

The Great Barrier Reef



Where Is the Great Barrier Reef?

The Great Barrier Reef is an enormous living formation in Australia. It has 2900 individual reefs and over 900 islands. The Great Barrier Reef is located in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland, Australia. It stretches along the Queensland coast from near the southern town of Bundaberg, to up past Cape York. It is a popular tourist attraction with over 2 million visitors every year.

How Big Is the Great Barrier Reef?

The Great Barrier Reef is a staggering 2600 kilometres long. It is not only the world's largest reef but also the world's largest living structure. The Great Barrier Reef is bigger than Tasmania and Victoria put together. Astronauts can even see it from outer space!

Which Animals Live in the Great Barrier Reef?

The Great Barrier Reef is home to many thousands of animals, such as fish, sea turtles, giant clam, seahorses, sea snakes, sea turtles, stingrays, sharks and more. One of the most interesting, is the dugong. These unusual animals are closely related to dolphins and whales. They are large mammals and are herbivores. Dugongs feed on the many plants of the Great Barrier Reef.

They are hunted by sharks and saltwater crocodiles. Today, there are more than 50,000 dugongs living in Australian waters.

