

GREAT BARRIER REEF - AUSTRALIA



The ultimate live aboard trip in a Big Mothership with our Sportfishing boats.

The infamous Great Barrier Reef, the biggest coral system in the world, visible from space. There is not much else we can say about this truly amazing part of the world, which spans across the northern cape of Australia.

You can expect to catch large numbers of GT's, Yellowfin Tuna, Spanish Mackerel, Coral Trout, Napoleon, Dogtooth Tuna, Red Bass and many different species. The reef systems here are infinite, and for most of the fish will be the first time seeing a lure in his life!

The exciting part of this trip is that you have the luxury of travelling around 150 nautical miles as you fish your way north of Cairns, towards all those iconic spots everyone dreams about! This really gives you the best possible chance at finding the best location for that week when the fish are most active.

Be ready for the ultimate experience!

TARGET SPECIES



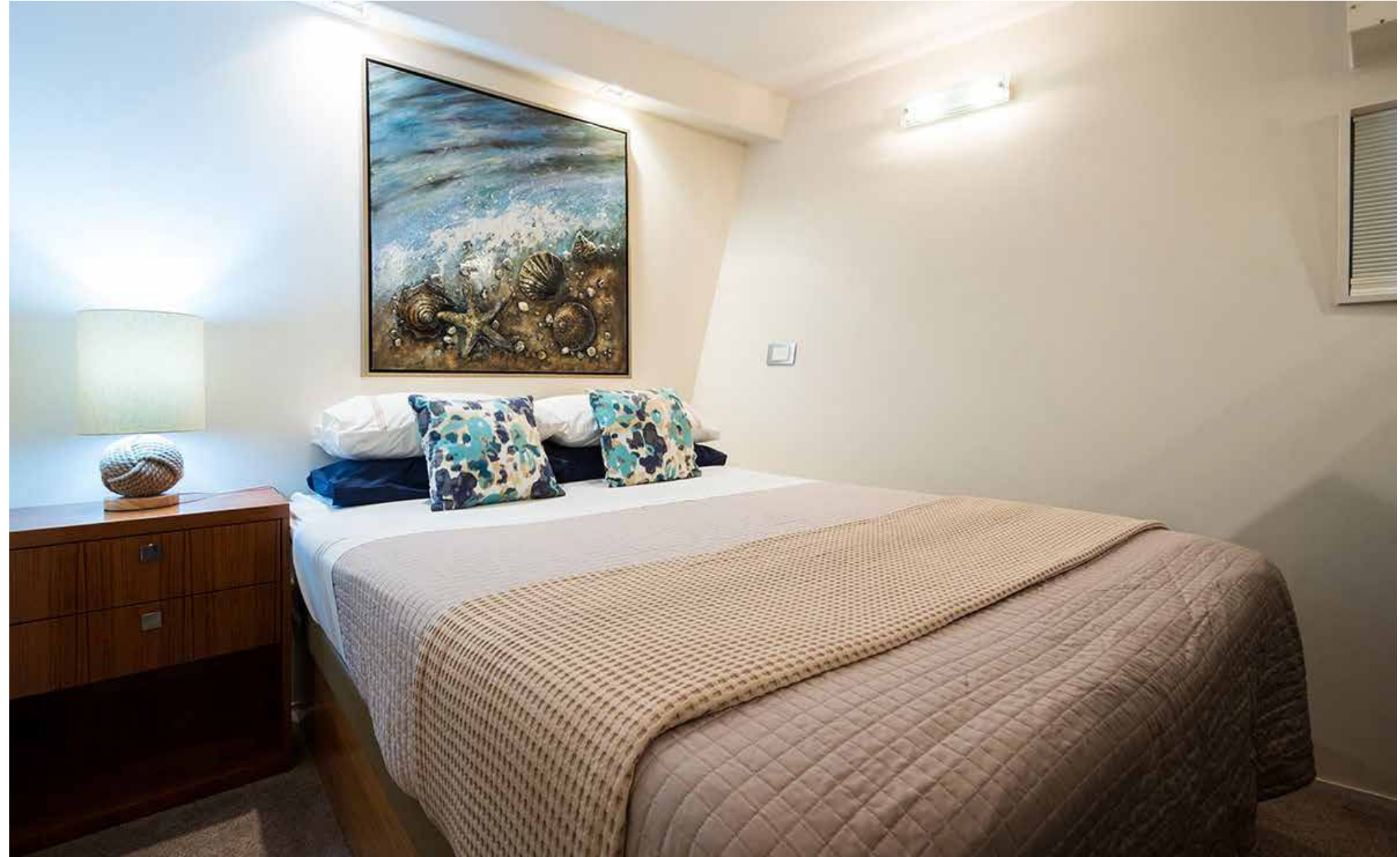
Anything can happen here! We have big Napoleons, big GT's, big & bigger Dogtooth Tuna, Red Bass, Barracuda, Job fish, Groupers, Spanish Mackerel, Mahi Mahi, Yellow Fin Tuna, Sailfish, Marlin, Wahoo, Coral Trouts... the list is endless!

