

GRAND HOTEL

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THE GATEWAY TO THE TORRES STRAIT

Thursday Island is surrounded by pristine clear waters and tropical white sands just 39km north of the Cape York Peninsula.

More than 270 islands make up the Torres Strait Islands between Australia and Papua New Guinea. These tropical islands are off the northern most tip of the Australian mainland.

Thursday Island is the administrative and educational centre of the Torres Strait Islands. This unique tropical region is home

to the Indigenous Torres Strait Islanders whose culture is rich in the arts and whose lifestyle has evolved from the sea and its abundance of wildlife.

Time might stand still here, but you won't, with the island rich in Indigenous culture, history and natural beauty. You won't want to miss the Winds of Zenadth Cultural Festival, when the island communities of the Torres Strait unite to share their cultures, customs and traditions, as well as dancing, boat races, Indigenous arts and cultural forums.

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GRAND HOTEL & THE ROYAL HOTEL

The Grand Hotel is situated right on the foreshore of the Island, with excellent views of the Endeavour Strait, Horn Island, and Prince of Wales Island.

The waterfront location offers both locals and tourists a place to sit back, relax and take in the pristine views. Discover local cuisine and pub favourites at the Bistro or quench your thirst with an ice-cold beverage at our Public Bar.

Only a 5-minute walk from the Grand Hotel is The Royal Hotel. The Royal Hotel provides premium gaming services to all patrons.

The Grand Hotel has 28 rooms, 21 of which are on the first floor, 7 of which are on the lower level. All guests also have access to the hotel's verandah which has a fantastic view of the Endeavour Strait, as well as complimentary daily breakfast.

GUEST SERVICES



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CHECK OUT

10am daily. If not convenient, please check with reception regarding a late check out. A charge may apply for late check out, depending on availability.

RECEPTION

Reception hours are from 7am-3pm daily. For all other enquiries or after these hours please see our friendly bar management staff.

ATM

One ATM is located in The Royal Hotel Foyer. 104 Douglas St, Thursday Island.

Two ATMs are located in the Grand Hotel Bistro. 54 Douglas Street, Thursday Island

HOURS

Monday-Thursday 11:00am-9:00pm

Friday 12:00pm-8:00pm

LOST AND FOUND

For all lost property enquiries please contact our reception team.

LUGGAGE

If you require assistance with your luggage please contact our reception team.

If you are required to check out but still want to explore the island, please see reception staff as we can store your bags until you return, before check-in or before your departing flight



IN-ROOM SERVICES

WIFI

Free WiFi is available in guest rooms. For further assistance, please contact our reception team.

TEA & COFFEE

Your room is provided with tea and coffee making facilities. Please call our reception team should you require additional items.

AIR CON & HEATING

All of our rooms are fitted with air-conditioning units. To control the temperature in your room, please set the remote control unit provided. For best results in our humid tropical environment set your remote at a minimum 24 degrees. For further assistance, please contact our reception team.

HOUSEKEEPING

Rooms are cleaned every second day between 8am and 3pm in an attempt to go green. If you wish to have your room cleaned at a specific time, please contact our reception team.

HAIR DRYER

For your convenience, each room is equipped with a hair dryer.

MAINTENANCE

If you should find anything in your room that is not in full working order, please contact our reception team.

IRON

For your convenience most rooms are equipped with an iron. There is a guest laundry on the ground level - and guest ironing room on level 1.

LINEN & PILLOWS

Spare pillows and blankets can be located in the wardrobe of your room. For any additional requirements such as towels, please contact our reception team.

DRY CLEANING & LAUNDRY

Laundry bags and a list of charges are located in your room. Laundry powder is free for guests.

PRIVACY

It is our policy not to give out room numbers of our guests. If you are expecting guests, please advise our reception team. Should you wish not to be disturbed, please display the "Do Not Disturb" sign outside your door.



PLEASE NO SMOKING

OUR DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT BAR AND OVERLOOKS THE MAJESTIC ENDEAVOUR STRAIT



FREE WI-FI PASSWORD

PASSWORD: grandhotel



DINE
WITH US



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GREAT VIEWS GREAT FOOD



Discover modern pub favourites at the Bistro! The Bistro is open to our guests and the public. Dine inside, on the back lugger deck or on the front alfresco deck and enjoy the stunning views of the harbour. Here we offer a variety of classic favourites such as steaks, burgers or fish and chips, as well as a wide variety of specials. Our offering also includes a kids' menu for the little ones.

Tea, coffee and snacks are available 7 days from 12pm to 9pm.

