

GREAT BARRIER REEF CONSERVATION

Orpheus Island Marine Monitoring Program and

Whitsunday Islands

7 days/6 nights
4-10 August, 2012
ex-Townsville/Proserpine
from A\$2900 including GST per person

Price includes:

- ◇ Transfers between Townsville/Townsville Airport-Orpheus Island-Airlie Beach-Proserpine Airport.
- ◇ 3 nights dorm accommodation at Orpheus Island. 4 days dive and training activities with Reef Check Australia.
- ◇ 3 nights twin share accommodation at Boathaven Spa Resort, Airlie Beach. Two days dive and educational activities with Order of the Undersea Coral Heroes (OUCH).
- ◇ All boat transport, tanks, weights and survey equipment and training materials.
- ◇ All food (community cooking) at Orpheus Island. Daily breakfast hamper and welcome dinner at Airlie Beach.

Prices do not include flights, dive gear rental, travel insurance, alcohol, laundry, WIFI, personal expenses and excess baggage allowance, certification/PIC cards. All prices are quoted in Australian dollars and are subject to change without notice. Booking conditions apply.

Reef Check Australia/International is a marine conservation charity whose volunteers collect data for public use to shape conservation management policies. Orpheus Island Research Station is located in a Great Barrier Reef marine park sanctuary. The research station normally allows diving to James Cook University registered divers only. OUCH is the most active community volunteer dive group in Northern Queensland working to protect the Great Barrier Reef. Your adventure also gives vital support and funding to conservation efforts of OUCH and RCA at the Great Barrier Reef.

DiVo is an Australian non-profit organisation, working with marine conservation and research groups to introduce recreational divers to hands-on participation in marine conservation. Learn underwater research protocols, marine life ID, be part of genuine conservation and research, help give back to the oceans.

Hands-on adventure diving

in marine conservation

- ◇ Rare opportunity to stay and dive off Orpheus Island Research Station, Great Barrier Reef.
- ◇ Get accreditation to dive as coral reef surveyor with Reef Check Australia/International. Earn PADI specialisation as coral reef survey diver.
- ◇ Join community volunteers Order of the Underwater Coral Heroes (OUCH) in the Whitsundays for an underwater search mission and help support OUCH's conservation and education efforts.

For bookings and inquiries contact

Dive Adventures

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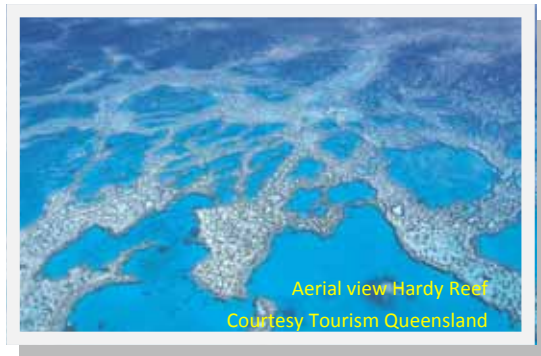
Activities

Saturday

AM Pick up from Townsville to be met by a marine research vessel at Taylor's Beach. Enjoy a scenic ride to Orpheus Island through the Great Barrier Reef Marine National Park and its pristine islands.



PM Orientation of the marine research station and an introductory session on coral with Reef Check Australia. If tides permit, you will conduct your check out dive and practise reef-friendly diving technique. In the evening, enjoy a community-cooked meal under the stars.



Sunday

AM Theory and practical sessions on coral substrate identification and reef health indicators.

PM Put your training to a test...no worries! It's all about mentor-buddy camaraderie at its best.

Monday

AM and PM Now we learn about invertebrates—sea stars, shells, sea cucumbers - and WHY we are monitor-

ing this. Earn your stripes with a final quiz and practical, and get Reef Check accreditation as well as a PADI Coral Reef Survey Diver Specialty under your belt!

Tuesday

AM A practice survey dive before graduation as a Reef Check Australia qualified surveyor.

PM Relax as we transfer you to a boutique dive resort in the Whitsundays, the Boathaven. Enjoy a free evening in the lively Airlie Beach.

Wednesday

AM Meet Tony Fontes, tireless champion of marine conservation and founder of the Order of the Undersea Coral Heroes (OUCH). Tony will give you a unique behind-the-scenes insight into Great Barrier Reef management policies.

PM Enjoy a leisurely afternoon at Airlie, followed by a dinner with DiVo and OUCH.

Thursday

AM and PM Dive with OUCH on a search and rescue mission of GBR moorings, a community task that OUCH has supported the GBR marine park authorities for many years. Afternoon and evening at your leisure.



Friday Transfer by coach to Prosperpine Airport for onward flight.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

PRE-TRIP: You will get a course manual to read beforehand. We will also be in touch on your food preferences and recipes.

