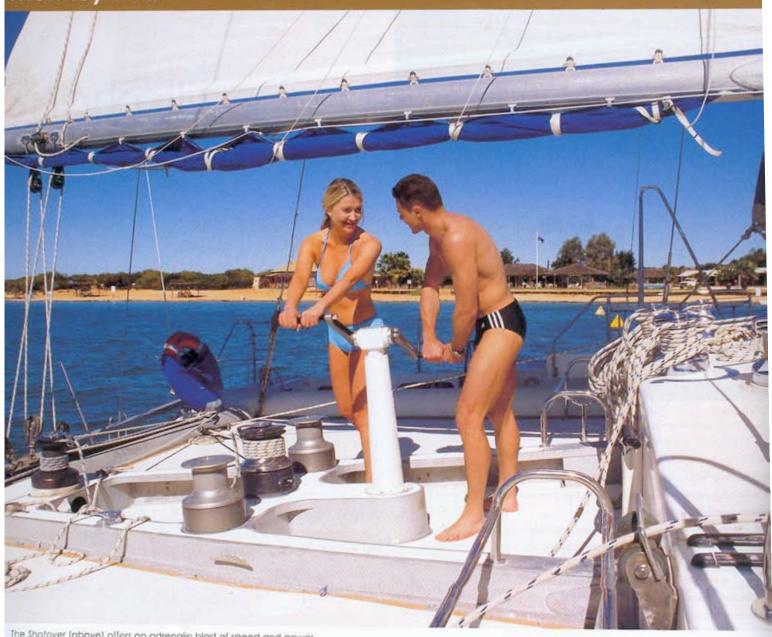
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The Shotover (above) offers on adrenalin blast of speed and power

Monkey Mia Sunset Cruising

The sun goes down and hues of orange, gold and blue merge into a deep purple. There is perhaps no better way to experience a sunset like this than in Monkey Mia on board a luxury yacht.

In a place where dolphins nudge the shoreline, stingrays glide by almost within arm's reach and dugong cavort offshore, you'd be forgiven for thinking Mother Nature couldn't put on a better show. But she does - at sunset in Monkey Mia.

The best way to experience this magical time of day is by joining a Monkey Mia sunset cruise. There are two main operators offering cruises at dusk, each with their own distinct style.

For an adrenalin blast of speed and power, try the Shotover, a 60ft (18m) catamaran that was originally built as an ocean racer. The name of the cruise says it all - Sunset Salt Spray Super Sail. Expect a wild, fast ride and plenty of opportunities to spot wildlife. While there are no guarantees you'll see the local marine life, it's very uncommon not to spot dugongs and dolphins at dusk. However, the real attraction of a Shotover sunset

cruise is whipping over water at high velocity with the wind in your hair and your cares left behind in the afternoon sea breeze.

Drinks and nibbles are BYO on the Shotover but catering can be arranged if required. Weatherproof sailing suits are provided and it's all backed by a "love it or it's free" 100 percent money-back guarantee. The cruise costs \$54 and can be booked by phone or email before you