



Information for Booking Agents

To assist you and your staff with booking clients onto the itinerary that is best suited to their experience level, and to understand some of the diving recommendations and requirements in our booking procedures, please read the following information.

Diving Information and Tour Suitability

All Divers on all our tours must be Certified Divers, minimum PADI Open Water Certification (or other agency equivalent). We then have recommendations of dive experience for each itinerary. These recommendations are:

3 Day Cod Hole & Ribbon Reef Tour

Diver Safety: Suitable for Snorkellers to Advanced Divers

- Diver Experience recommendation: Open Water certification with a minimum of 10 ocean dives including 5 dives in the last 12 months.
- Less experience may result in limited diving due to environmental conditions. We recommend a Scuba Diver Refresher course prior to your client's trip.
- Diver Health: If your client has a medical condition or is currently taking prescription medication, he/she will need a medical clearance.

4 Day Coral Sea Tour and 7 Day Cod Hole & Coral Sea tour

Diver Safety: Advanced Type Diving.

- Diver experience recommendation: Advanced Diver Certification with minimum of 20 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 client's trip.
- Diver Health: If your client has a medical condition or is currently taking prescription medication, he/she will need a medical clearance.

We require all divers to present a valid Certification Card and be equipped with a safety sausage, whistle and alternate air source (included in our Hire Equipment package). We do not offer Learn to Dive courses, "resort dives" or any form of scuba diving activities for anyone who is not a Certified Diver.

Diver Information Forms

We require all passengers complete and submit our [Diver Information Form](#) at least 30 days before their trip date. The link to this electronic form will be emailed with your booking confirmation. The Diver Information form includes a link to our Passenger Terms and Conditions <http://www.spiritoffreedom.com.au/reservations/terms.html>, and requires passengers to agree to the Terms and conditions, provide information on their diving experience, and complete a medical statement. The form also explains our onboard charges such as Marine Park Levies, and costs for extras such as scuba equipment hire.

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Scuba Diving and Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend your clients purchase Insurance to cover both travel related incidents and medical emergencies when scuba diving. Unfortunately, most Travel Insurance policies do not include cover for Scuba Diving, however there are Insurance companies that provide comprehensive cover specifically for scuba diving. We recommend Divers Alert Network (DAN) www.diversalertnetwork.org & Dive Assure www.diveassure.com. It is our experience that many travellers undertaking scuba diving activities hold both general travel insurance and a specific dive insurance policy.

Flying and Diving

When planning your clients trip, we recommend a minimum of 24 hours after the last dive before booking your client on a flight. Please note that the last dive on the last afternoon of our tours is finished between 5 and 6pm

Mandatory On-Board Fees

1. A **\$20.00 pp fee** is payable on board for all Spirit of Freedom tour. This fee includes a \$19.50 levy to enter the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (EMC).
2. A Fuel Levy may apply at the time of travel. At the time of sending no fuel levies apply, however Spirit of Freedom reserve the right to implement a levy without notice.

Luggage Restrictions

For all itineraries that include flights, (3 and 4 day tours) the total luggage weight is limited to a maximum of **20 kilograms (45 lb) per person**. Secure storage is available at the Spirit of Freedom office.

Cabin Share Advice

Same gender cabin share is not guaranteed in twin and quad share cabins. Ocean View cabins contain Double beds only and rates are based on double occupancy. The Stateroom contains a Queen bed only and rates are based on double occupancy. Sole Occupancy rates available on request.

Children on board

A minimum age of 10 and full fare applies. All children must be accompanied by a parent at all times, including when diving or snorkelling. Spirit of Freedom does not supply child sized scuba equipment or wetsuits. Should gear be required, then the child must provide their own equipment. Diving in ill-fitting equipment is not allowed.

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