

# GREAT BARRIER REEF WHITSUNDAYS

## Dive with marine conservationists

### Conservation action at the Great Barrier Reef

Aerial view Hardy Reef. Courtesy Tourism Queensland

3 days/3 nights  
7-10 August, 2012  
ex-Proserpine  
from A\$850 including GST per person

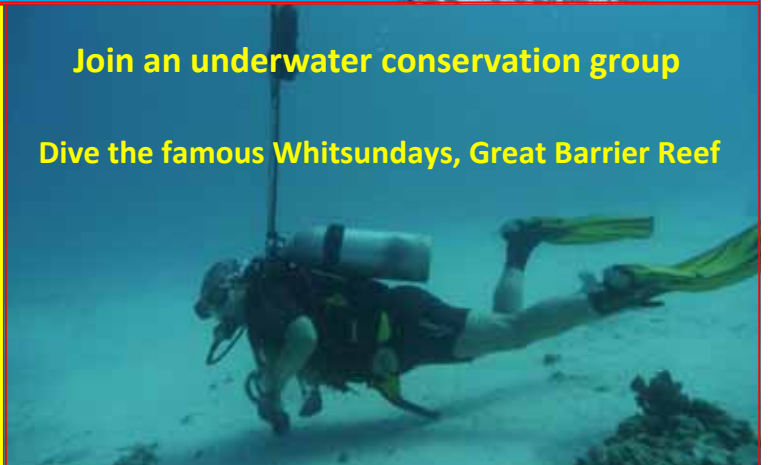
#### Price includes:

- ◇ Transfers Proserpine-Airlie Beach and Airlie Beach-Proserpine.
- ◇ 3 nights twin share accommodation at Boathaven Spa Resort.
- ◇ Half a day with Order of the Undersea Heroes (OUCH) on Great Barrier Reef management policies.
- ◇ 1 day/2 dives with OUCH, boat transport, tanks, weights and survey equipment.
- ◇ Daily breakfast hamper, welcome dinner.

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.

### Join an underwater conservation group

### Dive the famous Whitsundays, Great Barrier Reef

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- ◇ The beautiful Whitsunday Islands is one of the most visited spots on the Great Barrier Reef. Learn how the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and different interest groups manage and share this beautiful natural heritage.
  - ◇ Join community volunteers OUCH for an underwater search mission of zone moorings and help support OUCH's conservation and education efforts.

Boathaven Spa Resort is centrally located in town with views over the marina and offers 4-star poolside suites each with a private balcony. Facilities include self catering kitchens, gym, waterfall pool, heated spa, laundry, satellite TV, WIFI, towels and linen.

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.

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# Activities

## Introduction to OUCH

The Order of the Undersea Coral Heroes (OUCH) is the most active community volunteer group in Northern Queensland when it comes to working to protect the Great Barrier Reef. OUCH is a hands-on organisation that prefers to work at the coal face and has a number of projects going; reef protection program, mangrove watch, seagrass watch, coral reef monitoring, and numerous



education programs for visitors and reef operators. The Reef Protection Program is popular with divers, and this a “treasure hunt” search and location marking of reef protection marker buoys, in support of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Parks Authority. The Reef Protection Pro



gram has virtually stopped anchor damage at popular dive sites and has been successfully extended to other parts of the Great Barrier Reef. Most recently, OUCH received a significant grant to map the habitat of all marine endangered species in the Whitsunday region.

OUCH was founded by Tony Fontes, a well respected

figure in the dive industry and chairman of the Whitsunday Local Marine Advisory Committee. Join Tony and OUCH for two days of an insider’s perspective to the much admired management and protection policies of the most famous coral reef in the world.

## Tuesday

**PM** We will arrange your transfer from Proserpine Airport 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 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 Proserpine Airport for onward flight.



# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

**LOCATION AND CLIMATE** 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** Shared twin or double at Boathaven, breakfast hamper, airport transfers, boat transport, dive tanks and weights, survey slates and quadrats, welcome dinner.

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 and dive certification cards (minimum PADI advanced diver). Non-production of certification cards to dive operator will entitle the dive operator to refuse participation for which no refunds will be given. Travel and dive insurance highly recommended.

## 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

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.

including the day of departure of tour. Although no changes to itineraries,