

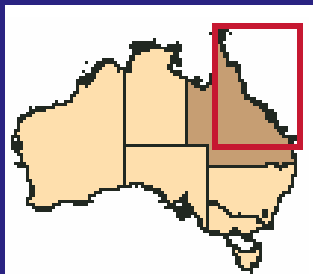


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Australia—Great Barrier Reef

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Dive Highlights

- ▶ Experience the best of the Great Barrier Reef with the Taka liveaboard
- ▶ The Great Barrier Reef is one of the natural wonders of the world
- ▶ Cod Hole is simply an unmissable chance to mix and mingle with giant Potato Cod

When to Travel

- ▶ Operates year round
- ▶ Minke Whales June and July
- ▶ Average water temps are 23 to 29°C

Taka takes you to all the 'must do' dive spots on the Great Barrier Reef



The Great Barrier Reef is the largest reef in the world - a 2500km stretch of living coral. It is also the world's largest marine protected area, at approximately 348,700 sq km in area. The colossal size of the reef allows for a spectacular range of tropical diving, with over 1500 species of fish to be seen. It is deservedly one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

Taka is the ultimate Great Barrier Reef liveaboard, taking you to all the must see dive sites. It is the benchmark for liveaboards in the Great Barrier Reef, having operated there for 18 years. They know the best spots to take you,



and the best way to get you there. Over 30,000 divers have experienced the Great Barrier Reef with them, providing a wealth of experience to draw on.

You will be taken to the northern part of the Great Barrier Reef where the water is clearer, the coral is more spectacular, and the fish are bigger. You will be diving amongst coral and clam gardens buzzing with fish life.

You have the option of 4 day/3 night trips (10 dives) to Cod Hole and the Northern Great Barrier Reef, or 5 day/4 night trips (14 dives) to Cod Hole and further out to the Coral Sea. In June and July you'll have the added privilege of swimming with Minke Whales. Being in the water with a whale is an unbelievable experience—no one should miss this opportunity.

Heading further out to the Coral Sea is where you want to go if you like lots of big fish action. This remote wilderness is where the big stuff comes to play, currents take you on drift dives, and walls drop to 1000m. Shark feeding dives round out the 'big fish' experience for a real adrenalin fix.



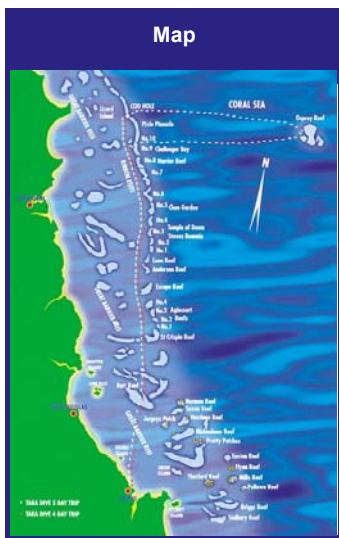
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PRICE per person	Northern Barrier Reef	Coral Sea Reef
Double/twin ensuite	AU\$1200	AU\$1400
Standard twin share	AU\$1050	AU\$1250
Quad share	AU\$1000	AU\$1150

Package includes

Liveboard, Meals, linen, tanks, weights, transfers to/from Cairns. Can upgrade to Stateroom. Gear hire and computer hire extra. An environmental management charge of AU\$5 per person per day is payable on board.

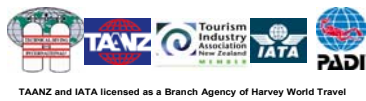
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Flights

We will quote for airfares separate to the package price, allowing us to secure you cheaper flights if available.

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is recommended. Please ask for a quote and policy details.



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Your first stop on either trip will be at the world famous Cod Hole. Potato cod are gentle giants. They are comfortable around people, and like to hang out. You'll spot them by their Mick Jagger style lips. Cod Hole is the best place to meet and greet these amazing (and very big) fish. A cod feeding dive will ensure you stay best mates. They'll even happily let you snap a shot of them to take home to show the folks. Other regulars here include the friendly Maori Wrasse and a resident Moray Eel.

Some other dives sites you'll get to check out in the Ribbon Reefs are:

'Temple of Doom' which is a large pinnacle covered in beautiful coral growth and pulsating with reef and pelagic fish.

'Challenger Bay' with its hard and soft corals and a stunning variety of nudibranchs, cuttlefish, flatworms, clams, angelfish, pipefish wrasses, and if you're lucky Manta Rays.

'Pixies Pinnacle' is a spectacular coral head that rises from 30m of water to almost break the surface. Fantastic fish life including multitudes of Lionfish & Schooling Anthias.

'Steve's Bommie' is an amazingly beautiful dive site, with a surprise waiting around every corner. It's another pinnacle reef that is absolutely teeming with fish life. There are thousands of schooling fish, of all types, that you can literally part like curtains as you swim through.

Further out, the Osprey Reef is known for its exceptional wall diving and crystal clear water. 'North Horn' is located on the north side of Osprey Reef, where you will see Trevally, Tuna,



schools of Barracuda and most likely meet the resident White Tip Reef Sharks. During the exciting shark feed you will see Grey reef, Silvertip and Hammerhead sharks.

Taka is a large and comfortable dive vessel with air-conditioned cabins and plenty of room for your dive gear on the dive deck. Their friendly and experienced dive crew will look after all your needs. After a hard day's diving working up an appetite, their qualified chef's will fill you to overflowing with all sorts of culinary delights.

All the cabins on the top deck have their own ensembles with DVDs and ocean views. The cabins are fully air-conditioned with personal controls. For the budget-minded diver there are economical four-share cabins available with share facilities. A huge comfortable saloon features two large plasma screens, and an internet cafe with the latest hi-tech digital imagery.

Taka is a great way to experience the best of the Great Barrier Reef. It is an all year round dive option that is easy to access from New Zealand. Highly recommended.



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