Thirsty? Our Bar offers a friendly, welcoming and family friendly atmosphere. It is the perfect place to sit back and relax whilst enjoying the stunning views of the harbour, catching a game on the TV or having a chat.

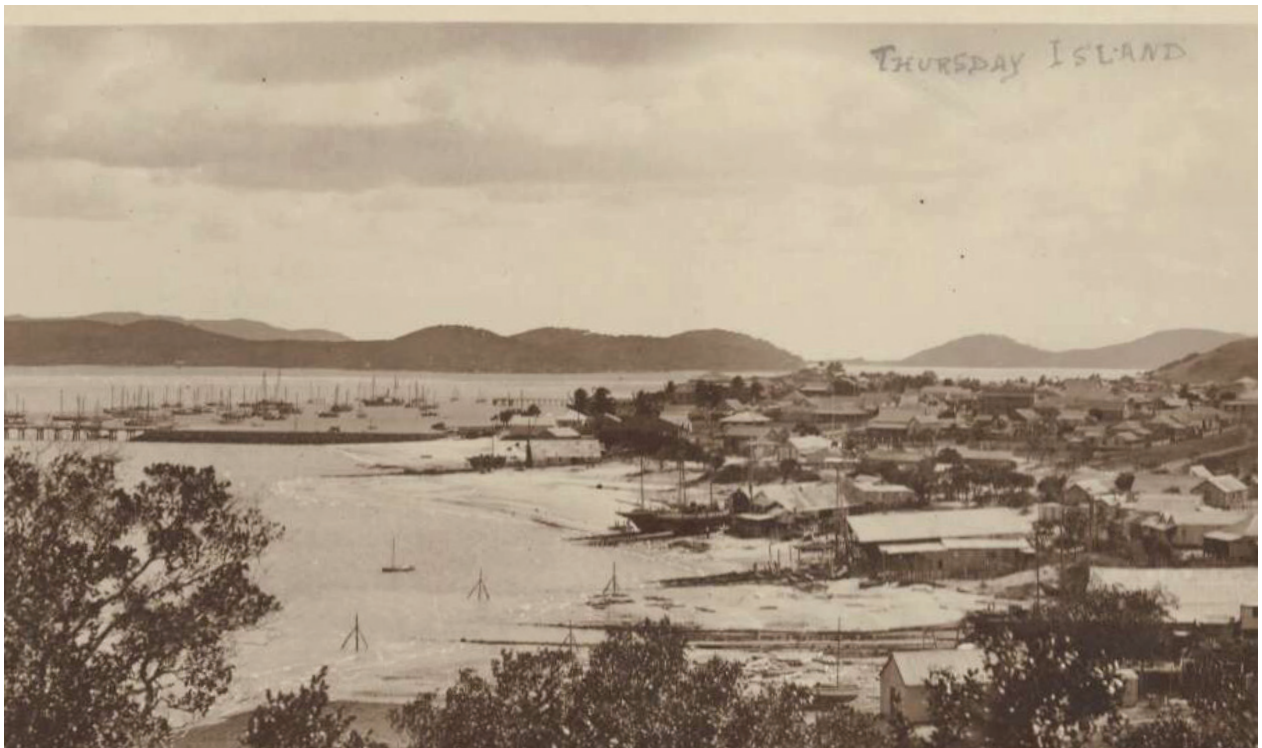


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TO SEE OUR FULL MENU**

OUR HISTORY



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(1917). [VIEW OF THE TOWN AND THE PEARLING FLEET IN THE HARBOUR, WITH PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND ON THE LEFT AND FRIDAY ISLAND ON THE RIGHT], THURSDAY ISLAND, [CA. 1917-1920]

OUR HISTORY

Located off the tip of the Cape York Peninsula, Thursday Island is noted for being the most northerly town in Australia. Established in 1887 after being relocated from Somerset on the Cape York Peninsula, the island is also known as TI or Waiben by the community and is the administrative and commercial centre of the Torres Strait Islands.

The Torres Strait was named by the Spanish captain Luis Vaz de Torres in 1606, when he navigated through the strait which separates Australia and Papua New Guinea on his journey to Manila, Philippines.

Thursday Island has a rich cultural history dating back thousands of years with

the traditional inhabitants being from Melanesian Torres Strait Islander descent. The pearling industry of the Torres Strait dates back to 1885, drawing workers from many parts of Asia including Japan, India and Malaya as well as various South Pacific Islands. The combination of cultures is still very evident today.

Since the beginning of the pearling industry, hundreds of Japanese pearl divers died from decompression sickness. The Japanese Pearl Memorial is dedicated to their memory. A trip to the local cemetery is very interesting and is a “must do” for many travellers.



