



Diving the Great Barrier Reef

A declared World Heritage site, made up of 2,900 individual reefs extending over 1,400 miles, the Great Barrier Reef is one of the most exciting natural environments on earth. The ultimate way to experience the reef is to be down among the colorful coral formations, swimming amid tiny clown fish, huge Maori wrasse, giant clams, stingrays, sharks and turtles. There are 1,500 species of fish, 350 different corals, 5,000 species of mollusks and 10,000 species of sponges. Water temperatures range from 72-82° Fahrenheit and visibility is 30-200 feet allowing for comfortable diving year round.

Best Dive Spots

The South Pacific is a wonderful place for all kinds of diving, for beginners to the most experienced. Take advantage of the clear, clean water for warm and cold water diving. Some spots to consider:

AUSTRALIA

Queensland

Everywhere along the Great Barrier Reef but some special spots are the Cod Hole off Lizard Island (Potato Cod) and Heron Island (turtles, reef), Ribbon Reefs, wrecks

South Australia

Pt Lincoln (Great White Sharks), Baird Bay (Sealions, Dolphins) Kangaroo Island (Leafy Sea Dragons, Weedy Sea Dragons, NZ Fur Seals, Sealions)

Western Australia

Ningaloo Reef (Whale Sharks), Monkey Mia (Dolphins), Rowley Shoals, Shark Bay, Rottnest Island (shipwrecks, reef)

New South Wales

Byron Bay - Julian Rocks, Jervis Bay and Nelson Bay

Victoria

Wreck diving along the Great Ocean Road

Tasmania

Seals, kelp forests, sea dragons, sea horses, many varieties of fish, soft corals & sponges

NEW ZEALAND

Bay of Islands (Dolphins), Paihia (Rainbow Warrior shipwreck)

FIJI

Everywhere (fish, soft coral, drift diving)

TAHITI

Everywhere but particularly Tuamotus (fish, sting & manta rays, sharks, wrecks, dolphins, turtles, drift dives)

COOK ISLANDS

Rarotonga and Aitutaki (Humpback whales, Reef Sharks, Eels, Parrot & Lion fish, wrecks)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

North of Madang (WWII wrecks, coral reefs), Trobriand Islands (whales), Bismark Sea (Pelagics, reef and wrecks)

REEF ENCOUNTER LIVE-ABOARD

3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS from \$530 p/p, twin share



The ultimate way to see the Great Barrier Reef. Live and sleep on the well appointed 21-stateroom Reef Encounter and experience the Reef at its best, day and night. An excellent alternative to a resort-based vacation, daily departures from Cairns make this an accessible personalized Reef experience for everyone. Staterooms feature large ocean views and en-suites, and guests enjoy fresh gourmet meals, snorkel and dive equipment, glass bottom boat tours, guided snorkel tours, learn-to-dive courses and certified diving. Note: A \$20AUD p/p per day fuel surcharge may apply, payable direct.

TUSA DIVE

FULL DAY from \$179 p/p



Join Tusa Dive on board their modern dive vessel for intimate day of diving and snorkeling at two outer reef locations, specifically chosen for the day's conditions. Enjoy 4-5 hours to snorkel, dive and relax. Transfers, lunch, guided snorkeling and equipment are all included. For divers looking for a live-aboard experience, ask about Tusa Dive's "Spirit of Freedom" Cod Hole and Coral Sea adventures. Note: A \$5AUD p/p per day fuel surcharge and a \$10AUD p/p Marine Park Levy port management fee apply, payable direct.

SILVERSONIC

FULL DAY from \$145 p/p



Silversonic is a high speed luxury catamaran traveling at 30 knots to maximize time spent at the outer reef. Silversonic is designed for adventure and provides a small group of passengers a variety of water based activities. Visit 3 reef sites at Agincourt Ribbon Reef on the very edge of the Great Barrier Reef for spectacular coral and fish life. Spend 5 hours at the reef to experience snorkeling, introductory diving or a choice of 3 certified dives. Note: Environmental surcharge of \$5AUD p/p applies, fuel surcharge may apply, both payable direct.

