

# PADI Advanced Open Water Course

## 3 Day 2 Night Liveaboard

The Great Barrier Reef is renowned as one of the seven natural wonders of the world and a declared World Heritage site. It encompasses 350,000 square kilometres of the South Pacific Ocean, extends for 2,000 kilometres, is made up of 2,900 individual reefs and 71 coral cays. Its ecosystem supports the greatest concentration of life on this planet including 1,500 species of fish, 350 different kinds of coral, 4,000 species of molluscs and 10,000 species of sponges. Water temperatures range from 22°C to 30°C allowing comfortable diving all year round.

Complete your PADI Advanced course with Pro Dive Cairns onboard our 3 day dive adventure and visit up to four easterly Outer Great Barrier Reef locations, taking in sites selected for their extravagance of marine life and excellent visibility. This course is the important first step in continuing your dive education. It is designed to give the newly certified or not so experienced diver added confidence and enjoyment in their diving through additional skills and training. Pre-requisite for this course is a PADI Open Water certificate or equivalent with another training agency.



There are no formal classroom sessions involved with this course, but the student will need to read through the PADI "Adventures in Diving" manual and answer the relevant knowledge reviews. The trip schedule allows for a total of 11 dives with 5 of these dedicated to Advanced course training. The remaining 6 are recreational dives for you to explore and enjoy the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef. Your Advanced training consists of 5 training dives: Deep Dive, Underwater Navigation & Night Dive. Your remaining dives could be a choice of Underwater Naturalist, Search & Recovery or Underwater Photography, to name a few.

### Trips Depart

- Everyday except Tuesday
- German speaking staff onboard: Thursday & Sunday
- Japanese speaking staff onboard: Saturday

### Dive Sites

Pro Dive has access to over 16 exclusive dive sites on the Outer Barrier Reef including sites on Milln, Thetford, Pellowe and Flynn Reefs. Click on the following link for further information on our dive sites.

[Pro Dive Cairns Dive Sites](#)

### Trip Itinerary



### The night before departure:

If you have time we suggest you drop into our retail shop, located on the corner of Shields & Grafton Streets, where you can arrange your dive equipment for the trip (this means you won't have to do it at 6:00am on the morning of your trip!). The retail shop is open until 9.00pm, 7 days a week.

As an option, you may wish to learn about the reef and fish you will meet by visiting 'Reef Teach' – a 2.5hr marine biology presentation (additional cost).

### Day One      **Diving the Outer Great Barrier Reef**

Dive 1 & 2      Two pleasure dives to give you an introduction to diving on the Great Barrier Reef. This is also a great opportunity for you to acclimatize to the diving conditions, fine tune your skills or even to refresh your skills if it has been some time since your last dive.

Dive 3      **Navigation Dive** - After revising your knowledge review, your instructor will brief you on your navigation dive where you will complete some exercises using both compass and natural references to help improve your underwater navigation skills.

Dive 4      **Night Dive** - Here you will be introduced to night diving on the Great Barrier Reef. You will complete a simple navigation exercise before being given a guided tour with your instructor. During your night dive you can expect to find sleeping turtles, parrot fish and a variety of other marine life only encountered at night.

### Day Two      **Experience further fantastic diving on the Outer Great Barrier Reef**

Dive 1      **Deep Dive** - During this dive we will give you the experience to safely conduct dives beyond your 18 metre depth limit as an open water diver. Under the close supervision of your dive instructor you will be taken down to 30metres, where you will be tested for signs of nitrogen narcosis, shown the effects of increased pressure and colour absorption at depth.

Dive 2,3 & 4      With your three core training dives now completed, you have today and tomorrow remaining for pleasure dives and to complete the last 2 dives of your Advanced training dives, all designed to introduce you to other interesting areas of diving which you may wish to learn more about. You can select your last 2 training dives from those listed below.

