



Reef Encounter

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Terms and Conditions

Terms of Payment

Full payment is required at time of booking. We accept cash and credit card payments.

Cancellations

- 20% cancellation fee 30 days or more prior to departure
- 50% cancellation fee if within 30 days prior to departure
- 100% cancellation fee within 14 days prior to departure

We require a minimum of 48 hours notice to re-schedule a reservation or to alter a reservation.

There will be no refund of any part of your tour costs should you fail to arrive at a scheduled tour departure time. Tour departures may not be delayed due to passenger circumstances – including events beyond your control, medical problems, airline delays, weather etc.

All passengers are **strongly advised to purchase Comprehensive Travel Insurance** that includes trip cancellation insurance, evacuation and medical cover. Please read the wording of your insurance policy carefully and ensure it covers you for all potential activities.

Please refer to the Trade Practices Act 1974.

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Please call to confirm your trip 48 hours in advance at +61 7 4037 2700.

- No alcohol may be consumed before in-water activities.
- Reef levies are \$15 per person per day (max. 3 days) payable onboard and includes E.M.C., admin and fuel levy.
- Locations, vessels and itineraries are subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances, but with full consideration of your safety and enjoyment. We are not liable for changes to tours, pricing or itineraries, all of which are subject to change without notice. We accept no liability for any loss or out-of-pocket costs incurred as a result of the cancellation or change in the itinerary, however caused (direct or indirect).
- Neither this site nor any associated company or agent advertised through this site is responsible for your costs or losses resulting from alterations, cancellations, any loss, any damage, delays, deaths or personal injury.
- All passengers are **strongly advised to purchase Comprehensive Travel Insurance** that covers personal injury and the events, including but not limited to your cancellation for any reason and the cancellation or alteration to the scheduled itinerary for reasons involving weather or passenger, crew or vessel safety. Please read your insurance policy's wording carefully and ensure it covers you for all potential activities. Please be aware that scuba diving and other in-water activities are not covered by all travel insurance companies. In a medical emergency, any evacuation, vessel relocation, medical or other expenses are the financial responsibility of that passenger.



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- The passenger acknowledges and consents to Reef Encounter taking photographs or video recordings during the course of this activity / tour. The passenger acknowledges and consents to Reef Encounter receiving and using images of the passenger from third parties and using these images for marketing and promoting its services.
- Please inform us of any special requirements 48 hours before your travel date, such as dietary requirements, allergies, mobility and disability issues. This can be done in the 'Booking Message' section of your online reservation or by contacting our friendly reservations team.
- Cabin Share Advisory: Please note that the allocation of same-gender cabin shares in twin-share cabins cannot be guaranteed.

Age restrictions

- Overnight Trips: Individuals under 18 must be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian.
- Day Trips: Individuals under 16 must be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian. A 16 or 17-year-old may travel with prior written parental consent and must have relevant liability forms signed by a parent or Guardian.
- Open Water Courses: The minimum age for participating in an SSI Open Water Course is 10. Individuals under 18 must have relevant liability forms signed by a parent or Guardian.
- Introductory diving: The minimum age for participating in an introductory dive is 12. Individuals under 18 must have relevant liability forms signed by a parent or Guardian.

Scuba Diving – Important Information

All Certified Divers must present a valid Certification Card. Failure to present a Certification Card may result in the customer being unable to participate in scuba diving. They can enjoy snorkelling activities instead. No refunds would be offered.

Minimum age for Introductory Diving is 12 years old. Minimum age for certified diving and Open Water Course is 10 years old. All junior divers must either be accompanied by a certified parent or guardian or must dive with a dive professional at an additional charge. If the diver is under the age of 18 years, parental or guardian consent is required for that diver to undertake a dive. The parent or guardian should sign the medical declaration as witness.

Upon arriving at our vessel and before commencing any dive activities, all passengers must complete our liability forms. All information provided must be strictly accurate. If during the tour, it becomes apparent that a form has been incorrectly completed, either by omission or false statement, we reserve the right to prevent any customer from undertaking any scuba diving or snorkelling activities while on board our vessel. Any decision made in this regard will be at the absolute discretion of the Dive Crew aboard the vessel.

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.

Please remember you must allow 24 hours from your last dive before flying.

Medical Conditions & Medications

Queensland, Australia has some of the strictest scuba diving rules in the world but also the safest scuba diving record. We are regulated by the [Queensland Government Code of Practice](#) and comply with all rules including medical as is the law.



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All passengers participating in any Scuba activities must complete a [Medical Questionnaire](#). If you are unsure of a particular medical condition or medication, please complete our '[CAN I GO DIVING](#)' questionnaire on our website. If you've answered yes to any questions or take any prescribed medication, you may need further medical clearance. This must be arranged prior to your day of departure.

Medication: DO NOT presume that by taking medication is controlling your medical conditions, and you should be fine to scuba dive, as it is the medication that can be the problem when scuba diving. Particularly prescribed medication may require a medical clearance.

Entry-level certificate divers: Medical certificates are no longer mandatory for our Open Water Course, **unless**

- a) has or has had any of the medical conditions mentioned in the SSI Medical Questionnaire
- b) is over 45 years old
- c) has a body mass index of more than 30 and a waist circumference of more than 102cm for males or 88cm for females.
- d) is taking prescription medications (with the exception of birth control or anti-malarial drugs other than mefloquine (Lariam)
- e) has had surgery in the last 12 months
- f) struggles to perform moderate exercise (for example, walk 1.6 km/ 1 mile in 14 minutes; or swim 200 m/yards without resting), OR has been unable to participate in normal physical activity due to fitness or health reasons within the past 12 months

If any of the above applies, a medical certificate **will be required**. The medical certification should be provided in English, preferably by a medical practitioner with experience in diving medicine, within 90 days prior to the scuba dive. The certificate must state that the person is medically fit to dive.

No refunds on uncompleted dives due to medical conditions and/or prescribed medications or change of mind.

If you do have any pre-existing/existing medical conditions or are taking any medication whatsoever and are not sure whether you will be deemed medically fit to Scuba Dive, please get in touch with our Office at 07 4037 2700 or email us at info@reefencounter.com.au, we will be only too happy to help you if we can. Alternatively, the best thing to do is to consult your own Doctor for a Dive Medical.

Peak Season Surcharge

A Peak Season SURCHARGE of \$100 per person is applicable for all travel:

from the 06/04/2023 to 11/04/2023

from the 23/12/2023 to 01/01/2024

from the 28/03/2024 to 02/04/2024

This fee is payable onboard on the first day of travel.

Group Bookings

Our Group & Charter Booking Terms and Conditions applies to bookings of ten or more people for Reef Encounter.