

# **THE GREAT BARRIER REEF**

The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system composed of over 2,900 islands.

The reef is located in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland, Australia.

It is composed of million coral polyps.

It supports a wide diversity of life and was selected as a World Heritage Site in 1981.

CNN labeled it one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

The Queensland National Trust named it a state icon of Queensland.

A large part of the reef is protected by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, which helps to limit the impact of tourism.

Because of its natural beauty, the Great Barrier Reef has become one of the most popular tourist destinations.

A visitors to the great Barrier Reef can enjoy many experiences, including snorkeling, diving, airplane or helicopter tour, viewing glass-bottomed boat, semi-submersible and education trips, visits of the cruise ships, and swimming with dolphins.

## **Great Barrier Reef Weather e climate**

The weather over the Great Barrier Reef varies because of the length of the reef.

The majority of the reef is in tropical and sub-tropical regions.

The northern part of the reef is in a tropical climate with hot wet summers with rain and humidity.

The southern part of the Great Barrier Reef is sub-tropical with mild summers and far less humidity.

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