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TRAVELLING PLACES

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A couple of weeks ago I was lucky to attend a conference at the newly refurbished and reopened Intercontinental Hayman Island.

The short flight from Brisbane hugs the coast and as you near your destination make sure to have a window seat – the view is spectacular, the water iridescent blue and crystal clear dotted with islands covered in native bush. Land at Hamilton island in the heart of the beautiful Whitsunday Islands and you suddenly wonder why you travel further from our shores for a delightful holiday break.

Wander down to the pier and board the luxury launch to Hayman – relax on deck or inside with a glass or two of sparkling wine and enjoy some homegrown canapes. By the time you arrive you will definitely be in holiday mode. Relax into island time ... the palm trees, the leisurely pace and the inviting beach and pools beckon.

Spend your days pool side or venture further afield. Head to Hayman Beach to enjoy a range of complimentary activities including paddle boarding, kayaking, sailing and windsurfing. The activity team members are on the beachfront to assist in getting you ready for your beachfront adventure with all equipment and safety training.

Don't forget your gym gear if you are

so inclined to use the state-ofthe-art equipment in the fitness centre. Explore the island on bush trails – walk to Blue Pearl Bay or Sunset Peak and if you have the energy circumnavigate the island. We did this bush walk early morning when everything was sparkling, when the wildlife was waking and the wallabies hopping across the path.



Breakfast is served beach side in modern Australian restaurant Pacific, where the atmosphere is laid back and you can take your time over a leisurely breakfast. Bam Bam serves up zesty Pan-Asian food infused with a fresh Australian twist. Immerse in poolside bliss while enjoying a signature Pac Man cocktail and wok-tossed noodles. My favourite was the Italian inspired Amici Trattoria for a share plate dinner. There's even a boutique with café to enjoy a morning coffee.

We often overlook what is on our doorstep ... this is a lovely luxury escape, so treat yourselves and explore where visitors from across the globe travel to enjoy.



