



6 NIGHTS BARRIER REEF CRUISING EXPERIENCE
From \$2747 per person

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the seven wonders of the natural world and one of Australia's most remarkable natural gifts. Blessed with the breathtaking beauty of the world's largest coral reef, it contains an abundance of marine life and coral cays and literally hundreds of picturesque tropical islands with some of the world's most beautiful sun-soaked golden beaches.

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DAY 1: CAIRNS

After collecting your luggage you will be transferred to your hotel with the rest of the day at leisure

Overnight: Standard Room – Pacific Hotel Cairns

DAY 2: CAIRNS

It is a short walk to the cruise terminal from your hotel – boarding time is 4:00pm. As you depart Cairns and cruise Trinity Bay there is time to settle in and discover your home for the next four nights. In the evening, join the crew and fellow travelers in the lounge to enjoy a glass of champagne as you cruise northward with views of Double Island and the pretty beachside village of Palm Cove. Admire a spectacular sunset over the World Heritage-listed rainforest of the Macalister Range before sitting down to a sumptuous dinner. (D)

Overnight: Coral Expedition II – Cabin



DAY 3: COOKTOWN AND GREAT BARRIER REEF

You have the morning to discover historic Cooktown. It was here that the famous explorer Captain James Cook took refuge during his voyage of discovery after claiming Australia as a British colony in 1770. You have the option to visit Cooktown's fascinating historical museum, featuring artifacts from Cook's ship - Endeavour. See the original anchor and cannon, jettisoned overboard after Endeavour struck a reef and began taking on water. Cooktown is steeped in history with most stone buildings dating back almost a century. Enjoy time to discover



Cooktown at your own pace.

Perhaps visit the Botanic Gardens, where you may catch a glimpse of native Australian wildlife including kangaroos and wallabies. This afternoon you visit one of the remote uninhabited islands of the Great Barrier Reef. Join the marine biologist for a glass bottom boat tour over the colorful coral gardens and discover some of the 1,500 species of tropical fish found in these waters. Enjoy your first snorkeling opportunity for an up-close view of the hundreds of varieties of coral growing on this section of reef. The experienced crew will be on hand to provide assistance, advice and guided snorkeling tours for less experienced swimmers.



Overnight: Coral Expeditions II - Cabin



DAY 4: LIZARD ISLAND, REEF AND SNORKELING

This morning you awaken moored beside beautiful Lizard Island. The energetic may join the guides on a walk to 'Cook's Look' on the island's peak. It was from here, the highest lookout on this part of the reef, that Captain Cook was able to navigate a safe passage back through the treacherous waters after repairing the Endeavour near Cooktown over 200 years ago. A photographer's delight the views from the lookout over the World Heritage-listed reef and surrounding tropical islands are magnificent. Lizard Island's fringing reef, in the shallow waters just meters off the beach, offers some fantastic

snorkeling opportunities.

Discover giant clams and a profusion of fish. Enjoy the remainder of the morning at your leisure. You may wish to simply relax on the golden beach soaking up the sun, join the Marine Biologist for a glass bottom boat tour, or for the ultimate Great Barrier Reef experience, take the plunge with our Dive Instructor on a guided scuba dive. The choice is yours! This afternoon you cruise to Ribbon Reef No. 9, a spectacular and seldom visited part of the





reef where the activities will include more snorkeling opportunities and glass bottom boat tours with the Marine Biologist.

Overnight: Coral Expeditions II - Cabin



DAY 5: SPECTACULAR RIBBON REEFS

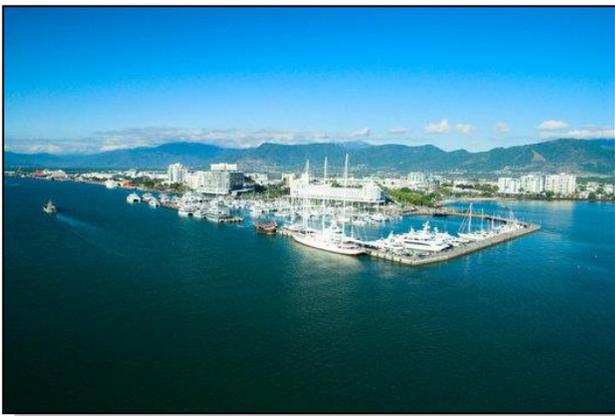
The Great Barrier Reef is not actually one continuous reef, but a series of thousands of individual coral cays stretching over 3,000 kilometers between the town of Bundaberg and the tip of Australia at Cape York. You spend today visiting two of the most pristine sections of the reef, Ribbon Reef No. 3 and Rachel Carson Reef. Explore the coral gardens and marine life with guided snorkeling and glass bottom boat tours. The Marine Biologist will explain the natural history and evolution of the reef and help you

discover the local wildlife, which includes sea turtles, giant clams, rays and over 200 different species of native birds.



Today will also be your last opportunity to experience the reef through SCUBA diving, so allow the Dive Instructor to guide you on an unforgettable experience of a lifetime. This evening, you enjoy a final memorable night cruising the Great Barrier Reef.

Overnight: Coral Expeditions II - Cabin



DAY 6: CAIRNS

Bid farewell to your Captain, crew and new-found friends this morning before disembarking at Trinity Wharf in Cairns. (B)

Overnight: Standard Room – Pacific Hotel Cairns



DAY 7: CAIRNS

We have booked a coach transfer for you to the Cairns Airport for your onward travel arrangements

Package Inclusions

- Arrival and departure transfers from/to Cairns Airport
- 2 nights in a Standard Room at the Pacific Hotel Cairns
- Cabin Accommodation
- All meals, morning and afternoon teas, soda fountain soft drinks
- Tea and barista-style coffee are available at all times
- Use of snorkeling equipment, masks, fins, and flotation vests
- Guided glass bottom boat coral viewing and snorkeling excursions
- Presentations by Marine Biologists
- Access to islands, marine and national parks
- Use of comprehensive range of library and video resources
- An introductory scuba diving skills session is available for first time divers.



Prices are per person based on double occupancy and are valid for travel from April 1/18 to Mar. 31/19. There are Christmas/New Year's Eve surcharges at the Pacific Hotel Cairns that will affect the overall package price.

