

OPTIONAL CAIRNS EXTENSION

3 days | Explore the Great Barrier Reef



As the heart of the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics Rainforest and energized by nature, Cairns is the place to soak up the tropical lifestyle. Discover an exciting city that takes pride in its cultural heritage and where time seems to last a little longer. If you can swim, you can snorkel, and snorkeling is a great way to see the Great Barrier Reef. Explore the shallow waters and surrounding reef of Upolu Cay and “Wonder Wall” on the outer edge of Upolu Reef.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: APRIL 17, 2019

Explore the Great Barrier Reef

📍 Cairns, Australia

After breakfast at the hotel, depart with your local guide on your Ocean Freedom cruise out to the **Great Barrier Reef**. Enjoy a glass bottom boat tour around the crystal clear blue shallow waters surrounding Upolu Cay Reef. Ocean Freedom is the first boat to arrive, so you can enjoy this pristine area uninterrupted! Surrounded by stunning turquoise water and many types of corals, reef fishes, stingrays, cucumbers and sea stars, this is a great introduction to the reef. You can snorkel and dive here: all necessary assistance is provided to ensure every guest can enjoy the reef. On occasion the water may be shallow enough to allow landing on the Cay itself—on other days you can stand in ankle to knee deep water and capture images of you appearing to stand in the middle of the ocean! Some days the cay may be totally submerged but still have the beautiful crystal clear shallow waters to snorkel in.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: Should you wish to experience diving either as a first time diver (intro dive) or certified dive, these can be arranged for an additional fee.

Lunch will be served buffet style today during your explorations.

You will be amazed and impressed at the **“Wonder Wall”** on the Outer Edge of Upolu Reef. Rising 14m from the ocean floor, “Wonder Wall” plateaus just 0.5m – 1m under the surface (depending on the tide), making it an ideal snorkel and dive site. View many different types of hard and soft coral, in addition to fans, giant clams, turtles and a huge



diversity and abundance of reef fish of all sizes, including Nemos everywhere!

Enjoy an informative adventure drift snorkel tour with your Marine Naturalist. Order of destinations will be chosen by your skipper on the day to maximize your enjoyment of each area. The crew will serve a sumptuous selection of tropical fruit, cheese, crackers and a decadent cake platter on your sail back to the harbor—the ultimate way to wind down after a magical day on the one and only Great Barrier Reef! Arrive back into Cairns around 4:30 pm.

You will be provided with flotation vests, mask, snorkel and fins to maximize the experience. Float gently in the waters, admiring the amazing variety of colorful corals and marine life beneath you.

Dinner is on your own this evening.

Overnight: Pacific Hotel

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 2: APRIL 18, 2019**Free Time & Aquarium Educational Tour**

📍 Cairns, Australia

After breakfast at the hotel, you will visit the **Aquarium of Cairns** with your **local guide** (10 minute walk from the hotel). As the only aquarium in the world dedicated exclusively to the habitats and species of tropical North Queensland, the Cairns Aquarium connects visitors with the natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, the Wet Tropics, the Gulf Savannah and Cape York regions. With over 15,000 animals and unique opportunities to move up close to some of the world's most fascinating, elusive or deadly creatures, every visit is unforgettable.



You will meet an **educator from the aquarium** for a **guided 2 hour tour** to learn more about the protection of animals, the ecosystem, the reefs. The educator can adapt to guest's interest and is knowledgeable about the unique habitats in the area like the river and creek systems, tropical rainforests, mangroves and Great Barrier Reef.

You will return to the hotel for the remainder of the day to **explore independently** with lunch on your own arrangement.

Dinner will be provided at a local restaurant this evening.

Overnight: Pacific Hotel

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 3: APRIL 19, 2019**Depart today for the U.S.**

📍 Los Angeles, California

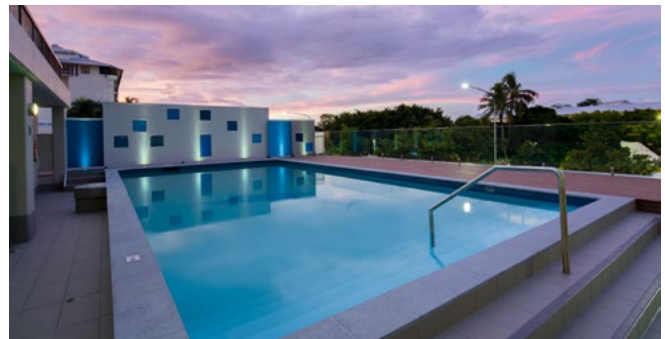
ACCOMMODATIONS

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**PROGRAM INFO**

Date & Length: 3 days April 17–19, 2019

Extension cost: \$1,299 per person (includes all gratuities)

Single supplement: \$299

Inclusions: Group airport transfer and baggage handling, meals and activities as mentioned, most tips and accommodations based on double occupancy.

Not Included: Hotel incidentals, spa services, and meals not mentioned.

To participate in the optional extension, complete and return the extension registration form. Return no later than 90 days prior to departure or within five days of receiving the information.

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