

A combination of the best of the Great Barrier Reef and Coral Sea featuring.

#### Standard Itinerary:

- All dives over 150 miles north of Cairns
- The world famous Cod Hole with Diver-sized fish
- Coral gardens and sea snakes at the Snake Pit
- Big fish action in 40 meter visibility
- Drift dive with reef sharks at North Horn,
- Coral sea walls with 1,000m drop offs and huge soft corals
- The amazing Amphitheatre shark dive

#### Fair Weather Itinerary:

- Cruising 80 miles beyond the Great Barrier Reef
- Explore the offshore Atolls of Holmes, Bougainville & Osprey Reef
- Big fish action in 40 meter visibility
- Shark attraction dives at Holmes Reef (No visitation of Holmes reef on 'Nautilus dive' expeditions)
- Amazing labyrinths and 1000m walls and huge soft corals
- Dive the scattered remains of MV Antonio Tarabocchia
- Drift dive with reef sharks at North Horn
- The amazing Amphitheatre shark dive

#### Featured on both Itineraries:

- Prime Ribbon Reef sites
- Diver size fish at the Cod Hole
- Best fish & coral biodiversity
- Exploration of Lizard Island
- Outstanding marine life biodiversity
- All dives over 100 miles north of Cairns
- Superior vessel stability in adverse weather conditions



#### What awaits you?

As the sun sets over the coastal port city of Cairns, you'll board Mike Ball's Spoilsport to begin your epic diving adventure. Meet the crew, mingle with guests and settle into your cabin as you cruise northward overnight to the magnificent Ribbon Reefs, the first stop on your 700km dive odyssey.



#### Amazing - Holmes Reef - Coral Sea

Pristine white sand slopes up from the depths until cut off by tall bommies that lead to the shallow reef wall. Grey whalers and silver tips are frequent visitors. The reef wall is larded with tunnels that lead to different parts of the reef and undiscovered 'cul de sacs'. The tunnels are big enough to fit a small car and you can discover these beautifully arched passageways quite comfortably.



#### Antonio Tarabocchia - Bougainville Reef - Coral Sea

Bougainville has something for everyone. Plummeting clear blue waters, giant Queensland Groupers, wall dives, drift dives and more. There's a wreck to visit and canyons to explore. A remote reef which is rarely visited and awesome to see. Sites we will visit: Dungeons & Dragons, Southern Wall and Silver Slope.



#### Nonki Bommie - Holmes Reef - Coral Sea

Soft corals and sea fan enthusiasts will get their fill on this dive. A big bommie coming up to the surface from 35 meters with a big crack in the middle. The canyon created by the crack in the middle is full of giant yellow and orange sea fans. In the distance sharks circle the bommie to complete the recipe for an amazing dive.



#### Admiralty Anchor - Osprey Reef - Coral Sea

Glide past huge black coral trees, giant feathery soft corals, golden fans and red whips housed along the plummeting walls. Swim amongst schools of giant trevally, dog-tooth tuna, blue spot trevally, barracuda or bumphead parrotfish. Observe or be observed by the many shark species in the area.



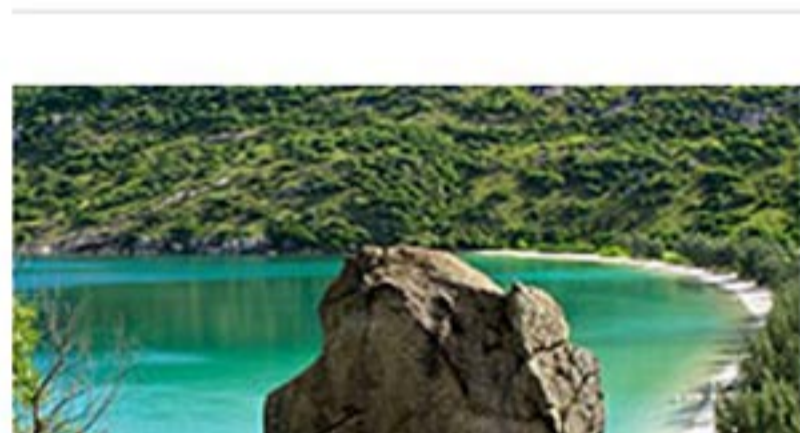
#### False Entrance - Osprey Reef - Coral Sea

False Entrance is another amazing dive site! Other than the resident schooling big eye trevally and barracudas, which make for a great photo opportunity, there's colorful gorgonian fans, whips and soft corals. Keep one eye out on the blue water for cruising hammerheads in the cooler months.



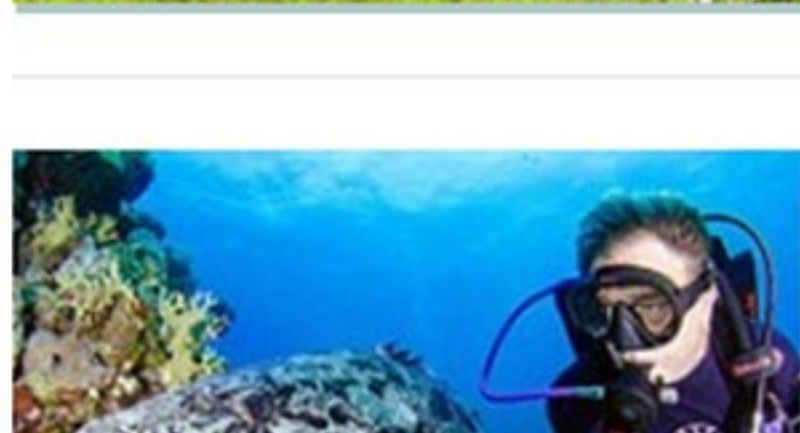
#### North Horn - Osprey Reef - Coral Sea

Exciting shark action in the Coral Sea! Your Osprey Reef adventure builds to a climax with a spectacular shark dive at North Horn. You will see 10-30 grey reef sharks, white-tip reef sharks as well as other species. You can photograph these sleek high order predators at close-range, or not so close, you choose!



