



# Spoilsport difference!

## Unmatched space and stability.

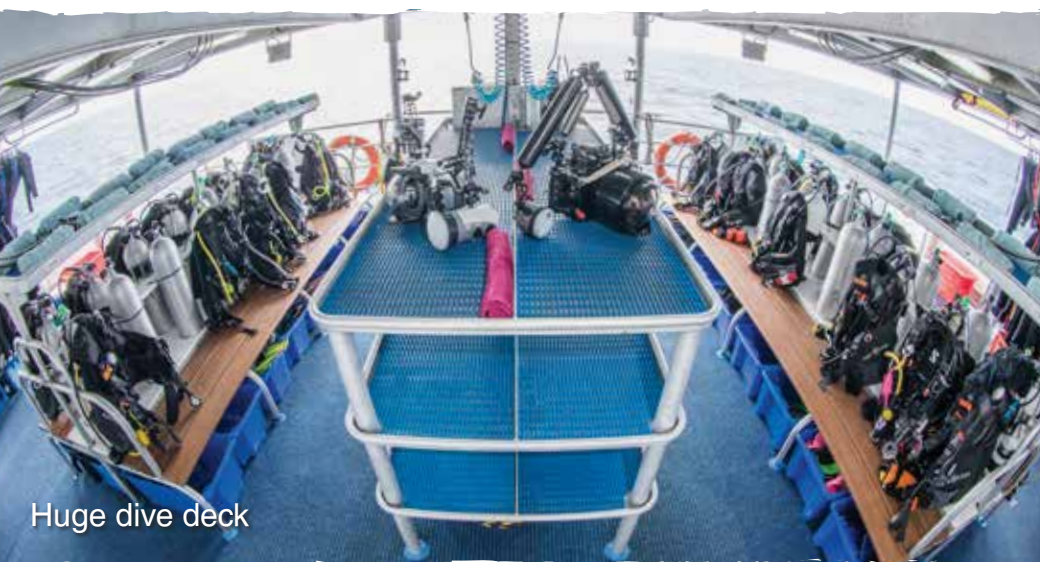
Purpose-built for Mike Ball Dive Expeditions to provide divers with a new level of comfort and convenience. Spoilsport is the most stable and spacious vessel operating in the Coral Sea. Her twin hull design minimises seasickness.

## PIONEER of MODERN LIVEBOARD DIVING

Celebrating 50 years of service to the dive community, Mike Ball Dive Expeditions offers unsurpassed 'world class' liveboard diving.

As an inductee into the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame, joining greats like Jacques Cousteau, Mike Ball was honoured for his contribution to the growth and development of scuba diving and his pioneering efforts in the liveboard industry.

As the first Australian dive school to supply BCDs & SPGs in 1969; building a hi-tec training facility and a fleet of widely acclaimed, award winning liveboards; introducing the first formal Solo Diving Program; being the first to offer Rebreather services on an Australian liveboard and part of the test team for the Nautilus Lifeline GPS locator.

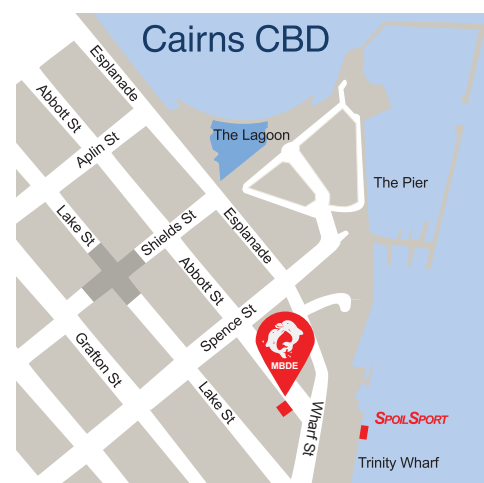


## AWESOME CREW

The luxurious motor yacht atmosphere is complemented by an attentive 12 person crew who have won numerous Tourism & Dive Industry awards including Best Food and Best Crew. For latest testimonials check out TripAdvisor.

Enjoy Spoilsports resort-style service in the spacious lounge, saloon, alfresco deck, sundeck and dive deck. Warm towels after each dive.

Your award-winning food and service caters to all dietary requirements. Your chef prepares all meals fresh vegetarians & vegans are catered for with their own menu.



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## INDUSTRY PARTNERS



\* Mike Ball Dive Expeditions reserves the right to change any information without notice. Itineraries subject to change in adverse weather. Prices in Australian Dollars.

## EXPECT MORE ...

### Customer Care Program

On arrival, your Trip Director consults with you to discover your specific needs.

### Reef Ecology Program

Complimentary daily presentations on the biology, geography and ecology of the Great Barrier Reef.

**Digital Photo Competition** - for compact and SLR photographers.

### Dive Guides

Guests who require supervision are offered:

- Complimentary orientation dives to enhance skills.
- A scheduled morning and afternoon guided dive plus ad hoc dives with staff.
- On every dive two staff are locating marine life or guiding guests.

### Dive Safety & Freedom

Your diving enjoyment and safety is of utmost importance to us. Ensure you select an expedition that matches your ability.

- Nautilus Lifeline - all divers are supplied with this GPS locator.
- Novice divers - are provided orientation dives to enhance skills.
- Experienced divers - are given ample freedom to plan their dives.
- The Open Deck - gives you the choice on how much diving you do.
- Dives are from - Spoilsport or the two large inflatables.

