

# 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 LIVEABOARD DIVING

Celebrating 50 years of service to the dive community, Mike Ball Dive Expeditions offers unsurpassed 'world class' liveaboard 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 liveaboard 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 liveaboards; introducing the first formal Solo Diving Program; being the first to offer Rebreather services on an Australian liveaboard and part of the test team for the Nautilus Lifeline GPS locator.





#### 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 or 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

Safe Solo Program

### 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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Thrilling underwater encounters and spectacular dive sites in some of the remotest parts of the **Great Barrier Reef.** 77

Australian National Geographic Society Yearbook

#### 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.

# **Expeditions** - Departs Thursday and Monday



#### FLY DIVE CORAL SEA

4 nights / 14 Dives Thursday 6pm to Monday 11am

Our best selection of Coral Sea dive sites at Osprey & Bougainville Reef; max out on viz; wall diving; pelagics & sharks.

- Osprey Reef Recently proclaimed Shark Sanctuary; 2-3 shark attraction dives. Spectacular topography, sheer walls, soft and hard corals; big fish action in 40 metre visibility
- Bougainville Reef Dungeons & Dragons' labyrinth of caves & caverns and giant potato cod at Crystal Plateau.
- Low level reef flight along Great Barrier Reef from Lizard Island to Cairns.

Summary - Adventure diving. Experience – Advanced divers, 15 logged ocean dives.

Cabins	Apr 19 - Mar 20	Apr 20 - Mar 21
Budget	2254	2321
Club	2592	2670
Standard	2872	2958
Premium	3150	3244



#### FLY DIVE COD HOLE

3 nights / 12 Dives Monday 7am to Thursday 8am

Our best selection of Ribbon Reef dive sites north of Cooktown. Suitable for all experience the 4 Night Coral Sea and 3 Night Cod Hole

- Amazing low level reef flight along the Great one week on this 430 mile diving safari. Barrier Reef to Lizard Island.
- Explore reefs from Lizard Is. to Cooktown.
- All dives 100 miles north of Cairns.
- Ribbon Reef's best fish & coral biodiversity. • Diver size fish at Cod Hole.
- Dynamite Pass, Lighthouse Bommie, Gotham City, Pixie Pinnacle, Coral Kingdom, boardwalk and stroll up Chinaman's Ridge.
- Steve's Bommie; best fish biodiversity site.

Summary - Best marine biodiversity. Experience – Novice to Advanced divers and snorkelers.

Mar 21	Cabins	Apr 19 - Mar 20	Apr 20 - Mar 2
21	Budget	1987	2047
70	Club	2305	2375
58	Standard	2602	2680
44	Premium	2850	2935





## **CORAL SEA SAFARI**

7 nights / 26 Dives Thursday 6pm to Thursday 8am

This fabulous expedition combines featured left. Experience the best diving of two contrasting marine eco systems in just

No flight on this expedition. Mid expedition our staff invite you on a short excursion to Lizard Island.

Step back in time at the ruins of Mrs Watsons' Cottage; walk through the mangrove swamp Cracker Jack, Flare Point and Summer Bay.

This presents magnificent views of the island and reefs below.

> Summary - Best adventure and biodiversity. Experience - Preferably Advanced divers with 15 logged ocean dives.

Cabins	Apr 19 - Mar 20	Apr 20 - Mar 21
Budget	3910	4027
Club	4588	4726
Standard	5252	5410
Premium	5717	5889

Accommodation			
Ocean Views	Beds	Bathroom	
No	Twin Bunk	Share	
No	Twin Bunk	Private	
Yes	Twin	Private	
Yes	Queen/Dbl	Private	
	No No Yes	Ocean Views Beds  No Twin Bunk  No Twin Bunk  Yes Twin	

#### **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 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-Relient 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

#### 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.

R Research Projects

Mike Ball Dive Expeditions supports the following research:

- Minke Whale Research, Dr Alastair Birtles, James Cook University, Qld. Shark Research, Richard Fitzpatrick & Adam Barnett, Osprey Reef, James Cook University, Qld.
- 3D Mapping, Dr Rob Beaman, James Cook University, Qld.
- @ Coral Reef Studies, Dr. Tom Bridge, Museum of Tropical Queensland.



