stop and start again on a steep part of the track. The lunch at the Clubhouse Restaurant was very special helped of course by the wonderful views from our dining area. A small launch provides an hourly service across Dent Passage between the Marina and the island.



Dent Island Map

[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]



Early morning view of Catseye Beach from our hotel room



Hungry seagull waiting for breakfast at the Bakery



View from Dent Island across the southern part of Hamilton Island with Pentecost Island in the distance



View towards southern end of Dent Island



Golf with a view from near southern end of Dent Island to Pentecost and Lindeman Islands



Our transport on Dent Island (Anne was our driver!)



Pentecost Island from Dent Island



Eastern side of Dent Island showing steep buggy track



Cowrie Island just off the eastern side of Dent Island



Clubhouse Restaurant with buggies



Clubhouse Restaurant with family and view



Flowers at Clubhouse Restaurant

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Day 2 Reef Cruise Fly

The start of our Reef-Cruise-Fly trip was by a large catamaran from the Marina to Hardy Reef where Reefworld is moored, providing a base for the activities on the reef. We had beautiful weather to enjoy our reef and fish spotting from the semi-submersible with its large windows. Several people went snorkelling and we all enjoyed a great lunch. Our return trip was by helicopter and so we got our mandatory birds-eye views of Heart Reef and Whitehaven Beach. We also enjoyed wonderful views of a large part of the Whitsundays before landing back at the airport.

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Day 3 Hamilton Island Explorations

A very relaxing day with a morning coffee (plus something to eat) at the Marina's Bakery followed by a wander around exploring the Marina and ending up at the Yacht Club. Here we were lucky to spot a pair of whales (probably a mother and her calf) negotiating Dent Passage between Hamilton and Dent Islands. We ended up back at our room in the Reef View enjoying the views.



Hamilton Island Explorations Map
[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]



Catamaran and ferry at the Marina



Hungry cockatoo at the Marina



Northern end of the Marina with Yacht Club and Dent Island behind



Many yachts at the Marina



A pair of humpback whales negotiating Dent Passage



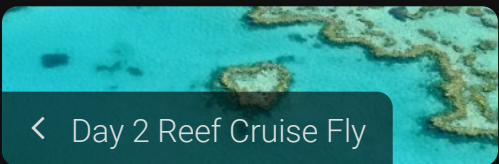
Small catamarans sailing off Catseye Beach



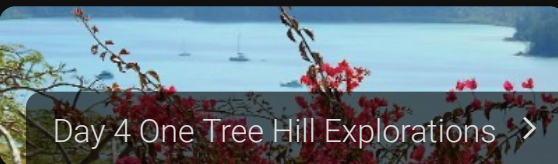
View to the north from the Reef View



View down to the Beach Club on Catseye Beach from the Reef View



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We took the bus up to One Tree Hill in the north of the island and explored the area before walking back (mainly downhill) to the Marina. We took another bus out on the Palm Valley Road which runs parallel to the airport runway and ends up at some interesting ponds or small wetlands. This location is the access point for walks over the southern part of the island. Once again we ended up at the Reef View enjoying the views.



One Tree Hill Explorations Map
[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]



Reef View and Catseye Beach from One Tree Hill



View of Passage Peak and Hideaway Bay from One Tree Hill



Buggies at One Tree Hill with a view



View northwest towards Henning Island from One Tree Hill



One Tree Hill view with red flowers



Luxury Resort to the north of One Tree Hill



Beautiful red flowers at One Tree Hill



Passage Peak from One Tree Hill



Ducks enjoying the ponds adjacent to the airport runway
from Palm Vally Road



Paddle boarders off Catseye Beach



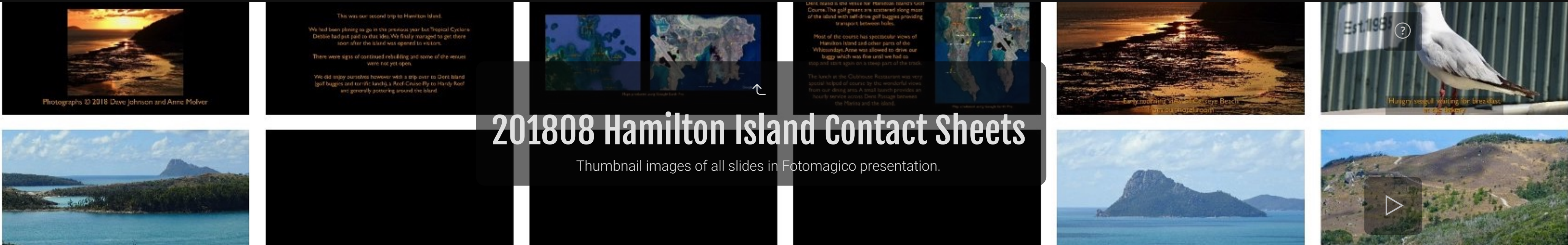
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Enjoying the water off Catseye Beach



