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OCEAN RAFTING EARNS ITS WINGS WITH BRAND NEW “FLY AND RAFT” PACKAGE

Visitors to the Whitsundays and locals alike have access to an exciting new package, the “Fly and Raft”, with tours commencing this Monday in perfect timing for the school holidays.

Guests will enjoy the best of the Whitsunday Islands and Great Barrier Reef in one day with a Whitsunday scenic flight and Ocean Rafting adventure, experiencing the Whitsundays’ ultimate destinations including Heart Reef, Whitehaven Beach, Hill Inlet and secret snorkelling locations.

Viewing the Whitsundays from above, the package offers a stunning 60 minute scenic flight over the islands and Great Barrier Reef, including famous Heart Reef and Whitehaven Beach, then a fun day out on the tropical waters on Ocean Rafting’s Southern Lights or Northern Exposure tour.

Guests will have a bird’s eye view of many of the 74 Whitsunday Islands, flying over Whitehaven Beach and picture postcard Hill Inlet before heading out to the Great Barrier Reef and experiencing one of the most photographed reef locations, Heart Reef. The comfortable fixed wing aircraft offers big window viewing, pilot commentary and the best views of the Whitsundays.

Following the flight, the adventure continues with an Ocean Rafting tour offering three days in one, including an exhilarating ride to Whitehaven Beach and Hill Inlet, pristine snorkelling reefs and guided Whitsunday Island National Parks walks. The Southern Lights tour offers more beach time and the Northern Exposure tour offers more snorkelling time.

60 minute scenic flights stand alone over the Whitsunday Islands and Great Barrier Reef, including Heart Reef, Whitehaven Beach and Hill Inlet are also available.

Owners Peter and Jan Claxton are excited to add this new option to their already extensive range of tours and packages. “With the ongoing growth of the company it was time for us to diversify the product and with the background in aviation we have from originally owning a seaplane company in South Africa to piloting seaplanes for Air Whitsunday, it feels like we have come full circle and it’s a natural progression in offering a new product under the Ocean Rafting brand,” said Mr Claxton

Now in its 21st year of operations, Ocean Rafting is also expecting the company's seventh custom built vessel to arrive in the Whitsundays any day, which will complement the existing tours as well as the new Fly and Raft package.

Multi award winning Ocean Rafting has also won the Major Tour and Transport Operator award at the Australian, Queensland and Whitsunday Tourism Awards for the past two years in a row.

Ocean Rafting already offers the ultimate access to Hill Inlet and Whitehaven Beach on their daily Northern Exposure and Southern Lights tours and this new package will showcase even more of the Whitsundays' iconic destinations, offering the best view from above, on and below the water!

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