

# Cairns & Great Barrier Reef Snorkel & Dive, QLD



For **SINGLES 25 to 40 years.**

**Thursday 10 - Tuesday 15 June 2010** (includes Queen's Birthday Long Weekend),



This trip is designed to appeal to snorkelers, certified divers, or anyone wanting to learn dive on the beautiful Great Barrier Reef and discover Cairns.

The holiday is packaged with some nights in Cairns and a live aboard cruise on the Great Barrier Reef. You will stay on board the Reef Encounter, a luxury 35 metre catamaran, in your choice of a twin or single stateroom with a private bathroom. It's hassle free scuba diving and snorkeling off the easy access water platform, plus there's a spa on board. All the dive and snorkel packages include chef prepared gourmet meals while onboard, with a great crew to assist with all your onboard requirements.

## Prices

Package price for Cairns 3 night hotel stay and the 3 day / 2 night Reef Encounter Trip.

<b>PRICES per person</b>	<b>Twin Share</b>	<b>Single Room</b>
Snorkel Package	\$934	\$1,694
Certified Diver Package	\$1,074	\$1,831
Learn to Dive Package	\$1,290	\$1,941
Additional Nights Cairns, Pre or Post Trip *	\$99	\$166

.\* additional nights at Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort including a full buffet breakfast. Special rates valid in conjunction with holiday booking only for up to 2 additional nights pre and/or post trip dates

A Rendezvous for Singles

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## INCLUSIONS:

- 3 night stay at the 4.5 star Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort, Cairns
- 2 full breakfasts with hotel stay, Cairns
- 3 days/2 nights on board 'Reef Encounter'
- All meals while on board 'Reef Encounter'
- A welcome group dinner on first evening in Cairns
- Snorkel or Dive Packages (see below) on board 'Reef Encounter'
- A group host for dinner on day 1 in Cairns
- A group host for transfer hotel to boat on day 2

## SNORKEL TRIP

3 day / 2 night Snorkel Trip package includes:

- stateroom accommodation with private en-suite
- chef prepared meals
- all snorkel equipment (mask, snorkel, fins).

## CERTIFIED DIVER

3 day / 2 night Certified Diver package includes:

- stateroom accommodation with private facilities
- chef prepared meals
- 8 day dives and 2 night dives (10 in total)
- all dive equipment with the exception of wetsuits (\$5 per day to hire) and dive torches (\$5 hire fee per dive).

## LEARN TO DIVE- Personalised Open Water

3 day / 2 night course as follows:

This course is a personalised open water learn to dive course for the 3 days / 2 nights on board the Reef Encounter.

What is it?..... An [SSI Open water Certification](#).

The Personalised Open Water Dive Course is ideal for people who have previously experienced the pleasures of breathing underwater, so that they feel completely comfortable in the water.....

### Benefits include:

8 pleasure dives are combined with 6 skills sessions over a 3 day / 2 night period on Reef Encounter. This ensures all candidates have 8 recreational dives on the Great Barrier Reef. There's no pools, no classrooms - learn by experience under the watchful eye of your instructor with only 3 other students... Personalised.... Safer..... More Fun.....Attention to detail....

### Procedure:

- You need to go the Reef Encounter office (very close to the group hotel) and pick up a study guide and theory book (they require a \$30.00 deposit for the manual). Ideally, you would have completed chapters 1-4 prior to arriving onboard Reef Encounter - *the questions are quite simple. The theory is fun and easy to learn, you won't have to spend days grinding away to pass the exam.*
- students can do a minimum of 6 dives or a maximum of 8 dives, it's up to you.

We suggest you book an additional pre tour night in Cairns (arrive 9 June) so you have a more relaxed pace to study the material. Then you sit an exam in the Reef Encounter office, or alternatively you can do your theory and exam on board the boat.... As long as you have completed theory and exam by the time you depart off Reef Encounter...

You will need 2 passport size photos for your certification provided at the end of your course.

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## Itinerary

### Day 1: Arrival Day

Cairns airport is a short taxi or shuttle ride to Cairns CBD. Arrive in Cairns at your leisure. Check-in to hotel (check-in time 2pm).

This evening, from 6pm the group enjoys pre-dinner drinks and dinner at the [Salt House Restaurant and Bar](#). Situated at Marina Point, next to the new Cairns Yacht Club facilities, Salt House is a unique dining venue and bar, offering a panorama of the ocean, marina and city on the waterfront at Cairns, Marina Point. Dinner tonight at Salt House is a brilliant introduction to your holiday. The Salt House is a not to be missed night spot in Cairns.

Hotel: [Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort](#)

### Day 2: Live Aboard Departure Day

#### Medical Declaration Form:

You must complete a medical declaration form. This form will be available on board or you can complete in advance.

7:30am - Arrive at Marlin Jetty. Board the high speed air-conditioned catamaran 'Reef Experience' for your transfer to 'Reef Encounter' for the next 2 nights. Complimentary coffee & tea and BBQ (bacon & eggs) breakfast.

- 8:00am - Depart Marlin Jetty, Cairns transfer to Reef Encounter. Scuba dive & snorkel briefing.
- 9:15am – 9:30am Arrive Outer Barrier Reef Reef, transfer to Reef Encounter. Lunch, scuba dive, snorkel, sunbake & relax.
- 3:00pm - Cruise to Hastings, Norman or Saxon Reef for the night. Scuba diving, snorkelling, sunbake & relaxation time.
- Dinner, Night scuba dive & relaxation time.

### Day 3: Live Aboard

Enjoy your next day of diving and/or snorkeling. By now you will be very relaxed and right into the swing of this unique Great Barrier Reef encounter.

### Day 4: Live Aboard Return Day

- 6:30am - Scuba dive & breakfast (2 dives)
- 10:30am - Cruise to new outer barrier reef location. Scuba diving (1 dive), snorkeling & sunbaking, relaxing time.
- 12:00pm - Lunch, departing guests transfer to Reef Experience.
- 1:45pm - Cruise to other location, scuba dive, snorkel, sunbake, relax.
- 2:00pm - Transfer to Reef Experience
- 3:30pm - Depart for Cairns, complimentary wine and cheese.
- 4:30pm - Arrive back in Cairns. It's an easy stroll from the marina to your hotel, to check-in for the next two nights.

**Remember** - after diving you can not fly for 24 hours so our itinerary includes 2 nights accommodation in Cairns after the dive trip. PLUS it's a great chance to get to know Cairns over this weekend.

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### Day 5: Cairns

A wonderful full buffet breakfast is served at the hotel.

Enjoy your day at leisure. There's plenty to do or just relax poolside.

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### Day 6: Cairns - final day

A wonderful full buffet breakfast is served at the hotel. You will need to check-out of your hotel room this morning. If you are not departing until the afternoon, feel free to ask the hotel to store your luggage until you need it.

Hotel check out is 11:00am

*This information is a summary only. Full details and booking terms available at [www.arendezvous.com.au](http://www.arendezvous.com.au).*