### Day Three      **Morning dives and return to Cairns**

Dive 1,2 & 3      You have a morning of pleasure diving and the opportunity to finish any additional training dives that you may not have yet completed, before returning to Cairns after lunch.

### Training Dive Options

#### **Underwater Naturalist**

To learn more about the Great Barrier Reef and its ecosystem - this dive is an absolute must! We will teach you how to identify the main families of fish from Damselfish to Triggerfish. You will also be taught how to identify the different corals. If this dive interests you make sure you don't miss the complimentary Reef Teach marine biology presentation the night before your trip departs.

### **Underwater Photography**

If you want to take home some lasting memories this elective dive is ideal. On your Underwater Photography dive you will be taught pre and post underwater camera care and you will also be shown how to get the best results from your underwater camera. After loading your underwater camera your dive will simply involve trying to capture the beauty of the Great Barrier Reef. If you do not have your own camera you can hire a digital underwater camera at a cost of AUD\$35 per dive.

### **Search and Recovery**

If you have ever lost anything while you have been diving or treasure hunting appeals to you, then this option will be very useful for you. During this dive you will learn not only how to conduct searches but also how to retrieve submerged objects from the ocean floor. We will teach you how to swim various search patterns using your compass or a simple length of rope. You will also be shown how to correctly secure objects to a lift bag and bring them back to the surface.

### **Boat Diving**

Many divers learn to dive and make dozens of dives before they ever set foot on a dive boat; others learn to dive from one type of boat, but have little experience diving from others. If you fit in either group, the boat diving elective will speed your transition to diving from boats or boats you're not familiar with.

### **Cost**

*Rates valid from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011*

- AU \$775 per person

### **Additional Costs**

An additional fee of AU\$50.00 per person is payable direct to Pro Dive Cairns. This fee consists of a AU\$16.50 Government Environmental Management Charge (EMC) as well as a Port Departure Tax and administration costs. This is payable direct to our Retail Shop at the end of your trip.



### **Underwater Cameras**

We have Digital Cameras with underwater housings available onboard for hire – the cost is AUD\$35.00 per dive which includes your images burnt to CD. If you would like a 3 day package hire with strobe and wide angle lens please speak to the Retail Shop when you are arranging your dive gear.



## Trip Inclusions

- PADI Advanced Manual (English or German) & Certification
- Accommodation transfers Cairns City & Northern Beaches
- 11 Dives (weather permitting)
- Twin or double cabin accommodation and bed linen
- All meals whilst onboard
- Dive Insurance
- All dive equipment inc dive computer & prescription lens mask if needed
- Long leg, short arm wetsuits
- Torch & cyalume sticks for night diving
- Full snorkelling equipment for snorkellers, including wetsuit

## Booking Procedure

You are highly advised to pre-book your trip as availability may be limited if you wait until your arrival to Cairns.

If you would like to make a booking, we require payment in full. You can contact us via phone or email or book via our reservations facility online (please note that when you enter your credit card details in our online system you will have instant confirmation and payment for the PADI Advanced Course. Visa and Mastercard online only). We accept all major credit cards if you book via phone or email.

[Online Reservations – click here](#)

Email us: [info@prodiv Cairns.com](mailto:info@prodiv Cairns.com)

Phone: + 61 7 4031 5255 or Freecall 1800 353 213 (within Australia)

## Cancellation Policy

This trip is fully refundable up until 48 hours prior to departure. Please note full cancellation fees apply if cancelling within 48 hours prior to travel.

## Please Note

- Some medical conditions may prevent you from diving – if in doubt please see your doctor before travelling
- In the interest of safety we recommend you do not fly within a 24-hour period after diving
- The above itinerary is a guide only and the times of dives may change
- The skipper will always adapt an itinerary to the prevailing weather, tides and currents
- Please advise if you have any dietary requirements & we will do our best to cater for you
- Everyone will be required to fill out a Medical Waiver Release and Indemnity Deed onboard the vessel
- We recommend you organize your own travel insurance

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