

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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Under the guidance of a fun and experienced crew, enjoy 5 hours split across 2 premium outer reef locations chosen for their water clarity, diversity and sheer abundance of marine life.

Upgrade your day to include a SCUBA dive (no experience necessary), semi-submersible tour or join an exhilarating reef-scenic helicopter flight for a unique aerial perspective of this incredible natural wonder.

Take time out to relax on Evolutions spacious outer decks, enjoy a freshly prepared BBQ lunch, as well as complimentary cheese, crackers and glass of wine on the cruise home.

The quality, affordability and range of experiences on offer places Evolution in a class of its own.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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This meticulously designed wave piercing catamaran offers the smoothest possible ride with modern air-conditioned saloons, a dedicated dive lounge, 3 levels of luxurious open-air outer decks, an exclusive Gold Class Lounge, plus hydraulic platforms providing easy water-level access once at the reef.

Take time out on Evolution's unique upper sundeck offering 360-degree coral sea views with plenty of shade for summer, and the perfect vantage point to spot Humpback Whales during their annual migration (July to September).

Travel time to the reef is under 90 minutes leaving up to 5 hours to explore 2 premium outer reef locations chosen for their water clarity, diversity and sheer abundance of marine life. These warm tropical waters are teeming with a myriad of colourful corals, giant clams, turtles, rays, dolphins, timid reef sharks, 1500 varieties of fascinating reef fish, and over 600 species of echinoderms including sea-stars and sea cucumbers, with so much still to be discovered!

Snorkel, SCUBA Dive (no experience necessary), ride in the interactive Semi-Submersible vessel, join a Marine Biologist on a small group Guided Snorkel Tour, or climb aboard an exhilarating reef-scenic helicopter flight and witness the vibrant hues and staggering expanse of the reefs thriving coral gardens from a unique aerial perspective.

The day is fully catered including morning tea on boarding, a superb freshly cooked BBQ lunch (Steak, Fish, Prawns, salads) plus a complimentary glass of wine, cheese and crackers on the return journey. A licenced bar and snacks are also available for purchase during the day and most dietary requirements can be met.

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CAIRNS FULL DAY OUTER REEF CRUISE

Tour code: EVO

01-April 2027 to 31-March 2028

Standard cruise	Retail rate
Adult	\$275
Child (4-16 years)	\$170
Family (2A, 2C)	\$800

Return coach transfers	Additional cost pp
Cairns	\$26
Northern Beaches	\$38
Port Douglas	\$115 (min 2 pax)

DEPARTS: daily

DOES NOT OPERATE: 25-Dec; 01-Jan

TOUR ITINERARY

Check-in: 07:15-07:45

At the Down Under Cruise and Dive check-in counter located inside the [Reef Fleet Terminal](#).

Cruise departs: 08:00

Helicopter departs: 12:40 (Fly / Cruise guests)

Reef site 1: 3 hrs at Norman or Saxon Reef

Reef site 2: 2 hrs at Hastings Reef

Helicopter returns: 15:15 (Cruise / Fly guests)

Cruise returns: 16:30

WHAT TO BRING

Prepare as you would for a day at the beach with a hat, towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, something to swim in, a dry change of clothes and a warm jumper in winter. Cash or card for any onboard purchases such as bar items, optional activities or photography.

TOUR BASIS

- FIT / Group / Private Charter (POA)
- Up to 150 total guests
- Exclusive Gold Class lounge – up to 8 guests

BOOK AS A MULTI-DAY PACKAGE WITH

- Billy Tea Safaris Daintree & Cape Tribulation
- Billy Tea Safaris Outback & Chillagoe Caves
- Kuranda Scenic Rail & Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

See attached multi-day package information & pricing

BOOKINGS & MORE INFORMATION

P: +61 7 4052 8300 (daily 7am-7pm)

E: reservations@downunderdive.com.au

W: www.downunderdive.com.au

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Image gallery](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

STANDARD CRUISE INCLUSIONS

- Morning tea on Evolution prior to departure
- Less than 90 minutes travel time from Cairns
- 5 hours exploring 2 premium Outer Great Barrier Reef locations
- All snorkelling equipment including mask, snorkel, fins, flotation devices and sun-smart Lycra suits in summer
- Friendly in-water assistance provided for beginner snorkellers
- Lifeguard patrolled snorkel area for your in-water safety
- Freshly cooked BBQ lunch – steak, fish, prawns and a range of delicious salads. Most dietaries catered for. [View menu here](#)
- Cheese, crackers and a glass of wine included on the return journey
- 1 crew : 8 guests. The perfect mix of professional service and fun!

