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### Dive into the Great Barrier Reef with Reef Encounter

The best way to experience the Great Barrier Reef is to enter into the world of scuba diving. Reef Encounter has a great passion for the Great Barrier Reef, and share their enthusiasm and knowledge by offering guests to partake in a truly memorable diving experience. Instead of learning to dive in a resort pool or onshore shallows, at Reef Encounter the Great Barrier Reef itself is your classroom!

At Reef Encounter guests can access un-spoilt reefs shared by a maximum of 42 people at any one time, assisted by a dedicated, multi-lingual crew with a ratio of 1 crew member for every 2 guests. Reef Encounter also has the exclusive commercial license to access 4 of the 5 reefs it visits.

Once on board Reef Encounter, guests will enter a spectacular world of colour and marine life, with coral gardens that bloom under the sea. Aside from the coral, the Great Barrier Reef is probably best-known for its spectacular variety of fishes.

Over 1500 species, from coral trout and sweetlips to marlin can be found in Reef waters. The range of sizes, shapes and colours combine with the overwhelming beauty of the coral itself to make the Great Barrier Reef one of the world's natural wonders.

Scuba divers will also get an exclusive opportunity to interact with a Green Sea Turtle colony at Breaking Patches or the friendly resident giant Maori Wrasse, "Frank", during their scuba diving adventures.

Reef Encounters caters for a range of diving options allowing even the most inexperienced divers to enjoy one of nature's most spectacular triumphs. Some of the dive packages Reef Encounter offers include:

Introductory Dive Options

- Try Reef Encounter's FREE 10 minute Scuba Diving Lesson. Never tried scuba diving? Why not try an Introductory/Resort Scuba Dive with Reef Encounter's team of experienced dive Instructors. No experience necessary! It's fun...it's safe...it's easy! Our professional Dive Instructors guarantee a fantastic first experience. (Children need to be a minimum of 12 years in age to participate in scuba diving.)
- NITRO Diving. Experience NITRO, Reef Encounter's 'Introductory Night Dive'. No School Scuba. No testing. No license. Just fun guided diving with their team of experienced instructors!

### Diving Courses

- Personalised Open Water Course (SSI Open Water Certification): the Personalised Open Water Course is ideal for previously experienced divers or confident aquatic people. Enjoy more guided dives than the open water and advanced courses combined! Eight pleasure dives are combined with six skills sessions over a 3 day/2 night period on Reef Encounter leaving the diver with their Open Water Certificate.
- On the Wildside Boat Dives: Reef Encounter's dive tender can transport up to twenty-four scuba divers to unique and adventurous diving locations. Reef Encounter's hydraulically lifted boat platform allows for easy departure and return to Reef Encounter's dive deck without the hassle of re-entry into the water.

Transfers to Reef Encounter are available daily via a 2 and a half hour boat ride from Cairns, providing unbelievable flexibility for travelers. For something a little luxurious guests can take a stunning helicopter trip over the Great Barrier Reef.

For more information or to make reservations please call Reef Encounter on +61 7 4051 5777 or log onto [www.reeftrip.com](http://www.reeftrip.com).

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