Resort Lookout from the Reef View

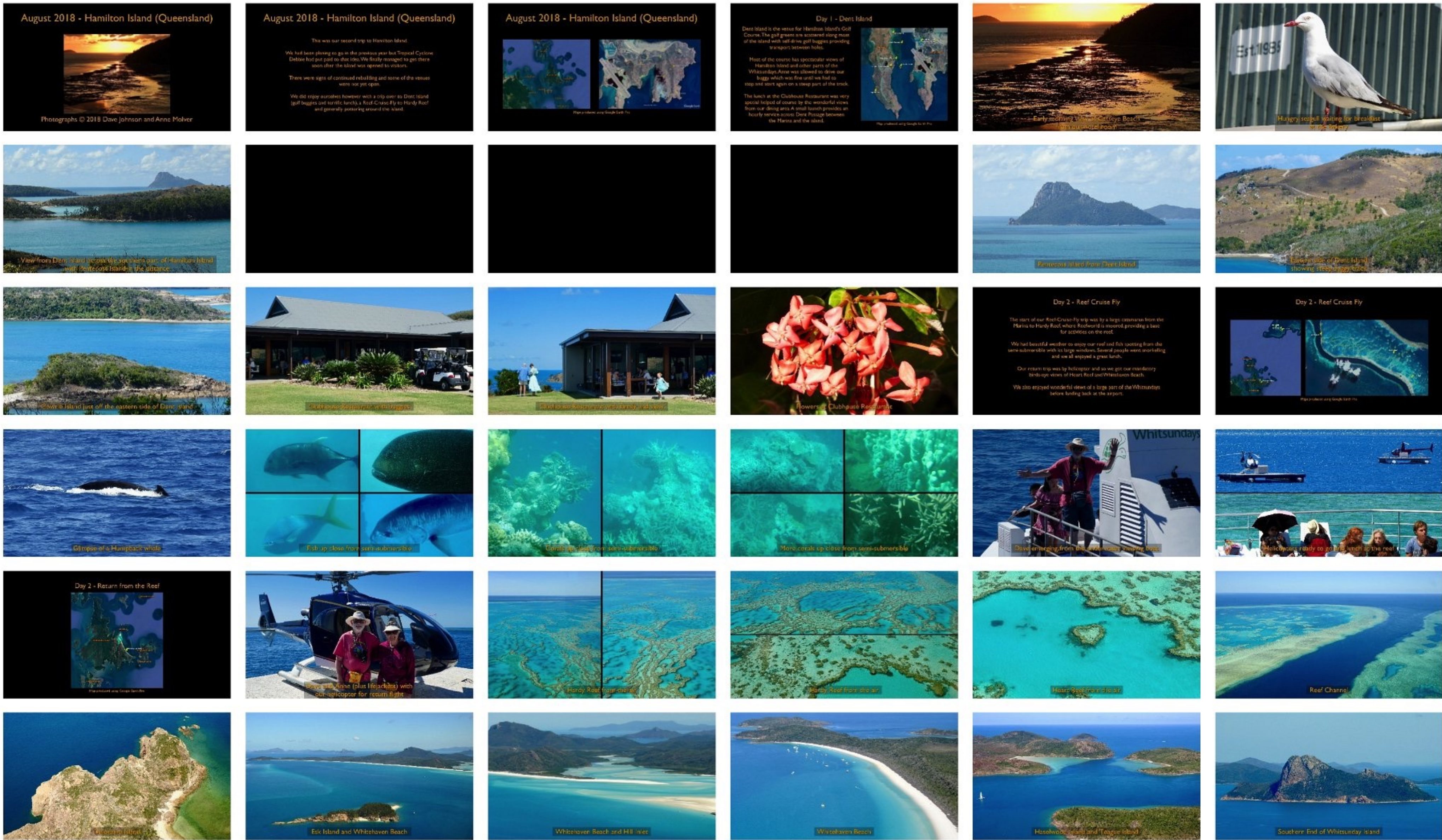


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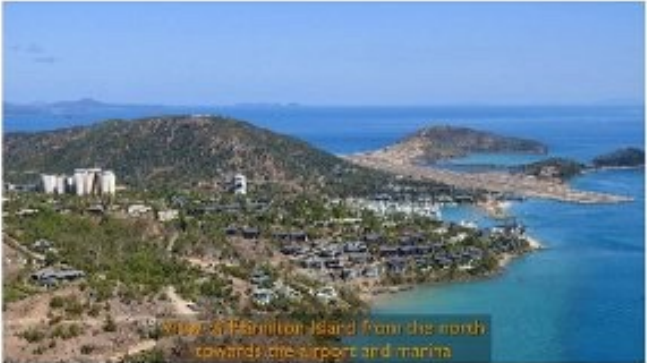