The popper is mainly focused on the GT's, Dogtooth Tuna, Napoleons & Groupers and other fish from the reefs. While Jigging, you can catch almost everything.

Ultimately, we find the majority of our guests are restricted to when they can travel based on their busy lives and day to day commitments. The good news is, fishing trips in the Great Barrier Reef provides great fishing options year round, concentrated for the offshore trips, between September to December, so no matter when you can travel we'll be able to get you onto some great fish. However, for those who are flexible we've split the year up into three main seasons and detailed key factors to take into account to help you to decide the best time to have your passport stamped.

September to December we will find the best weather and generally when all species become more active and feed more aggressively. Again a wide variety of species are available at this time including GT, Dogtooth Tuna and Blue Marlin. Sailfish, Mahi Mahi and Wahoo...

ACCOMMODATION



The Motorship we are currently using is 80ft MV Savannah. Savannah was designed and constructed in New Zealand with long range cruising in mind. She crossed the Tasman in 2012 and after completing a full refit in July 2014 she now calls the Great Barrier Reef home. This luxury expedition style vessel has a 40,000 litre fuel capacity providing a 10,000 nm range, Savannah will allow you to travel to new destinations each day and will take you to the furthest most remote reefs that very few have fished. With unparalleled space and stability, Savannah is fitted with a new Gyro stabilizer providing total comfort while in port or offshore and maximum safety in all sea conditions.

Some features of this luxury vessel are : Air Conditioning to all cabins, Interior Timbers include Merbau, Teak and Tasmanian Oak, Upstairs saloon features a Bose 535 Home Theatre System and 65inch Samsung TV that is recessed inside the Marble Bar unit, State-of-the-art audio-visual systems throughout the vessel, Satellite television and iPod docking stations in each cabin, Cellular communications facilities, VSAT, 4 toilets onboard including one on the main deck, Full Galley, Dining area, Large lounge area, A spacious aft deck complete with comfortable seating, dining table and BBQ Facilities. 3 x spacious cabins sleeping 3-3-3 with private en suite's in 2 of these cabins. 32 inch Samsung Smart LCD TV in each cabin.

The aspects of the Mothership are: 2 main cabins with double, triple or twin bed configuration with en suite & 32 inch Samsung Smart LCD TV, 1 cabin with double, triple or twin bed configuration with shared bathroom & 32 inch Samsung Smart LCD TV. Main deck grand saloon with generously sized full gallery. Dining area. Larger air-conditioned lounge area. A spacious AFT deck complete with comfortable seating. Dining table and BBQ facilities. State-of-the-art audio visual systems through the vessel. 4 toilets and 4 shower rooms. Air conditioning to all cabins. Satellite television and iPod docking stations in all cabins. Upper deck partial shaded deck area. Steering position, with hatch access to the mast and top of GRP deck head with safety rings and chart table and twin 26" Furuno data screens. Passengers forward viewing and seating area. Ship's office including radios and monitoring information. Walk around Portuguese bridge with stairs to fore deck with unparalleled space and stability, she is fitted with a new gyro stabiliser providing total comfort while in the port or offshore and maximum safety in all sea conditions.

Day trips out of Port Douglas on our 32ft and 22ft boats are also available, and fly-fishing expeditions options are endless.

BOAT



Our range of custom center console Sportfishing weapons will get you where you need to go. Reaching speeds of up to 60 knots, our vessels gets you out to the grounds in comfort and style. Our boats have been custom-built for our operation, and we have made sure that we have paid attention to the fishability of the boats to maximize your experience with us on the water.

Their aspects are: 32ft (11.28m), 750 Km range, 150 gallon lighted live well, custom high speed bait well pick-ups, lockable rod storage for up to 12 rods under sole, easy access 1100 quart 8 fish box centred in front.

For the day trips based in Port Douglas, 32ft and 22ft full equipped boats are also available.

SURROUNDINGS



Welcome to Great Barrier Reef

Each year, more than 1.5 million visitors come to experience this World Heritage-listed area that stretches across 2000km of coastline. Diving and snorkelling are just some ways of experiencing this wonderfully rich ecosystem. There's also sailing, scenic flights and a world of DIY options for exploring the reef's gateway towns and stunning islands.

Cairns (pronounced 'cans') has come a long way since its humble beginnings as a boggy swamp and rollicking goldfields port. As the number-one base for Far North Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef, today Cairns heaves under the weight of an ever-growing number of resorts, tour agencies, souvenir shops, backpacker bars and reef boats. This is a tourist town, and unashamedly so luxury hotel development in 2018 and an increasingly busy cruise-ship port suggest it's only growing busier. The city centre is more board shorts than briefcases, and you'll find yourself throwing away all notions of speed and schedules here, thanks to heady humidity and a hearty hospitality. There's no beach in town, but spend time at the Esplanade lagoon or the Pier marina and you'll understand why many travellers fall for Cairns. The Cairns region is the traditional land of the Yirrganydji and Yidinji peoples.