LOCATION AND CLIMATE Orpheus Island and the Whitsundays are in Northern Queensland. Mean temperatures in August vary between 22-28 °C and water temperatures around 24°C. 5-7 mm wetsuit recommended.

INCLUDED Dorm-style accommodation on Orpheus Island, shared twin or double at Boathaven, all meals on Orpheus Island (cooked by volunteer teams taking turns), breakfast hamper at Boathaven, airport transfers, boat transport, dive tanks and weights, survey slates and quadrats, welcome dinner at Airlie Beach.

We will endeavour to place single travellers in twin shared accommodation with other travellers of the same sex. Single travellers may request a single room subject to availability and payment of single supplement.

NOT INCLUDED Flights, dive gear other than tanks and weights, self-catering food and drink, insurance, visas, excess baggage charges; personal items such as phone calls, laundry, drinks etc; airport taxes.

WHAT THE VOLUNTOURIST SHOULD HAVE Dive computer, torch, reef shoes, dive insurance* and dive certification cards** (minimum PADI advanced diver subject to change if Queensland state or Orpheus Island Research Station regulations change). *Orpheus Island Research Station requires dive insurance, please contact your travel agent if you require this. **Must be presented on arrival or participation void and no refunds given.

BOOKING TERMS

Applicable between you and each of Dive Adventures and DiVo

DEPOSIT AND BALANCE A non refundable deposit of \$300 per person is required to secure a booking. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Failure to comply may result in tour cancellation and forfeit of deposit.

CREDIT CARDS For any deposit or final balances payable if you elect to pay for your holiday with a credit card, an additional charge of 1% for Visa and Master Card and 3% for Diners and American Express Cards will be added to the invoice value of the booking.

CANCELLATION Bookings cancelled by you at any time after confirmation are subject to the forfeit of deposit or payments made, including any additional deposits required by suppliers. In addition, we may charge any costs charged by the hotel or other contractor which cannot be avoided. This can amount to up to 100% of total land arrangement costs, particularly when cancelling tours and other arrangements within 60 days of departure. You should check what additional cancellation fees apply before paying deposit. Airfares may attract a cancellation charge up to 100% depending on the conditions of the airfare. Please take out travel insurance, as this may prevent you having to pay these fees, if cancellation is due to circumstances beyond your control. Any refunds due will be available to you after we receive the monies from the airline/ operator involved.

FORCE MAJEURE Due to weather, transport delays, strikes and other causes beyond our control and that of our contractors and airlines, we reserve the right to cancel the trip or contracted services. We will endeavour to secure refunds, but will not be held responsible for refunds not forthcoming or other travel arrangements affected. All diving and ocean activities are subject to weather conditions. While we will endeavour to organise appropriate replacement activity or secure refunds where possible, refunds for certain fixed costs may not be obtained.

GROUP DEPARTURE DiVo charges the trips at cost on a non-profit basis and per person cost is based on a minimum number of 4 participants, therefore we reserve the right to cancel trips (subject to refund of the \$300 deposit) or adjust prices if numbers are not reached.

CHANGES IN PRICES AND ITINERARIES We reserve the right to adjust our prices as necessary to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates or increases in the cost of fuel,

accommodation, and services in general at any time, up to and including the day of departure of tour. Although no changes to itineraries, hotels or dive locations are anticipated, we reserve the right to make such changes if necessary without notice. If accommodation is not available due to overbooking or other situations through no fault of ours similar standard accommodation will be provided where possible. Amendment of individual itineraries at customer's request will be subject to the terms and conditions of the airline and land service provider.

UNDERWATER ACTIVITIES We and our servants, agents and employees do not assume any responsibility or liability for the safety of any participating individual in any activity offered by way of tour itinerary including but not by way of limitation, activities of scuba diving and snorkelling. Clients on all diving tours must be aware that the on-site dive operator has sole responsibility for diving activities and has the right to refuse diving to any individual without recompense for reasons of health including instability or suspect or real intoxication or the results thereof, or for any suspect or real inability or incompetence.

AIRLINE SCHEDULES If flight schedules changes occur for whatever reason it may be necessary to alter the itineraries. The services of the stipulated airline must be used on the route. Increase in airfares may apply if other carriers are used.

RESPONSIBILITIES We accept liability for, but only to the extent of, any loss or damage sustained by you as the result of negligence of that of our employees. We will endeavour that our service providers are of reputable standard, but we do not accept any liability of whatever nature for the acts, omissions, or default, whether negligent or otherwise, of service providers (including airlines, coach or dive operators, boat operators, shipping companies, hoteliers or other persons providing services) over whose conduct we have no direct and exclusive control. We do not accept liability in contract or in tort (actionable wrong) for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expenses or inconvenience caused directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part including but not limited to war, civil disturbance, fire, floods, unusually severe weather, acts of God, acts of Government or of any other authorities, accidents to or failure of machinery or equipment or industrial action.