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Please see following pages for more information and pricing on packages incorporating the below optional activities.

Pre-booking is strongly recommended to ensure availability, especially during busy periods when these popular options can sell out:

- **Introductory SCUBA Diving** (no experience necessary)
- **Certified SCUBA Diving**
- **Reef-Scenic Helicopter Flights**

On the day, our Marine Biologists and Master Reef Guides also offer additional interpretative activities including:

- **Marine Biologist Guided Snorkel Tours** (30 mins) – **POB only**
A fun and informative small group guided tour with opportunity to have all your reef questions answered
- **Semi-Submersible Tours** (20 mins) – **POB only**
This interactive tour of Hastings Reef provides a unique divers perspective through large viewing windows without putting a toe in the water! Perfect for non-swimmers, families with young children or anyone wishing to learn more about this intricate ecosystem.



Local family owned and operated for over 38 years!

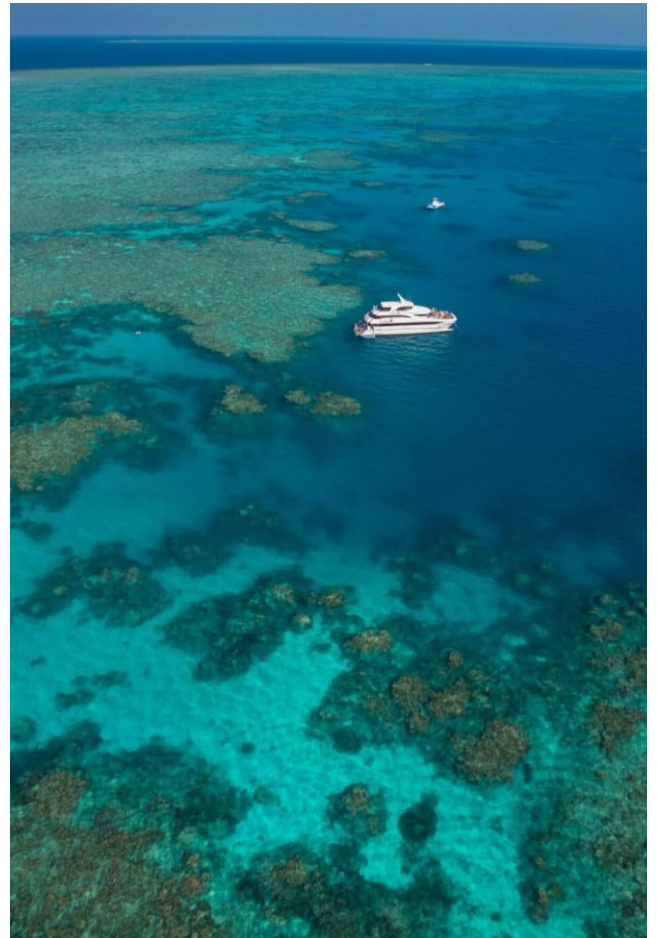
Down Under Cruise & Dive are long-term custodians of the reef, recognised with [Advanced Eco-Accreditation](#) status for our high level of environmentally and culturally responsible practices.

Onboard [Master Reef Guides](#) offer expert interpretation, further enriching the visitor experience while a team of qualified inhouse Marine Biologists participate in the [Coral Nurture Program](#) whose mission is to enhance ecological resilience and social stewardship by developing innovative methods for coral restoration.

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SCUBA DIVING PACKAGES

Divers onboard Evolution have access to a dedicated dive lounge where instruction, briefings and dive plans can be communicated in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere with the aid of modern AV displays.

Once at the reef, Evolution's large hydraulic dive platform and unique fold out wings have been custom designed to provide easy water-level access while reducing dive-deck clutter and entry point bottlenecks common on lesser quality vessels.

All equipment is provided including BCD's & regulators from SCUBAPRO, silicon masks, snorkels, fins, weights, tanks and wetsuits. Free prescription masks are also available for use.

INTRODUCTORY DIVING

Introductory diving assumes no prior experience and is conducted in small groups under the close supervision of a diving professional.

