



2018 Far Northern Reefs Expedition - Southbound

Join Spirit of Freedom for a rare opportunity to dive the Far Northern Great Barrier Reef. One of the last totally pristine areas of the Great Barrier Reef, these isolated reefs are off-shore from the remotest northern tip of the Cape York peninsular, and many of the hundreds of reefs in the region are yet to be fully explored.

This tour commences at Horn Island, a tropical island in the Torres Straights above Australia. You will spend five days diving the oceanic wilderness of the Far Northern Reefs as well as one day on the Ribbon Reefs, north of Cairns. You will have the opportunity for 24 - 26 dives at around 20 unique sites, combining exploratory diving with our favourite dive sites in the region, and travelling over 600 nautical miles, (1000 + Km). You will experience an amazing diversity of underwater landscapes including deep oceanic walls laced with massive gorgonians, whips and soft corals; gardens of impressive coral formations; and isolated pinnacles, bays, caves and canyons. The many small islands in this region are also nesting grounds for the green sea turtle, and from October to March each year thousands of turtles return to their natal (birth) beach. While the islands are totally protected from public access, the surrounding waters are active with turtles. Other marine life encounters we experience in this region include a variety of species of sharks and rays, and schools of pelagic fish, as well as incredible amount of diverse macro life.

The lighter winds of our early summer generally offer the best opportunity to dive the outer walls of the Far Northern Reefs. The style of diving (including various forms of entries and exits), and the conditions, are for the experienced diver, and we recommend this tour for more seasoned divers, with a good degree of fitness.

Please Note : The Flight to Horn Island is not included in the tour, and you need to make your own travel arrangements to meet Spirit of Freedom at Horn Island.





Far Northern Reefs Expeditions - Southbound 29 October - 05 November & 26 November - 03 December 2018

Tour Begins: Ex Horn Island. Monday 4.00pm
Tour Ends: Trinity Wharf, Cairns the following Monday 07.30am .

Day 1: Board Spirit of Freedom, Horn Island 3 -4.00pm. Overnight travel.
Day 2: Diving Far North region
Day 3: Diving Far North region
Day 4: Diving Far North region
Day 5: Diving Far North region
Day 6: Diving Far North - Tijou Reef region
Day 7: Diving No. 5 Ribbon Reefs at dive sites such as Steve's Bommie. Overnight travel
Day 8: Arrive Trinity Wharf Cairns approx 6.00am. Light breakfast on board & transfers to Cairns city hotels 7.30am.

Diver Safety: Advanced Type Diving.

- Diver experience recommendation: Advanced Diver Certification with minimum of 50 ocean dives including 5 dives within the last 12 months Less experience may result in limited diving due to environmental conditions and remote isolation of dive site. We recommend a Scuba Diver Refresher course prior to your trip.
- Diver Health: If you have a medical condition or are currently taking prescription medication, you will need a medical clearance. For further details refer to our [Diver Information Form](#) or contact our [Reservations team](#).
- Diver Fitness: A good degree of fitness may be required for many of the dives.

Cabin Type	No. of Cabins	Places per cabin	Price per person AUD	Marine Park Levy AUD	Total per person AUD
Ocean View Deluxe	1	2	\$6200	\$20	\$6220
Ocean View Standard	1	2	\$5725	\$20	\$5745
The Stateroom	1	2	\$5725	\$20	\$5745
Standard Double or Twin share	7	2	\$5025	\$20	\$5045
Quad Share	1	4	\$4350	\$20	\$4370

INCLUDES: 7 Nights on board Spirit of Freedom, 6 dive days, 24 - 26 dives, tanks & weights, all meals, Australian wine, soft drinks and beers with the evening meal, tea & coffee, daily cabin service, bed linen, bath and deck towels, Cairns City hotel transfers

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- **Flight Cairns to Horn Island**
- Gear Hire. Per piece hire or full gear package, including computer, torch, batteries etc, at \$245 for the trip.
- Nitrox fills at \$10 per fill or \$180 for the trip.
- Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks outside of the evening meal.

TERMS OF PAYMENT (for individuals).

A 20% deposit is required to secure your booking

Full payment is due 2 months prior to your trip departure date

Payment accepted by direct transfer, AUD check, AMEX, VISA, or mastercard. Amex incurs a 3% surcharge

CANCELLATIONS (for individuals)

Cancellations will be charged \$100.00 per person admin fee.

Cancellations made within 6 months of departure date will incur a fee of 20% of the trip fee.

No refund applies for cancellations made within 2 months of departure date

Horn Island Flights. Qantaslink offer daily flights from Cairns to Horn Island. Direct flights to Horn Island depart Cairns at 8.25am and 12.10pm. Your flight time is 1 hr 45 mins. Please ask your agent to book your flight or visit www.qantas.com

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