GBR Tours

Reef Experience & Reef Encounter

Safety Number

(REMEMBER ME)

Safety Information Form

Welcome aboard Reef Experience for your tour to the outer Great Barrier Reef. To ensure you have the safest and most enjoyable day with us, please take a few moments to complete this Safety Information Form.

The underwater environment is exciting and beautiful, but it can be dangerous if you ignore your snorkelling supervisor's or crew's directions. **Please carefully read the following information and speak to your snorkelling supervisor about any conditions before going into the water.**

- If you cannot swim or have not snorkelled before, let your snorkel supervisor know.
- Snorkelling is a strenuous activity, even in calm water and breathing through a snorkel can put stress on your body, particularly if you have heart and lung conditions.
- Middle age or older people may have a higher risk of injury due to medical conditions, whether diagnosed or not.
- If you have any medical condition, please speak with your snorkelling supervisor.

Experienced snorkellers are also at risk:

If you take repeated deep breaths before diving and try to stay underwater for as long as possible, it is called 'breath-holding', it can lead to unconsciousness, serious injury or death. GBR Tours does not encourage the practice of breath-holding/freediving

Rate your swimming ability

Non-Swimmer: ☐ Poor : ☐ Swimmer: ☐ Good: ☐

Have you swum in the ocean before? **Yes / No**

Have you snorkelled before? **Yes / No**

Have you suffered from, or do you now suffer from, any of the following:

Yes	No		Yes	No	
☐	☐	Asthma, wheezing or inhaler use	☐	☐	Ear surgery
☐	☐	Brain, spinal cord or nervous system disorder	☐	☐	Epilepsy
☐	☐	Chest surgery	☐	☐	Fainting, seizure or blackouts
☐	☐	Chronic bronchitis or persistent chest complaint	☐	☐	Heart disease of any kind
☐	☐	Chronic sinus conditions	☐	☐	Recurrent ear problems when flying
☐	☐	Collapsed lung (pneumothorax)	☐	☐	Tuberculosis or other long-term lung disease
☐	☐	Diabetes mellitis type 1&2 (sugar diabetes)			

Are you currently suffering from:

Yes	No		Yes	No	
☐	☐	Breathlessness	☐	☐	Have you ingested any alcohol within eight (8) hours prior to snorkelling / diving?
☐	☐	Chronic ear discharge or infection	☐	☐	Are you pregnant?
☐	☐	High blood pressure			
☐	☐	Other illness or operation within the last month	**Yes**	**No**	
☐	☐	Perforated eardrum	☐	☐	**DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT CONCEALMENT OF ANY CONDITION INCOMPATIBLE WITH SAFE SNORKELLING AND DIVING MIGHT PUT YOUR LIFE OR HEALTH AT RISK?**
☐	☐	Are you currently taking any **prescribed medication** (excluding oral contraceptives)?			

Specify: .....

Do you have any other medical/health condition that the crew should be made aware of? (Please specify)

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Are you a certified diver? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you flying, skydiving or hot ballooning within the next 24 hours? ☐ Yes ☐ No What time:.....

I (print name) _____ declare that I have been advised that snorkelling can be a strenuous physical activity and may increase the health and safety risks to me if I am suffering from:

a. Any medical condition that may be made worse by physical exertion. For example heart disease, asthma, and some lung complaints

b. Any medical condition that can result in loss of consciousness. For example some forms of epilepsy and some diabetic conditions.

c. Asthma that can be brought on by cold water or salt water mist

I have been advised that snorkelling can be a strenuous physical activity even in calm water and that older people are at an increased risk of death and injury due to a higher incidence of medical conditions made worse by physical exertion, such as heart disease and stroke.

I have been advised to tell the crew if I have any medical condition.

I acknowledge the risks of marine stingers, coral injuries. sunburn and drowning. These risks can be reduced by the use of neoprene wetsuits and/or stinger suits (stinger season) or snorkel vests. During stinger season, stinger suits are mandatory.