Our in-water photographer can capture the experience for you plus you will receive a PADI certificate as a memento of your achievement!

- Friendly step-by-step tuition from experienced instructors
- Learn the fundamentals of diving and SCUBA equipment
- Complete a short quiz and basic in-water skills assessment
- Small group personalised attention - only 4 divers per instructor
- Up to 12 metres (40ft) maximum depth
- Up to 30 minutes total duration
- Opportunity for a 2nd dive on the same day
- Receive credit towards a formal Certified Dive accreditation

CERTIFIED DIVING

Enjoy up to 3 certified dives at premium Outer Reef sites including Norman Reef or Saxon Reef (AM) and Hastings Reef (PM). Experience lagoon, wall and channel dives with stunning swim throughs and an amazing range of reef life in waters ranging from 24c in winter up to 32c in summer.

- Requires a formal dive qualification and certification card
- Experienced divers can dive in buddy pairs while others can enjoy an expertly guided dive with one of our experienced team
- Average dive time is 40-45 minutes
- Pre-book up to 2 dives with a 3rd dive possible on the day, subject to availability, and payable direct

IMPORTANT DIVE INFORMATION

All diving is subject to the successful completion of an onboard medical waiver. Certain medical conditions (e.g. asthma, heart disease, diabetes) and/or prescription medications may prevent an individual from diving.

All individuals over the age of 65 are required to present written clearance from their doctor confirming they are Fit To Dive.

Individuals with existing medical conditions or taking prescription medication are urged to review our [Introductory and Certified Diver Medical Waivers](#) prior to travel and seek medical advice prior to travel if needed.

Following diving, periods ranging from 12-24 hours (or more) are recommended prior to flying dependent on the number of dives, depth of dives and total accrued dive time.

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SCUBA DIVING PACKAGES



Pre-booked dive packages	Adult 17 yrs +	Child 12-16 yrs
Cruise + 1 Dive (Intro or Cert)	\$350	\$245
Cruise + 2 Dives	\$390	\$285
Cruise + Dive + 10-min Heli flight	\$530	\$435

Please note:

- The minimum age to dive is 12 years
- The child age for Heli packages starts at 3 years
- Third Certified Dives are possible on the day subject to availability and are payable direct.



HELICOPTER SCENIC FLIGHT PACKAGES

A helicopter scenic flight over the Great Barrier Reef is an exhilarating experience not to be missed! You will be amazed by the stunning blue and green hues of these pristine coral sea waters and the sheer scale of the reefs thriving coral gardens. Inflight sightings have included Sea Turtles, Sharks, Manta Rays, Dolphins, Dugong and even majestic Humpback Whales (Jul-Sep) during their annual migration from Antarctica. Helicopter upgrades on Evolution are the most affordable and sought-after on the reef, so pre-booking is highly recommended to ensure availability.

GET HIGH PACKAGE **** UNBEATABLE VALUE ****

Cruise to and from the reef on Evolution. Enjoy all the standard full day cruise inclusions **PLUS** a breathtaking 10-minute reef scenic flight at Hastings Reef. **Add a SCUBA dive for just \$75**

FLY/CRUISE half-day tour, 1 reef site)

Depart Cairns early afternoon by Helicopter. Enjoy an incredible 25-minute reef scenic flight meeting up with Evolution at Hastings Reef. Guests have up to 1.5 hours for snorkelling and lunch before returning to Cairns on Evolution with complimentary cheese, crackers and glass of wine.

CRUISE / FLY

Depart Cairns on Evolution. Enjoy all the standard full day cruise inclusions and optional activities before departing the reef on a spectacular 25-minute reef scenic flight back to Cairns. **Add a SCUBA dive for just \$75**

ITINERARY OUTLINE

- 07:15** Check-in for Cruise/Fly and Get High guests at the Down Under Cruise & Dive counter inside the [Reef Fleet Terminal](#)
- 08:00** Cruise/Fly and Get High guests depart Cairns on Evolution
- 12:10** Check-in for Fly/Cruise guests at the [Nautilus Aviation office, 1 Pierpoint Road, Cairns Esplanade](#), adjacent to the Shangri-La Hotel and Salt House restaurant and bar.
- 12:40** Helicopter departs Cairns with **Fly/Cruise guests**
25-min reef-scenic flight from Cairns to the reef
- 13:05** Heli arrives at Hastings Reef
10-min reef-scenic flights for **Get High guests**
- 14:50** Heli departs Hastings Reef with **Cruise/Fly guests**
25-min reef-scenic flight from the reef back to Cairns
- 15:15** Heli arrives back to Cairns
- 16:30** Evolution returns to Cairns with Fly/Cruise & Get High guests

ACCOMMODATION TRANSFERS

Both the Reef Fleet Terminal and Nautilus Aviation Pier Heli Port office are easy walking distance from major inner-city hotels. Ample parking is also available for self-drive guests. Taxi's/ UBER are readily available or return accommodation transfers can be booked at regular transfer prices (Cairns City: \$26pp, Beaches \$38pp).

