

# 48 HOURS ON FITZROY ISLAND

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Fitzroy island is a tropical island playground a short boat ride from Cairns. It's a splendid Great Barrier Reef island regardless if you visit for a day trip or stay for a week. Actually, why bother leaving? Cast yourself away on this little island paradise and you'll probably not want to give up your islander status.

Whether you want to chill out under a tree on the beach, laze by the [Fitzroy Island Resort](#) pool sipping cocktails, pitch a tent, hike to the lookout or kayak, snorkel and swim to your heart's content, you'll probably find a way to fill a couple of days on Fitzroy Island. Here's a few ideas to whet your appetite for a Fitzroy Island getaway.



Check into an oceanfront room at Fitzroy Island Resort



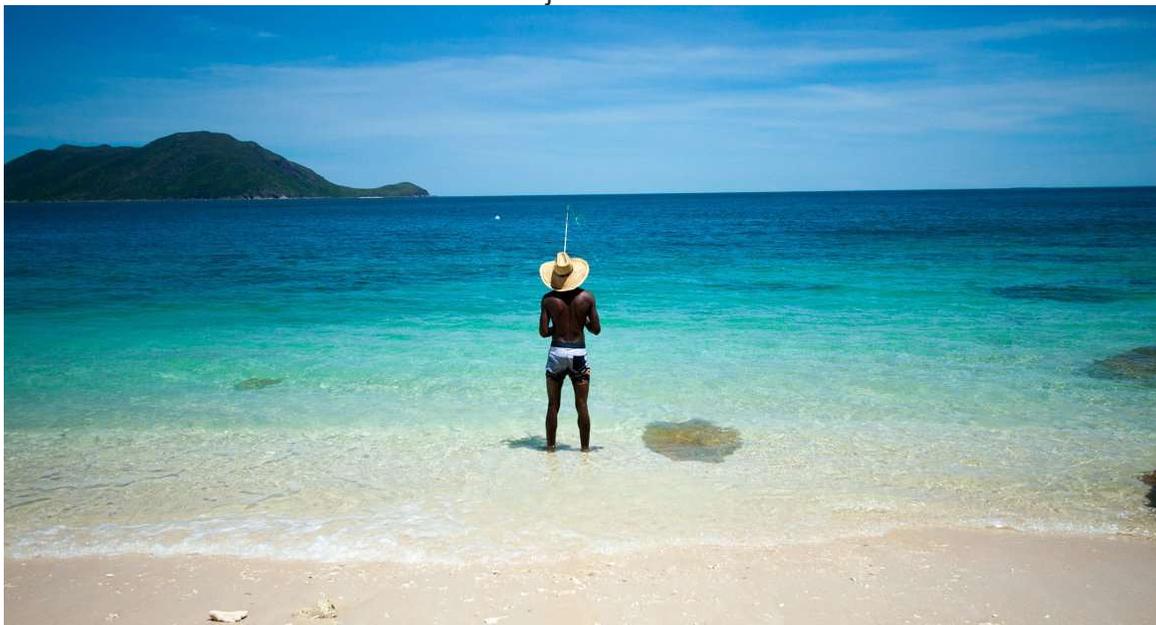
Prefer to keep things simple? Book a camping site and camp out on a Great Barrier Reef Island for about the same price as a cup of coffee



Start your day like this and it's hard to imagine life getting any better!



It just did



Are you getting the picture now? Fitzroy Island is just a little bit pretty



Oh go on then, let's get back in the water and find another snorkelling spot



Getting hungry yet? We thought so. Foxy's bar and cafe should do nicely, thanks very much



Boredom is not an option. If you can't find something to do on Fitzroy Island, you're probably not trying hard enough Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle



Walk off lunch (and the obligatory cold beer) with a walk to the island summit. You'll be rewarded with a pretty special view



As Amy Winehouse put it so succinctly, 'we're going to rehab, yeah, yeah, yeah'. By the time turtles reach Fitzroy they're on their last stage of rehab and are ready to be released back into the wild Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle



Like this fella who has hopefully gone on to live a long and happy life. It's hard to imagine living in a better place than the Great Barrier Reef isn't it?



If you don't feel like getting wet take a glass bottom boat trip to view coral and other marine life



Check into Fitzroy and check out from the hustle and bustle of the mainland.

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