

A DIVER'S UTOPIA

TOTAL SUGGESTED NIGHTS: 11 nights

Plus suggested add-on and extra nights en route if desired.

The Australian coastline covers some 25,000 kilometres and is surrounded by many thousands of fringing islands and reefs. Three of the most outstanding coral reefs, all World Heritage Listed, are the Great Barrier Reef, the barrier reef at Lord Howe Island and Ningaloo Reef. These offer a dream marine discovery for divers and snorkelers of all ages.



FROM CAIRNS GENERAL AVIATION TERMINAL TAKE A 60 MINUTE HINTERLAND AIR FLIGHT TO LIZARD ISLAND.

1 Lizard Island Great Barrier Reef, Queensland (3 Nights)

Lizard Island is a beautiful, natural, remote island retreat and northern-most Great Barrier Reef resort. Lizard Island offers 24 white powdery sand beaches, five star cuisine, indulgent spa treatments and an outstanding dive and snorkel destination. It is the quintessential active reef experience.

A selection of must do's

- Cod Hole – Accessible via Lizard's purpose-built dive boat, the MV Serranidae, this world famous dive destination is known for its giant potato cod but is also home to a plentiful array of other marine creatures
- Mrs Watsons Bay – Walking distance from the resort, this relaxing shallow dive (or snorkel) provides an extraordinary view of the Giant Clam.
- Night Diving - An afternoon dive familiarises divers with the site, and following a surface break, a night dive then provides a unique opportunity to see nocturnal marine animals.



60MIN SCENIC FLIGHT TO CAIRNS GENERAL AVIATION TERMINAL, HOSTED GROUND TRANSFER TO MAIN TERMINAL, 3HR FLIGHT TO SYDNEY AIRPORT, OVERNIGHT IN SYDNEY, NEXT DAY 2HR FLIGHT TO LORD HOWE ISLAND AIRPORT.

2 Capella Lodge Lord Howe Island, New South Wales (3 Nights)

Lord Howe Island is home to Capella Lodge, a contemporary luxe beach-style lodge. With a mixture of temperate and tropical marine life, many endemic to the island, Lord Howe has a unique under water world to explore. The Island has a spectacular underwater topography of trenches, caves and volcanic drop-offs.

A selection of must do's

- Ball's Pyramid and surrounding sites - World class diving and species endemic to the region. Expect to see massive schools of Violet Sweep, Amberjack, Kingfish, Silver Drummer, Ballina Angelfish, Rainbow Runners, Trevally and occasionally Marlin, Dolphins and Wahoo.
- Deacon's Delight – Carpets of mauve soft corals are home to a variety of species; Galapagos reef shark, schools of Blue Streak Fusiliers, Trevally, Kingfish, butterfly fish and the rare harlequin tuskfish and clown trigger fish.
- Malabar Landslide – Long swim throughs with a pair of small caves at the beginning of the dive makes it a memorable navigational dive.





FROM LORD HOWE ISLAND AIRPORT, 2 HOUR FLIGHT TO SYDNEY AIRPORT, CONNECT TO 5 HOUR FLIGHT TO PERTH AIRPORT, OVERNIGHT PERTH, NEXT DAY 2 HOUR FLIGHT TO EXMOUTH/LEARMONTH AIRPORT, 1.5 HOUR SELF-DRIVE OR TRANSFER TO SAL SALIS.

3 Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, Western Australia (3 Nights)

Ningaloo Reef is home to luxe coastal camp **Sal Salis**, and is regarded as the best place in the world to swim with whale sharks and manta rays. Offering over 500 species of fish, 250 species of coral, and 600 species of molluscs. It is also a major breeding area for hawksbill, green and loggerhead turtles.

A selection of must do's

- Swim with Whale Sharks (April to July) - Technically not a dive but a definite must do!
- Exmouth Navy Pier - Voted as one of the top ten dive sites in Australia. Expect to see wobbegong sharks, large cods and groupers, stonefish, lionfish, anglerfish, moray eels, frogfish, barracuda the list goes on.
- Ningaloo Reef - Explore this magnificent reef, some 260km in length, with a knowledgeable guide and appreciate how important it is to protect these rare environments.

OPTIONAL - For the true dive junkie add a heli-diving excursion over the Great Barrier Reef to the beginning of this trip and visit qualia, Great Barrier Reef.



ARRIVE HAMILTON ISLAND AIRPORT AND PRIVATE 5 MINUTE TRANSFER TO QUALIA - DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM SYDNEY, BRISBANE, CAIRNS AND MELBOURNE. THEN CONTINUE TO LIZARD ISLAND BY FLYING 1.5 HOURS FROM HAMILTON ISLAND AIRPORT TO CAIRNS, THEN 60 MINUTE FLIGHT TO LIZARD ISLAND.

+ qualia Great Barrier Reef, Queensland (3 Nights)

qualia, located on the secluded northern tip of Hamilton Island, surrounded by the beauty of the Whitsunday Islands and Great Barrier Reef, this world-class resort immerses you in a sophisticated, sensory and relaxed atmosphere.

A selection of must do's

- Heli-dive - Fly to Reefworld by helicopter to dive the Great Barrier Reef, with stunning aerial views of Heart Reef and Whitehaven Beach en route.
- Bait Reef Marine Park - About 38 nautical miles from qualia, this dive location is acknowledged as one of the most spectacular of the region. Offering underwater canyons, vertical stepping stones, shallow lagoons with an abundance of coral gardens and marine life.
- Black Reef - Accessed via boat, soft corals walls inhabit alongside hard coral gardens and you will engage with the always-inquisitive Maori wrasse.

The Luxury Lodges of Australia are devoted to connecting their guests with a sense and experience of place. It is their signature experiences that make a visit to any of these Australian regions genuine and memorable.

The total number of suggested nights are a guide based on daily available scheduled flights and may vary. Prior to arrival, or upon arrival, at each lodge or camp, a bespoke personalised itinerary can be created with the expertise of an intuitive and knowledgeable team of hosts.

Many of the lodges offer a rate that includes accommodation, food and beverages, and importantly, signature experiences to really connect guests with an outstanding Australian region.

