WHITEHAVEN BEACH
Whitsunday Island (Australia)

Whitehaven Beach is on **Whitsunday Island, Australia.** It lies across from **Stockyard Beach**, better known as Chalkie's Beach, on **Haslewood Island**. The beach is known for its crystal white silica sands and turquoise coloured waters. The beach has tour barbeque and camping facilities.

    Whitehaven Beach was discovered and named by staff commander EP Bedwell in 1879. The bright white sand lying along this beach consists of 98 percent pure silica, making it very soft and fine. As the largest beach in the **Whitsundays**, this dreamlike paradise is unlike any other in Australia. Its soft sand, turquoise waters and lush foliage continue to be untouched by pollution and inhabitation.

To protect the environment and endangered species found in the **Whitsundays**, the **Queensland Government** declared Whitsunday Island and the surrounding islands as national parks, and they also fall within the World Heritage-listed area of the Great Barrier Reef.

    Tourists and locals visit **Whitehaven Beach** to swim and take in the bright white sand. Some visitors eat a BBQ lunch, and campers can stay by booking the National Parks camp facilities. The island is accessible by boat, seaplane & helicopter from Airlie Beach, as well as Hamilton Island