### Rebreather Service

Complimentary use of diluent & bailout cylinders.

### Safe Solo Program

Caters to certified solo divers.

# MIKE BALL DIVE EXPEDITIONS

COD HOLE • CORAL SEA • GREAT BARRIER REEF • AUSTRALIA



Mike Ball Dive Expeditions AUSTRALIA  
**WORLD CLASS**  
LIVEBOARD ADVENTURES  
2019 • 2021





### AUSTRALIA'S MOST AWARDED DIVE VESSEL

Recognised world wide for superior diving and service Mike Ball Dive Expeditions has received considerably more awards than any other Australian operator.

## Thrilling underwater encounters and spectacular dive sites in some of the remotest parts of the Great Barrier Reef.

– Australian National Geographic Society Yearbook

### SKIMMING JUST ABOVE THE DIVE SITES!

Our 'Fly Dive' flight takes a specially designed flight path along the outer Great Barrier Reef where you have a bird's eye view of the dive sites. 80% of the flight is just 180m above sea level.



## Special Expeditions - Discover Coral Sea Wilderness



Minke whale. © Vanessa Mignon



Pristine coral, Raine Island



SS Yongala. © Brandon Cole

### MINKE WHALE

3, 4 & 7 Nights (June - July)

Snorkeling with minke whales and diving at our best Ribbon Reef dive sites.

Same rates as the Fly Dive itineraries. Focus on minke interactions with all diving at Ribbon Reefs. Spectacular reef flight along the outer Great Barrier Reef to or from Lizard Island.

Summary – Minke Whales & Ribbon Reefs.  
Experience – Snorkelers to Advanced divers.

Courses	Cost
Advanced Course	260 (exc. gear)
Nitrox Course	310 (inc. 3 days Nitrox fills)
Self-Reliant Diver	285
U/W Photography	260 (exc. camera use)
Deep Diver	300
Naturalist	220

Rentals & Extras	Cost
Reg, ocy, gauges	15/Day
BCD	10/Day
Computer	12/Day
Snorkel Gear	5/Day
Light/Torch	10/Day
Wetsuit	10/Day
Full Equip. Rental	44/Day
U/W Camera (from)	50/Day
EMC (per day on the GBR)	7/Day
Nitrox Fills	25/Day
Nautilus GPS & SMB	FOC

### Accommodation

Cabins	Ocean Views	Beds	Bathroom
Budget	No	Twin Bunk	Share
Club	No	Twin Bunk	Private
Standard	Yes	Twin	Private
Premium	Yes	Queen/DbI	Private

### FAR NORTH CORAL SEA EXPLORATORY - 7 NIGHT

2020 departures – 3 September, 1 October, 24 December

This 650 mile expedition explores three unique regions: remote Coral Sea; the Far Northern Reefs & the superb Ribbon Reefs. Fuel Levy \$44.

**Premium** \$5889pp **Standard** \$5410pp **Club** \$4726pp **Budget** \$4027pp

### YONGALA WRECK AND CORAL SEA - 6 NIGHT

2020 departures – 27 March, 24 April. 2021 departures – Check website.

This expedition combines adventure diving: SS Yongala Wreck; dramatic vertical walls of Holmes and Flinders Reef. This expedition is booked as a 6 night expedition. Dive back in time and into history. Start Townsville, finish Cairns

**Premium** \$5580pp **Standard** \$5120pp **Club** \$4470pp **Budget** \$3810pp

### CORAL SEA EXPLORATORY - 7 NIGHT

2020 departures – 23 July

This annual expedition combines adventure diving in the Coral Sea with the best of the Great Barrier Reefs' Ribbon Reefs. The initial phase of this expedition focuses on providing an opportunity to encounter swimming with dwarf minke whales.

**Premium** \$5889pp **Standard** \$5410pp **Club** \$4726pp **Budget** \$4027pp

### SHARK SHOOTER AND MACRO SHOOTOUT - 7, 4 & 3 NIGHT

2020 departures – 6, 10 August

Discover the big & small. A special Coral Sea Safari with daily shark & macro photography workshops with renowned underwater photographer Damien Siviero. See expeditions left, for prices and itineraries 7, 4 & 3 night April 20 – March 21

### TURTLE SPECTACULAR - 7 NIGHT

2020 departures – 19, 26 November

The best of the far northern Great Barrier Reef, 400 miles north of Cairns: Cod Hole; TMO; Mambo #5; Aladins Cave; Great Detached & the world's largest green turtle population at Raine Island. 19 Nov start Cairns, finish Horn Island; 26 Nov start Horn Island finish Cairns.

**Premium** \$6089pp **Standard** \$5610pp **Club** \$4926pp **Budget** \$4227pp

See website for more detail.

\*All itineraries subject to change. Prices in Australian Dollars.

### Research Projects

Mike Ball Dive Expeditions supports the following research:

**R1** Minke Whale Research, Dr Alastair Birtles, James Cook University, Qld.

**R2** Shark Research, Richard Fitzpatrick & Adam Barnett, Osprey Reef, James Cook University, Qld.

**R3** 3D Mapping, Dr Rob Beaman, James Cook University, Qld.

**R4** Coral Reef Studies, Dr. Tom Bridge, Museum of Tropical Queensland.

