

PADI Open Water Referral

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.

If you have completed your pool & theory training elsewhere, Pro Dive Cairns can help you complete your Open Water certification onboard one of our 3 day 2 night liveaboard liveaboard trips. During your trip you will complete 4 Open Water training dives – once you have completed these 4 dives you will become PADI Open Water certified! After this, you have the opportunity to enjoy a further 5 pleasure dives as a certified diver, one of which is a night dive guided by your instructor. An absolute must!

When you join our 3 day dive adventure, you will visit up to four easterly Outer Great Barrier Reef locations, taking in sites selected for their extravagance of marine life and excellent visibility - these sites are rarely visited by other vessels. Divers get the opportunity to view magnificent hard and soft corals, giant clams, turtles, stingrays and the largest variety of tropical fish, both large and small. Cabins onboard are all twin share (2 single bunks) and there are two double cabins available upon request.



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 Grafton & Shields 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!). Our 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). Reef Teach is located at 14 Spence Street (right in the city centre).

Day One Diving the Outer Great Barrier Reef

- 05:45hrs Complimentary hotel transfer – available from Cairns City & Northern Beaches accommodation.
- 06:15 Check in at Pro Dive retail shop – Corner Shields & Grafton Streets.
- 07:00 Depart Cairns for 3 days & 2 nights of fantastic diving/snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef. A light breakfast is served onboard.
- 10:30 Your first training dive in the ocean
- 12:00 Lunch is served - hearty soup with an array of fresh salads, cold meats & bread rolls.
- 14:30 Your second training dive
- 18:00 Dinner - the menu changes each trip however it will be wholesome, hot & of course lots of it! Then time to relax.

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

- 07:00hrs Your third training dive.
- 08:00 Enjoy a hearty breakfast of cereal, fresh fruit, bacon and eggs as well as toast & spreads.
- 10:30 Your fourth and final training dive!
- 12:00 Lunch on the second day is hot pasta with a variety of fresh salads.
- 14:30 You are now a certified diver – your first pleasure dive!
- 18:00 A hot dinner is served
- 19:30 A guided night dive!

Day Three Morning dives and return to Cairns

- 06:30hrs Your first dive of the day.
- 07:30 A hot breakfast accompanied with fresh fruit salad, cereals and toast.
- 09:00 After breakfast, the vessel makes its last site of the trip, where you will do your second dive.
- 11:00 Your last dive of the trip!

- 12:00 A selection of freshly made sandwiches is served before the vessel heads back to Cairns
- 16:00 Complimentary accommodation transfers – Cairns City & Northern Beaches.
- 19:30 Join fellow passengers & crew at a local restaurant for a farewell dinner! (optional)

Course Requirements

- You will need to make sure you have a current dive medical to complete your referral (within 90 days) – your medical **MUST** be done to the **Australian Standard AS4005-1** otherwise it will not be accepted. This must be arranged prior to your trip departure. A history of asthma, diabetes & pregnancy may exclude you from scuba diving. Dive Medicals can be arranged in Cairns at the Cairns 24 Hour Medical Centre for a cost of AUD\$49.50.
- You will need to bring your PADI referral paperwork, signed by your PADI instructor stating that you have completed all modules of pool and classroom training. If you are not a **PADI** referral student (i.e. have not completed your pool and school theory with a PADI training school) then you will require an **extra day** in the classroom before you complete your ocean referral course. Without this extra day of tuition, you will not be able to complete your Open Water Certification at sea – price on application

Cost

Rates valid from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010

- AU \$675 per person

Additional Costs

An additional fee of AU\$45.00 per person is payable direct to Pro Dive Cairns. This fee consists of a AU\$15.00 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 Open Water Certification
- Accommodation transfers Cairns City & Northern Beaches
- 9 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 3 Day 2 Night trip. 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@prodivecairns.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.
- We do recommend that if you are under 18 and over 45 years of age to obtain your medical beforehand
- 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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