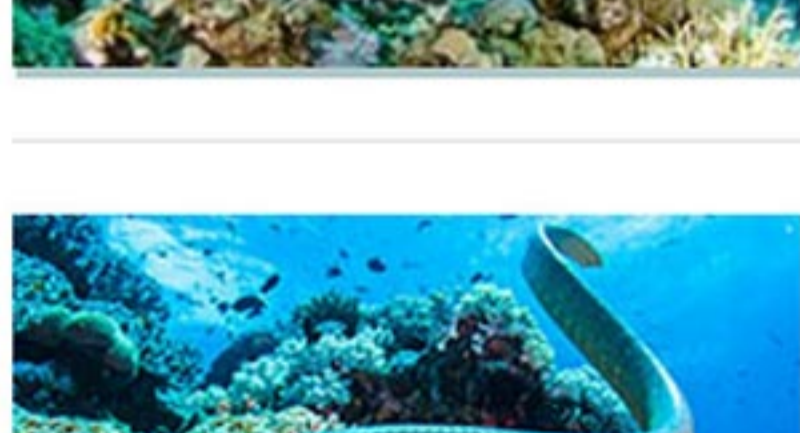
#### Lizard Island

Cruise to Lizard Island on Sunday night. This is the halfway point on your safari, guests from the Fly Dive options join or leave the boat. 7 Night guests can off-gas and take some unique photographs on Lizard Island during a walk along Watson's Bay and climbing the hill to Chinaman's Ridge.



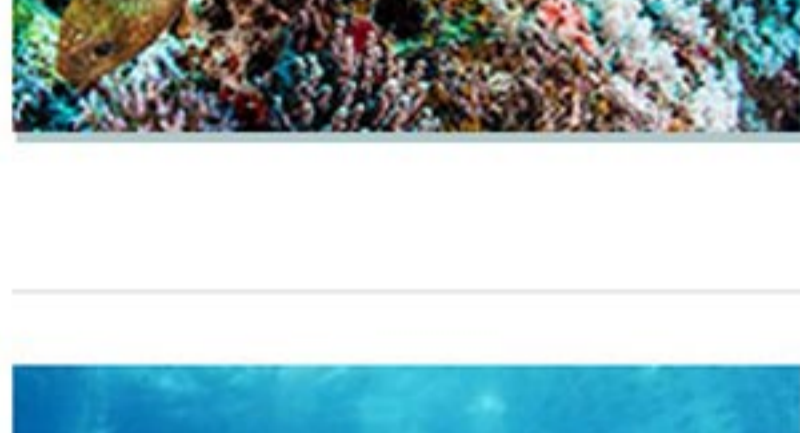
#### Cod Hole - Ribbon Reefs

One of the Great Barrier Reefs most amazing phenomenons awaits you at the Cod Hole, where you'll swim with incredibly inquisitive 'small diver size' potato cod. Also a great site to check out white tip reef sharks sleeping in the sand, the occasional grey reef shark and if you're lucky, sometimes a hammerhead.



#### Snake Pit

An isolated platform reef shoaling up to form a number of deep coral bommies festooned with multi coloured crinoids. Olive sea snakes are commonly found and are both very curious and very complacent, allowing the more adventurous diver and photographer to get very close indeed! It is also common to sight a variety of ray species, cuttlefish and turtles.



#### Lighthouse Bommie - Ribbon Reefs

Big schools of brightly coloured yellow and blue snapper cruise the top of an adjacent reef, while numerous species of anemone fish have also made it their home. During minke whale season (June to August) this is one of the best spots to see these magnificent creatures.



#### Goggle Gardens & Vertical Gardens

Goggle Gardens is a diverse site requiring more than one dive; spectacular coral formations rise from the depths of the ancient 'starky river' adorning walls, bommies and sandy flats to the reef edge crevasses. Vertical Gardens is only accessible on a handful of days every year: this dive site is home to a herd of large green bump head parrotfish.



#### Steve's Bommie

On the final day, you will find yourself at one of the Great Barrier Reef's most popular sites, Steve's Bommie. Schooling trevally, barracuda and large mackerel hang in the current, reef sharks patrol in the depths, fantastic coral and a huge diversity of reef fish surround the top of the site. A photographer's dream!



#### Returning to Cairns

Disembark Thursday 8:00am at Trinity Wharf, Cairns. Courtesy transfers are provided from the vessel to the Mike Ball office, inner city hotel locations and the Cairns Domestic and International Airports.

#### Dive Site Guarantee!

Spoilsport's outstanding stability minimizes disruption to your itinerary and your scuba diving experience. If weather forces an itinerary change we divert to the best, 'safe, accessible sites' to ensure you get the best scuba diving available. 9% of Coral Sea itineraries are diverted to the Great Barrier Reef.

All itinerary details are subject to change, specific marine life cannot be guaranteed.