



LADY ELLIOT ISLAND ECO RESORT

& CONSCIOUS TRAVEL

The ongoing dedication to protect and enhance Lady Elliot Island, the Great Barrier Reef and surrounds has resulted in achieving numerous nationally recognised certificates from Ecotourism Australia, and are now recognised as an award-winning ecologically sustainable operator:

- Advanced Ecotourism
- Climate Action Leader
- Green Travel Leader

Visitors can enjoy island experiences knowing that future generations will also be able to enjoy it, if not, see it in even better condition:

- Island Tours
- Glass Bottom Boat Tour
- Snorkelling and Diving
- Kayaking
- Reef Walking
- Sunset Cruise

Access: Access to Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort is a 25-minute flight via a small aircraft chartered from Seair Pacific from Agnes Water. Additional departure points include Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Brisbane and the Gold Coast.



Lady Elliot Island is the southern-most island and gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef. This stunning coral cay of unspoilt reef is a sanctuary for over 1,200 species of marine life. Situating just eight kilometers from the continental shelf, the waters off Lady Elliot Island are abundant with nutrient-rich plankton, making it one of the best places in Australia to see manta rays.

After being decimated by guano miners in the 1800s, the island was left as a barren and windswept rocky landscape. Despite its appearance, Peter Gash, the co-owner of Lady Elliot Island Eco-Resort, fell in love with the place during a sailing holiday in the early 1980s. He saw the nearby islands were the epitome of 'paradise' and took it as an opportunity to put Lady Elliot Island back together. He's used it as a platform to educate people how to do things better and prove that we can enjoy the comforts of the 21st century with a minimal footprint.

Peter, family and several partners have held the lease from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to operate the resort since 2005. Since, enormous efforts have been made to introduce sustainable initiatives to convert the resort into completely operating off of renewable energy:

- 7.5 hectares completely revegetated with 10,000 plants
- 100% of carbon emissions from island flights offset
- No plastic straws or water bottles sold on the Island
- Installation of desalination system
- Rubbish is composted; glass is crushed and converted to sand; aluminium and cans are returned to the mainland for recycling

GLADSTONE REGION'S ECO JOURNEY

In partnership with Gladstone Regional Council, Gladstone Ports Corporation and other stakeholders, GAPDL is proud to announce that after 18 months of hard work, fulfilling strict criteria, as of June 2024, we are the 10th Destination in Australia to achieved the globally recognised Certification: ECO Destination.

