

ABC Snorkel Charters – Outer Great Barrier Reef Guided Snorkeling

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Reservations

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Departure Point

Maranos Fuel Wharf Port Street, Port Douglas, QLD 4877. Free parking at the Wharf. Check in at our ABC Snorkel Charters Vessel **Independence**.

Target Markets

- FIT - VFR - Families - Couples
- A Listers/Private - Incentive/Convention Groups
- Cruise Ship Passengers - Boutique travellers

Reef Locations Visited

ABC Snorkel Charters has several private moorings in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Each day we choose two prime reef locations based on prevailing weather conditions and water clarity. The reefs that we choose are not accessible by larger reef operators. We also frequent many other outer reefs that are amazing for drift snorkeling. Our topmost objective is to reach the reef areas with minimal tourist presence, thereby promoting ecological sustainability while preserving a harmonious and wonderfully balanced ecosystem for marine life and corals.

Top Selling Points

- **Just 12 passengers** granting an **unforgettable 3-4 hours on the outer** Great Barrier Reef. This enables a unique and unparalleled guided snorkel day.
- The two reefs that we choose each day are not accessible by larger reef operators ensuring a **crowd-free and tranquil environment**.
- ABC are the only operator on the Great Barrier Reef offering a totally guided snorkeling adventure with **one marine biologist guide to six guests** giving our clients personalised attention and a life enriching experience.
- Awarded The **# 1 Tourist Experience in Australia and the Southern Hemisphere** by Trip Advisor's Best of the Best Traveler's Choice Awards 2022 and has **been rated #1 Trip in Port Douglas** for many years.
- Awarded **#1 in the Best of Queensland Experience Program 2022 Tourism Industry Excellence Awards**

Vessel

Launched in 2015, Independence 1 is a 48ft, twin engine purpose designed dive vessel, equipped with contemporary facilities and cutting-edge technology. Our vessel is permitted to operate 200 miles offshore well beyond the Great Barrier Reef, ensuring passengers' safety and security. Independence's generous layout allows plenty of personal space. There are toilets and changing facilities, its rear platform features two ladders for easy access to and from the ocean.

Itinerary

- **07.45am:** Check in at our Vessel Independence 1, Wharf. Meet the captain and our marine biologists. Enjoy morning tea/coffee and cookies.
- **08.00am:** Departure to the Great Barrier Reef locations of the day; Morning and safety briefings while underway. Participate in interpretive marine talks. Receive snorkeling instructions. Get changed and ready for the snorkeling adventure.
- **10.00am:** Explore the first reef location until 11.30pm. Guided exploration with our marine biologists; Option to explore independently. Learn about these pristine environments in a sustainable and eco-friendly manner.
- **11.30am:** Enjoy morning tea/coffee, fruit cake, and fruit platter while moving to the next reef location.
- **12.00pm:** Explore the second reef location. Guided exploration with our marine biologists; Option to explore independently. Learn about these pristine environments in a sustainable and eco-friendly manner.
- **1.30pm:** Departure to Port Douglas.
- **1.30pm:** Enjoy a Deli style lunch roll and cake at your own leisure. Alcoholic drinks (beer/wine) service made available on return journey. Summary of the day's wildlife encounters.
- **3.00pm:** Arrive at Port Douglas

Highlights and Inclusions

- Maximum 12 passengers on board
- 3-4 hours Outer Great Barrier Reef time
- Private snorkeling on 2 exclusive reef locations away from any crowds
- A fun and passionate marine biologist crew
- Interpretative marine presentation and informal marine chats
- Instructions on snorkeling techniques and use of equipment
- Marine biologist guided snorkeling in small groups (1:6 ratio)
- Quality Snorkel equipment and floatation devices
- Prescription masks
- Lycra suits (summer) and wetsuits (winter)
- Deli style lunch - Vegan/Vegetarian options
- Morning and afternoon tea, cakes, and cookies

Optional Extras

- GoPro Camera Hire
- Reef Safe sunscreen
- Drinks from the bar (beer, wine, soft drinks)

What to bring

- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water Bottle
- Change of clothes
- Swimmers and towel
- Cash or Credit Card for bar and reef tax

Important information

- Not suitable for non-swimmers
- Reef tax of \$7.50 per person is collected on board.

Why choose us?

- Only GBR operator that has totally guided snorkeling
- Eco certified tour focused on conservation and sustainability.
- Unique locations away from any operators
- Multi-award-winning reef operator
- Local family owned and operated.

Product Description

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This is the ultimate blend of adventure, luxury, nature, and award-winning expertise. Our team of marine biologists will accompany you on your underwater journey, providing insightful knowledge on marine life and ecosystem conservation. Experience the extraordinary beauty of marine life, all while enjoying the comforts of our modern vessel and distinguished service.