(1917). THURSDAY ISLAND FROM THE WHARF, [CA. 1917-1920]

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, vessels trading between the east coast of Australia and South East Asia regularly anchored at Thursday Island.

In 1890 a tragic shipwreck occurred when RMS Quetta struck an unknown reef and 133 people lost their lives. The All Souls Quetta Memorial Church on Douglas Street was built a few years later in memory of this tragic event.

Unfortunately, the original Grand Hotel c.1890 was destroyed by fire in 1990 along with a great deal of rich history. Somerset Maugham is believed to have written a few short stories from the old verandah whilst enjoying a gin sling, and taking in the spectacular views of the Torres Strait. With the view just as

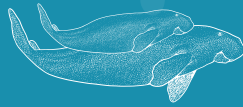
captivating today, the hotel offers a premium location for your next stay on Thursday Island.

Waymark Hotels, a privately-owned Australian hotel and property group, acquired the Grand Hotel in 2021.

Waymark's corporate heritage has been built over a period of more than 60 years, originating in the Northern Territory and Queensland outback. Waymark Hotels has been leading projects that have brought vital infrastructure and amenities to communities since the 1950's.



THE ATTRACTIONS



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Rich in Indigenous culture, history and natural beauty, spend a little time on Thursday Island and you'll get to know a totally different side of Queensland.

Known as Waiben or simply T.I. to the locals, this is the administrative centre of the Torres Strait and one of the 274 islands that lie between the tip of Cape York and Papua New Guinea. Time might stand still here, but you won't.

1. GREEN HILL FORT

Green Hill Fort was built in the 1890s to guard against the threat of a Russian invasion, and then became military headquarters during World War II. Today, the fort and its guns remain a relic of the past, on one of the island's best vantage points. Spend the afternoon exploring the underground tunnels which now houses the Torres Strait Historical Museum.



2. GAB TITUI

Gab Titui Cultural Centre is your best starting point to get to know the cultures of the Torres Strait Islands. Here, you can discover historical artefacts alongside contemporary Indigenous artworks and cultural performances that celebrate a strong connection to land and sea – and even buy some artwork for souvenirs.

3. FISHING

The best way to take advantage of the fishing around Torres Strait is to jump on a fishing charter under the guidance of a local. Dirk's Fishing Charters, Blue Fishing Charters and Serenity will all show you a good time in a day trip from Thursday Island, with plenty of fish to catch. Keep your eyes peeled for dugongs, turtles, rays and dolphins along the way.



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域において死亡された 約700名の日本人の霊を慰め 彼
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オーストラリアの基幹産業であった真珠貝 高瀬貝 ナマコの採
集とともに活躍し 漁場の発見 漁法の改良を通して この
この塔は 和歌山県 愛媛県を中心に 彼等の遺族や郷土と
この海域の真珠養殖会社等の寄附により 日本人来島100
年を記念して 1979年8月 慰霊塔建設会
が建設した

MEMORIAL TOWER HAS BEEN ERRECTED IN HONOR OF THE
JAPANESE WHO DIED IN THE GULF OF CAROLINE
AND DIED FROM 1878 TO 1978

4. THE JAPANESE PEARL MEMORIAL

The monument was erected by the Monument Building Committee of Japan to commemorate the Japanese who worked, lived and died in Torres Strait between 1878 and 1941 and their contribution to the pearling and fishing industries. The monument on the left honours who died while pearling in the Torres Strait area while the monument on the right honours Japanese shop owners and other business people who died on Thursday Island.

5. LOCAL TOURS

From the northern tip of Cape York to Papua New Guinea, almost 300 islands dot the ocean like stepping stones. Very few are inhabited – and only a handful permit visitors – but intrepid travellers who venture to Australia's northernmost outpost will be rewarded with a glimpse into a fascinating culture, stunning landscapes and a slice of history. Journey to this culturally unique part of Australia and you will find vibrant Indigenous communities celebrating their strong connection to land and sea since time in memoriam.

Strait Experience is a proudly Torres Strait owned business.

Our trust with community, lived experience in the region and stakeholder network has enabled us to 'unlock' the regions tourism potential with an unmatched level of accessibility. Strait Experience continually works to engage small-scale Indigenous operators to build their business and their profile to provide a high-quality list of products, services, experiences, tours and accommodation options for every type of traveller.

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT STRAIT EXPERIENCE ON

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REBEL MARINE TI FERRY

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IMPORTANT: BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. PLEASE REQUEST PICKUPS AT LEAST 1 HOUR
PRIOR TO FERRY DEPARTURE TIME

PLEASE CALL 07 4069 1586 FOR ANY QUERIES



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