

Great Barrier Reef Cruise Itinerary

DAY 1 - CAIRNS AND SUDBURY CAY

Board at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal at 10:00am, and cruise Trinity Bay. Visit Sudbury Reef, and enjoy snorkelling, glass bottom boat tours, and optional Scuba diving. Finish the day with sunset drinks ashore on the deserted sandy cay.

DAY 2 - HINCHBROOK CHANNEL & DUNK ISLAND

Cruise the majestic Hinchinbrook Channel whilst enjoying a top deck breakfast in the sunshine. Look for wildlife during a mangrove tour. Stretch your legs on Dunk Island, with a hike up Mt Kootaloo or a beach walk. With the aid of your guides, you may spot the electric blue Ulysses butterfly.

DAY 3 - NATHAN REEF AND COATES REEF

Discover Nathan Reef on a guided snorkel: this reef is teeming with abundant fish life, including clownfish and Maori Wrasse. Later, visit colourful Coates Reef – see plate corals and parrotfish during an optional SCUBA dive, or stay dry and view marine life from the comfort of the Glass Bottom Boat, with expert interpretation by your on-board marine biologist.

DAY 4 - FITZROY ISLAND - CAIRNS

Enjoy a rainforest walk or a hike to the lighthouse. Snorkel over fringing reef and swim with Green Sea Turtles, before learning all about them during a visit to the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre. Return to Cairns to at 1:30pm. During a brief turn-around in Cairns, you may enjoy a complimentary admission to the Cairns Museum. Reboard your ship at 4:00pm on your way to enjoy the northern Reef.

DAY 5 - HISTORIC COOKTOWN AND THE REEF

Discover historic Cooktown, with building dating back to the 1870s. Visit the botanic gardens and the James Cook Museum to see original artefacts from the HMB Endeavour. Enjoy an afternoon snorkel and sunset drinks at Turtle Beach on Lizard Island, and see giant trevally and tawny nurse sharks during an after dinner fish feed off the back deck.

DAY 6 - LIZARD ISLAND AND THE RIBBON REEFS

Enjoy the breathtaking natural beauty of Lizard Island. Join an optional hike to Cook's Look in the early morning to survey the reef.

Learn about the tragic fate of Mary Watson and snorkel from the beach over giant clam gardens. This afternoon visit the pristine Ribbon Reef #9 for snorkelling and diving.

DAY 7 - RIBBON REEFS

Spend a full day discovering the out Barrier Reef, with snorkelling, diving, and marine biologist led tours of Ribbon Reef #3 and Escape Reef.

DAY 8 - DISEMBARKMENT

Say farewell to your fellow friends as you disembark at 08:00am.

CRUISE OPTIONS

3, 4 and 7 night cruises available, speak to one of our specialist consultants for more information on itineraries and inclusions.

Please note: for reasons of navigational safety, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the cruise itinerary, which is beyond Orbital Travel's control.