Signature (or guardian signature if under 18):_____ **Date:**_____ **Date of birth:**___/___/___ **Age:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:**_____ **Local Accomodation:**_____

Home Country: _____ **Emergency Contact Name:** _____ **---> Phone:** _____
(not travelling with you)

STAFF USE ONLY:

At Risk ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Low ☐ Med
☐ High ☐ Extreme

Pink Snorkel ☐ Yes ☐ No
Snorkel with buddy ☐ Yes ☐ No
Stay near boat ☐ Yes ☐ No

Flotation ☐ Yes ☐ No
Strongly advised not to snorkel ☐ Yes

Crew name and signature:

Passenger Signature:

The following safety tips can help when you are snorkelling:

- Use a flotation device, a jacket and/or a noodle, to reduce the amount of physical exertion required in the water.
- Snorkel with a buddy or participate in a guided tour so you can get help if in distress.
- Stay close to supervising staff or the vessel.
- Know how to identify the lookout and how to communicate with the lookout with hand signals and do not delay if you need help.
- Snorkel within your ability. If you find you are struggling, ask for help.
- Always listen for, and follow instructions from the crew.



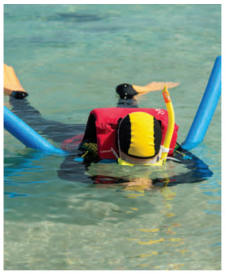
Wear a snorkel vest

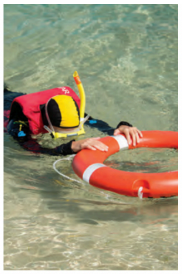


Snorkel with a buddy



Join a guided tour





Use a noodle or life ring

Please note if you are identified as an 'at risk snorkeller' you will be required to wear a flotation device for support and a PINK snorkel for identification in the water, snorkel in a closely supervised area and or close to a snorkel guide for your safety.

The following acknowledgments, representations, terms and conditions shall form part of my agreement with GBR Tours.

1. I expressly represent to GBR Tours that:
   a. I am under no legal disability or restriction with respect to my ability to freely enter into my agreement with GBR Tours;
   b. I declare and confirm that I am physically fit and have no condition or injury that could be affected by swimming, snorkelling and/or diving.
2. I release, waive and hold harmless GBR Tours from all claims, losses, damages or expenses occasioned by me during or in conjunction with my participation in this tour including the water activities or otherwise incidental to my agreement with GBR Tours, including any claim or damages caused by the negligence of GBR Tours, together with any costs (including, without limitation, legal fees) that may be incurred as a result of any such claims, losses, damages, or expenses, whether valid or not.
3. I indemnify GBR Tours against all claims, losses, damages or expenses that any one or more of my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors or assigns may have or assert against GBR Tours and against any costs (including, without limitation, legal fees) that may be incurred by GBR Tours as a result of any such claim, losses, damages or expenses, whether valid or not.
4. The release and indemnity hereby given by me may be pleaded by GBR Tours as a complete and absolute defence to any claim which may be brought by me or by my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors or assigns in any country or in any jurisdiction throughout the world.
5. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed necessary by GBR Tours in the case of injury, accident or illness during the course of scuba diving activities or otherwise, and I hereby indemnify GBR Tours in respect of the costs of such treatment.
6. My agreement with GBR Tours shall be governed by and be construed in accordance with the laws of Queensland and the Commonwealth of Australia, and I submit myself to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Queensland and the Commonwealth of Australia
7. The expression "GBR Tours" means GBR Tours Pty Ltd (ABN: 15 668 044 5687) which also trades under the business names "Reef Encounter Enterprises", and each of its officers, employees, shareholders, contractors, agents and associates as the circumstances may require. The expression "associates" has the meaning ascribed to it by Section 11 of Australia's Corporations Law. The singular shall mean the plural where more than one person has entered into an agreement with GBR Tours.
8. The dangers and risks associated with scuba diving in an open ocean environment under variable conditions apply to our tours. We reserve the right to prevent any customer from participating in scuba diving if we determine that they are physically or medically unsuitable to do so or if it is in the best interests of our crew or other scuba divers. Our crew are trained professionals, and it is up to their sole discretion who they take diving and/or snorkelling. No refunds would apply.
9. The passenger acknowledges and consents to GBR Tours taking photographs or video recordings during the course of this activity/tour. The passenger acknowledges and consents to GBR Tours receiving and using images of the passenger from third parties andusing these images for marketing and promoting its services.

I understand the above statement and that the information listed and questions answered are correct to the best of my knowledge.
I am aware I am visiting a **World Heritage National Park, and will not intentionally harm, touch, damage it in any way or remove anything from it.**

Signature (or guardian signature if under 18):_____ **Date:**_____