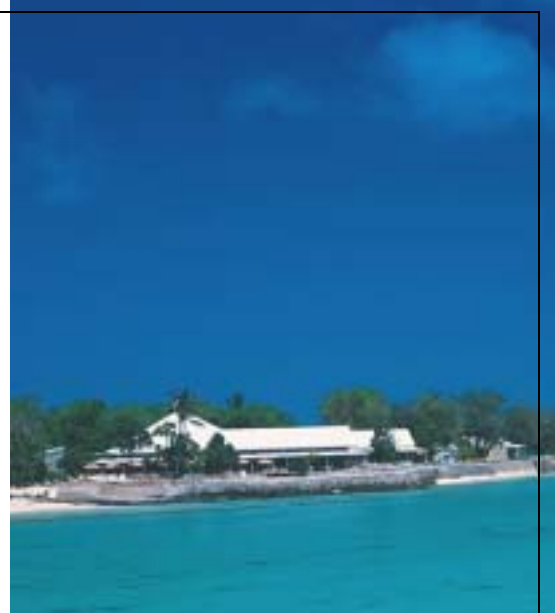




HERON ISLAND RESORT *of Queensland* Australia



Located 45 miles north of Gladstone, Heron Island is a small coral cay which is part of the Great Barrier Reef. Both Captain Cook (1770) and Matthew Flinders (1802) failed to locate Heron Island. It wasn't until January 12, 1843 that the HMS Fly anchored off the island and the ship's naturalist, Joseph Bette Jukes, noting the reef herons, named it after the herons which are part of the rich bird life which inhabits the island. The island is also home to flocks of mutton birds and black noddy terns. Heron Island is framed by white sands, crystal clear waters and acres of endless gardens of coral where the waters are literally teeming with beautifully colored fish and marine life. It's what you don't see around Heron that makes the resort so special. The resort has been designed to blend into the surrounding environment. You won't see any buildings above the tree line. And you won't bump into any day trippers either. The reef experience on Heron is exclusively for guests, a unique experience few other resorts in the world can offer. There's a relaxed island lifestyle that sets Heron apart, a sophisticated yet casual resort atmosphere. Here the emphasis is on exploring and discovering the natural attractions that have made Heron famous around the world. A vacation here replaces stress with a sense of adventure and your days are filled with discovery.

The Reef Suites are positioned close to the beach and offer filtered reef and water views through a canopy of beachside trees. The living area extends outdoors to a balcony or garden setting; interiors are light-filled, modern and comfortable.

Accommodation

- 109 guestrooms
- Private bathroom
- Balcony or Patio
- Refrigerator
- Ceiling Fan
- Tea & coffee making facilities
- Beach towels
- Clock radio
- Iron & Ironing board
- Hair dryers
- Umbrellas
- Safety deposit facilities
- Public telephones
- Bar & Lounge
- Restaurant
- Laundry Service
- Boutique
- Swimming pool
- Library

Activities

- Interpretative reef walks
- Island ecology walks
- Birding
- Nature slide presentations
- Snorkeling
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Movies under the stars
- Stargazing

Wildlife

- Sea turtles, countless species of tropical and marine life such as feather stars, sea pens and sponges abound the surrounding reefs.
- In the month of November: turtle egg laying begins, Wedge-tailed Shearwaters can be seen digging and repairing nesting burrows. It is the start of their breeding season. Black Noddies' eggs can be seen in the nest.

