

2 Days / 1 Night – Overnight Dive & Sail Adventure

Coral Sea Dreaming Dive and Sail

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Overview

- Located in Cairns, Far North Queensland, Australia (Great Barrier Reef)
- The best small group dive & sail experience out of Cairns – only 12 guests maximum! We are the dive boat with the smallest groups in the whole Cairns region.
- 1 crew for every 4 guests for a boutique, personalised reef experience without the crowds.
- Sail the path less travelled to Cairns outer reefs on the beautiful Coral Sea Dreaming sail boat where you can watch the sun set over the Reef, sleep with the stars overhead and wake to a Coral Sea sunrise.
- We have access to the most and the best dive locations out of Cairns with over 25 exclusive moorings on 9 different reefs – you will be the only divers / snorkelers in the water at any given location.
- All dives are guided by experienced dive instructors to guarantee you will get the most out of your dives and always stay safe.
- All our locations are suitable for both divers (certified and first timers!) and snorkellers.
- Freshly prepared meals, local fruit, cheese platter and snacks included.
- A combination of shared and private cabins to suit couples, singles, or groups.

Target markets

- Couples looking for a romantic, active getaway. Three of our cabins are private with double beds. The tour is also suitable for couples where one person wishes to dive, while the other doesn't and wants to snorkel, unlike most dive boats where diving is the only activity offered.
- Solo travellers looking to experience the Great Barrier Reef without the rush of a day tour.
- Families with older kids (typically 12+), where the whole family can enjoy diving together.

Top selling points

- Small, private groups (12 guests maximum), with 3 crew for amazing service.
- Gorgeous locations. We offer some of the best locations in the Cairns area, such as the Milln and Flynn reefs.
- Suitable for snorkellers, first-time divers and experienced divers.
- Freshly prepared meals onboard. Our guests rave about the food.
- No rush, experience the Reef privately with no other groups in the water with you.

A typical Itinerary

Day one

Board Coral Sea Dreaming at 7:45am, Berth 3, Finger A, Marlin Marina Cairns for morning tea and meet & greet.

8am set sail to Cairns outermost reefs.

Along the way we conduct introductory and certified dive briefing and a marine naturalist brief. There is plenty of time for passengers to mingle, relax and get to know each other.

At around 12PM we arrive at the reef. We will often aim for either Flynn or Milln Reef on the Outer Great Barrier Reef though locations visited always depend on the weather.

We love these sites for their fabulous visibility and diverse marine life. Depths range from 1 to 30 meters giving both snorkelers and divers a wide range of options depending on their experience.

You'll experience extensive coral gardens with an unbelievable amount of marine life. Expect to encounter turtles, reef sharks and schools of pelagic fish.

Our in-water activities are followed by a delicious lunch prepared on-board by the crew.

After lunch the vessel will move to a second location at Flynn or Milln Reef (weather-dependent). Here, large coral bommies sit alongside a reef wall making diving and snorkelling truly spectacular. Dive to 18 meters or snorkel the shallow reef flats.

After the second dive, a cheese plate is served while the guests rest from in-water activities. Time for some relaxation and mingling with other guests if desired.

Meanwhile the crew freshly prepares a simple but delicious and satisfying dinner (examples are various curries, stir-fry, gnocchi, Mexican-style burritos...).

Dinner is served, while the crew prepares the gear for the night dive.

After dinner, the divers are briefed for the night dive, which typically starts around 7-7.30, after sunset.

Once the night dive is completed, it's time for more relaxing – and perhaps a tea, hot chocolate or a glass of wine or beer from the on-board bar, along with some tall tales from the sea.

Day Two

Awake at dawn and watch the sun rise over the Coral Sea. Throw yourself into the warm tropical water and wake yourself up! This is the perfect time to dive or snorkel as early morning is a fantastic time to see reef sharks, turtles, and cruising pelagic fish. Breakfast is served.

Boat departs to its next location - often to "The Whale" dive site. This large coral bommie stands in 24 meters of water with excellent surrounding coral gardens, perfect for diving and snorkelling, close to the boat. It is also a great dive to see the reef sharks. Morning tea is served.

After mid-morning, the boat travels to the final dive location, for example the Thetford reef. Coral-draped walls rise from 18 meters in a circular lagoon to ensure great diving and snorkelling.

This is also an excellent time to catch up on some serious sun tanning or relax, read a book, or take in the stunning views.

Lunch is served before departure.

Upon leaving our anchorage we hoist the sails. It is common to have dolphins surf the bow wave and during the winter months see humpback whales breaching.

On the journey home, it is time to relax and enjoy the company of your new friends. Finally, as we leave behind the wonders of the reef, passengers are treated to a spectacular view as we approach one of Australia's most scenic harbours – mountains on the left and right rising high above a beautiful tropical city skyline.

Please note:

While we have tried to describe a typical trip, our itinerary is reflective of weather conditions at the time. As we have access to over 25 exclusive moorings at 9 reef systems, we will always seek the best option given the weather conditions to ensure guests enjoy the best possible locations on the day and are comfortable and safe. Therefore, times and locations visited may vary.