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Carvee Beach and Reef View Hotel



View of the reef from the north
towards the airport and marina



Map showing Reef View Hotel



Mulgy cockatoo at the Pinnacle



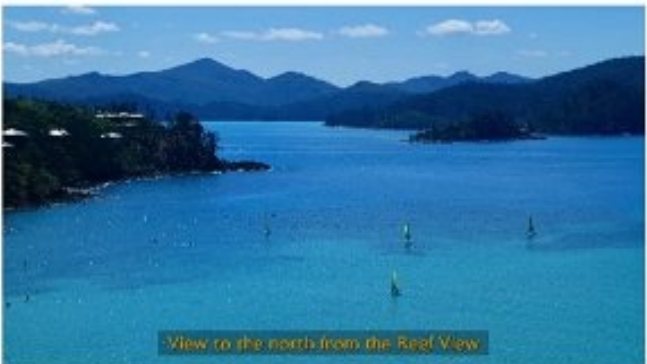
Ferry and ferry at the Marina
with lots of yachts



Northern part of the reef from the
Marina, looking towards the reef



A pair of humpback whales breaching the water's surface



View to the north from the Reef View



Small catamarans sailing off Carvee Beach



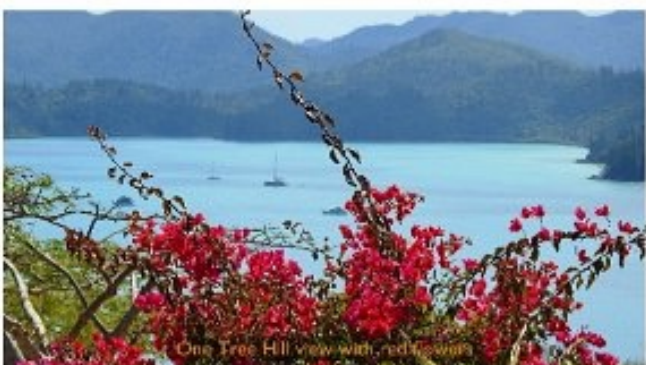
View of the reef and hills from the Reef View



Map showing One Tree Hill



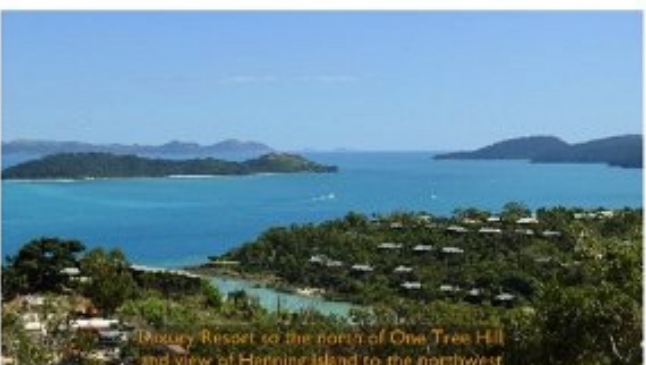
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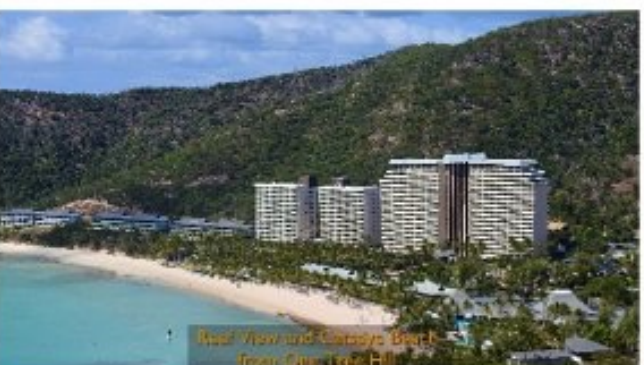
One Tree Hill view with reef and hills



Bougainvillea flowers at One Tree Hill



View of the reef and hills from One Tree Hill



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Boat at the Marina



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