

## Excursion with SPIRIT OF FREEDOM

### COD HOLE, RIBBON REEFS & CORAL SEA 7 DAY ITINERARY, MONDAY DEPARTURE

**Departing** Cairns 12:00 noon Monday  
**Returning** Cairns 07:00 am Monday

#### Trip Includes

- Transfers to/ from Cairns city accommodation
- Opportunity for up to 27 dives
- En-suite cabin with daily service
- Chef prepared meals
- Australian wines & soft drinks with evening meals

**Special note:** The new 7-day-itinerary, Monday departure does not return to Cairns for the full 7 days. Flights are not included, and therefore there are no limitations on weight !

#### Sample Itinerary

**Monday:** Board Spirit of Freedom at 11:15 am at Trinity Wharf (complimentary transfers from Cairns city hotels are available) for a 12 noon departure. Lunch will be served on board while we cruise to the Great Barrier Reef for an afternoon orientation dive and a twilight or night dive.

**Tuesday:** Today we may dive the amazing Steve's Bommie, Clam gardens, Flare Point and the beautiful Gorgonia Wall and other sites on middle Ribbon Reefs.

**Wednesday:** This morning we will dive the Cod Hole. This is a popular dive site famous for it's resident family of large Potato Cods, (Gropers). We may also dive Dynamite Pass, Lighthouse Bommie, Challenger Bay, and Pixie Wall. This evening we overnight at Watson's Bay on Lizard Island.

**Thursday:** This morning some of our guests will depart at Lizard Island and some new guests will join us. There will be time for a morning walk on the island. This afternoon we will have the opportunity for two dives at a choice of sites such as the Cod Hole, Pixie Pinnacle and Challenger Bay before departing in the evening for the Coral Sea.

**Friday & Saturday:** Osprey Reef. Australia's Coral Sea reefs are renown for crystal clear water with average visibility in excess of 100 feet. Two days can be spent diving at Osprey Reef, including North Horn, well known for its shark action. You can expect to see grey whalers, silvertips, reef sharks, occasional hammerheads, schooling barracuda, trevally, and other pelagics. The landscape is amazing with sheer walls laced with gorgonians, sea whips, and bright yellow soft corals, rising from thousands of feet below.

#### Sunday:

**Option 1:** Still in the Coral Sea, weather depending we will dive Bougainville Reef.

**Option 2:** Today we return to the Ribbon Reefs # 3 to #5 to dive sites such as the sensational Steve's Bommie, Temple of Doom, and Flare Point. On Sunday evening we will cruise overnight back to Cairns

**Monday:** Arrive Cairns approximately 6:30 am. Breakfast will be served on board and hotel transfer will be arranged for approx . 7:30 am.

*Please note that above itinerary is a sample only and sites may vary or the sequence may change. Access to the Cod Hole and the Coral Sea is weather conditional and while every attempt will be made to keep to the advertised itinerary, the Coral Sea and specific sites on the Great Barrier Reef are not guaranteed.*

