



# Beachhouse idyll on the Reef

## TRAVEL

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WITH a private beach, 30m pool and access to a personal chef and masseur, Alinghi is the ultimate beachhouse.

About 10 minutes' drive from the town of 1770 on the mid-Queensland coast, the three-year-old cedar, stone, glass and concrete property is another masterpiece by architect James Grose.

In his youth, Grose surfed and camped at nearby Honeymoon Bay, a beach now accessible only to Alinghi guests and the exclusive Rocky Point estate.

Built into the cliff face, Alinghi is surrounded by 5ha of native bushland on the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef.

Architecturally magnificent and designed to take in the natural surrounds, it's not hard to see why the property is regarded as one of the top five beachhouses in the world (UK *Independent*, 2006). Floor-to-ceiling doors and windows offer amazing views



**Lady Musgrave Island.**

from every room, including the bathroom.

While Alinghi can sleep 12 comfortably, it is the ideal self-contained retreat for a couple or family.

Complete with a gourmet kitchen, and regal fittings and furnishings, it is a veritable utopia. If you don't want to cook for yourself, there is also the option of a personal chef.

If you can tear yourself away from Alinghi, Lady Musgrave Island is the perfect day trip. Set on 1214ha of living reef, it has a deep-water coral lagoon and is just 75 minutes by catamaran from 1770.

*Paul Loughnan's stay was organised by Tourism Queensland.*