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HELICOPTER SCENIC FLIGHT PACKAGES



10-MINUTE REEF-SCENIC FLIGHT

"GET HIGH PACKAGE"	Adult (17 yrs+)	Child (3-16 yrs*)
Cruise + 10-minute Heli	\$455	\$360
Cruise + 10-minute Heli + Dive*	\$530	\$435

* Introductory or Certified Dive. Minimum age to dive is 12 years

25-MINUTE REEF-SCENIC FLIGHT

Helicopter to or from the reef	Adult/Child (price is per seat)
Fly Out / Cruise Back (half-day tour)	\$560
Cruise Out / Fly Back	\$590

- Maximum 6 guests per flight, subject to aircraft payload limits
- Individual passenger body weights required at time of booking
- Infants 0-2 yrs can travel FOC on the parent's lap (max 1 per flight)



EXCLUSIVE GOLD CLASS LOUNGE

The affordable small-group private charter alternative!

Dial up the luxury with VIP access to the exclusive Gold Class Lounge, located on the second level of luxury super-yacht, Evolution.

Enjoy all the benefits of a large, stable, fully equipped catamaran with the feel and service level of a private charter but at a fraction of the cost.

Complete with dedicated concierge service and a range of value adds, Gold Class delivers an unparalleled experience for couples, honeymooners, multi-generational families, small groups of friends (up to 8 guests) or anyone seeking a premium Great Barrier Reef experience without the high-end price tag.

In addition to Evolutions standard day-cruise inclusions, Gold Class guests receive:

- Meet and greet on arrival by a personal concierge
- Luxurious couch seating
- Personal in-room climate control
- Option to play your own music through the quality AV system
- Nespresso coffee machine
- Mini fridge with complimentary cold drinks, chips and chocolates
- Morning / afternoon tea and lunch buffet can be enjoyed in the privacy and comfort of the lounge or taken on the outer decks.
- Towels and sunscreen provided
- All snorkelling equipment including wetsuit and prescription masks
- **BONUS** \$20pp onboard credit for bar or activity purchases
- **BONUS** Marine Biologist guided snorkel tour (valued at \$45pp)
- **BONUS** semi-submersible coral viewing tour (valued at \$20pp)
- Complimentary cheese, crackers and glass of wine on the return cruise to Cairns

ITINERARY OUTLINE

Check-in / boarding	from 07:15 – 07:45 Morning tea served in the Gold Class lounge prior to departure
Cruise departs Cairns:	08:00
Reef site 1:	Up to 3 hrs at Norman or Saxon Reef BONUS Guided Snorkel Tour Optional Intro or Cert Dive (if pre-booked) Lunch prior to departing to 2 nd reef site
Reef site 2:	Up to 2 hrs at Hastings Reef BONUS Semi-Submersible Tour Optional 10-min Heli Flight (if pre-booked)
Heli departs the reef:	14:50 optional 25-min scenic Heli flight back to Cairns (if pre-booked)
Heli returns to Cairns:	15:15
Cruise returns to Cairns:	16:30

Return accommodation transfers are available on a share basis at regular transfer rates: Cairns City (\$26pp), Northern Beaches (\$38pp).

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GOLD CLASS LOUNGE



Exclusive VIP access for up to 8 guests

Minimum lounge charge	\$799 (covers 2 guests)
Additional adult (17 yrs+)	+ \$275pp
Additional child (4-16 yrs)	+ \$170pp

GOLD CLASS UPGRADES

additional cost per person – pre-booking essential

1 x Introductory or Certified Dive	\$75
2 x Introductory or Certified Dives	\$115
10-minute scenic Heli flight at Hastings Reef	\$205pp
25-minute scenic Heli flight back to Cairns	\$360pp