Cairns' multi-million-dollar aquarium opened in mid-2017, with a vast range of marine life, the Great Barrier Reef in miniature and unique experiences such as 'sleeping with the sharks'. Fittingly the displays focus on the marine habitats of Far North Queensland, not only the reef, but also rivers, estuaries and billabongs.

Babinda Boulders is a natural gorge where a photogenic creek rushes between 4m high granite rocks. It's croc-free, but waters can turn treacherous after heavy rain. Local Aboriginal Dreaming stories recount that a young woman, Oolana, threw herself into the then-still waters after being separated from her love; her anguish caused the creek to become the surging, swirling torrent it is today.

Cairns Botanic Gardens in Cairns are gorgeous gardens are an explosion of greenery and rainforest plants. Highlights include a section devoted to Aboriginal plant use, the Gondwana Heritage Garden, the Flecker Garden and an excellent conservatory filled with butterflies and exotic flowers. Visitor centre staff can advise on free guided walks (daily from 10am).

OTHER ACTIVITIES



Managed by the area's original custodians, the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, is an award-winning cultural extravaganza tells the story of creation using giant holograms and actors. There's a dance theatre, a gallery, boomerang- and spear-throwing demonstrations and turtle-spotting canoe rides. The Nightfire dinner-and-show package (adult/child/family \$123/75/321, from 7pm to 9.30pm) culminates in a fireside corroboree.

Cairns' main Catholic church, St Monica's Cathedral, is famous for its themed stained-glass windows, the largest of their type in the world. There are 24 windows depicting the creation story from Genesis and another series known as the Peace Windows, commemorating the end of World War II.

Josephine Falls is a series of cascades over eroded granite boulders as the creek trickles (often sometimes flows) down from the misty Bellenden Kerr Range. It's a well-signposted 8km west of the Bruce Hwy to the car park, from where a paved 700m walk heads uphill through the rainforest to three viewing platforms. The bottom (first) pool is suitable for swimming and lounging, the middle pool is for viewing only and the upper falls is now officially off limits to walkers. A further 2km drive on from the Josephine Falls turn-off brings you to the Golden Pool recreation area, a picnic spot on the Russell River (don't swim here as crocs inhabit the waters).

USEFUL INFORMATION



The currency is the Australian dollar (\$), and bargaining and haggling isn't really part of Australian culture. That said, there's a definite 'cash' culture in commerce here, where you might get a lower price on a purchase if you pay cash rather than use a credit card (thus relieving the vendor of some of their official tax obligations). ATMs widely available. Credit cards accepted at most hotels, restaurants and shops. Credit cards such as MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted for most accommodation and services, and a credit card is essential (in lieu of a fat wad of cash) when hiring a car. They can also be used to get cash advances over the counter at banks and from many ATMs, depending on the card (but be aware that these withdrawals incur immediate interest). Diners Club and American Express cards are not as widely accepted. Tipping isn't traditionally part of Australian etiquette, but it's increasingly the norm to tip around 10% for good service in restaurants, and a few dollars for porters (bellhops) and taxi rides.

If you're arriving to Cairns via an international flight, the process is usually straightforward and efficient, with the usual passport checks and customs declarations. There are no restrictions for citizens of any particular foreign countries entering Australia. If you have a current passport and visa, you should be fine. All visitors to Australia need a visa. Apply online through the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

The Charter it's based in Port Douglas, 1h up north after arrival to Cairns.

Health insurance is essential for all travellers. You may prefer a policy that pays doctors or hospitals directly rather than requiring you to pay on the spot and claim later. If you have to claim later make sure you keep all documentation. Check that the policy covers ambulances and emergency medical evacuations by air. If you're travelling to Australia from overseas, visit a physician four to eight weeks before departure. Ask your doctor for an International Certificate of Vaccination (aka the 'yellow booklet'), which will list the vaccinations you've received. Upon entering Australia, you'll be required to fill out a 'travel history card' detailing any visits to Ebola-affected regions within the last 21 days. Tap water in Queensland is generally safe to drink. Water taken from streams, rivers and lakes should be treated before drinking. You'll find GPs (General Practitioners) working in most east coast towns, and hospitals in the larger ones (though depending on your needs, you may be referred/transferred to one of the big city hospitals).

In Australia the power plugs and sockets are of type I (triangular), so bring an adapter. Wi-Fi it's everywhere and working good.

WHAT TO BRING



- All your fishing gear, all!
- All your fishing apparel, tropical clothes, your beach clothes, hat, sunscreen, glasses, etc
- Insect repellent (*50% DEET) and your medicines
- Passport with more than 6 months of validity
- Flights printed & all reservations
- Visa
- Cameras
- Credit card

MEDIA & GUIDING

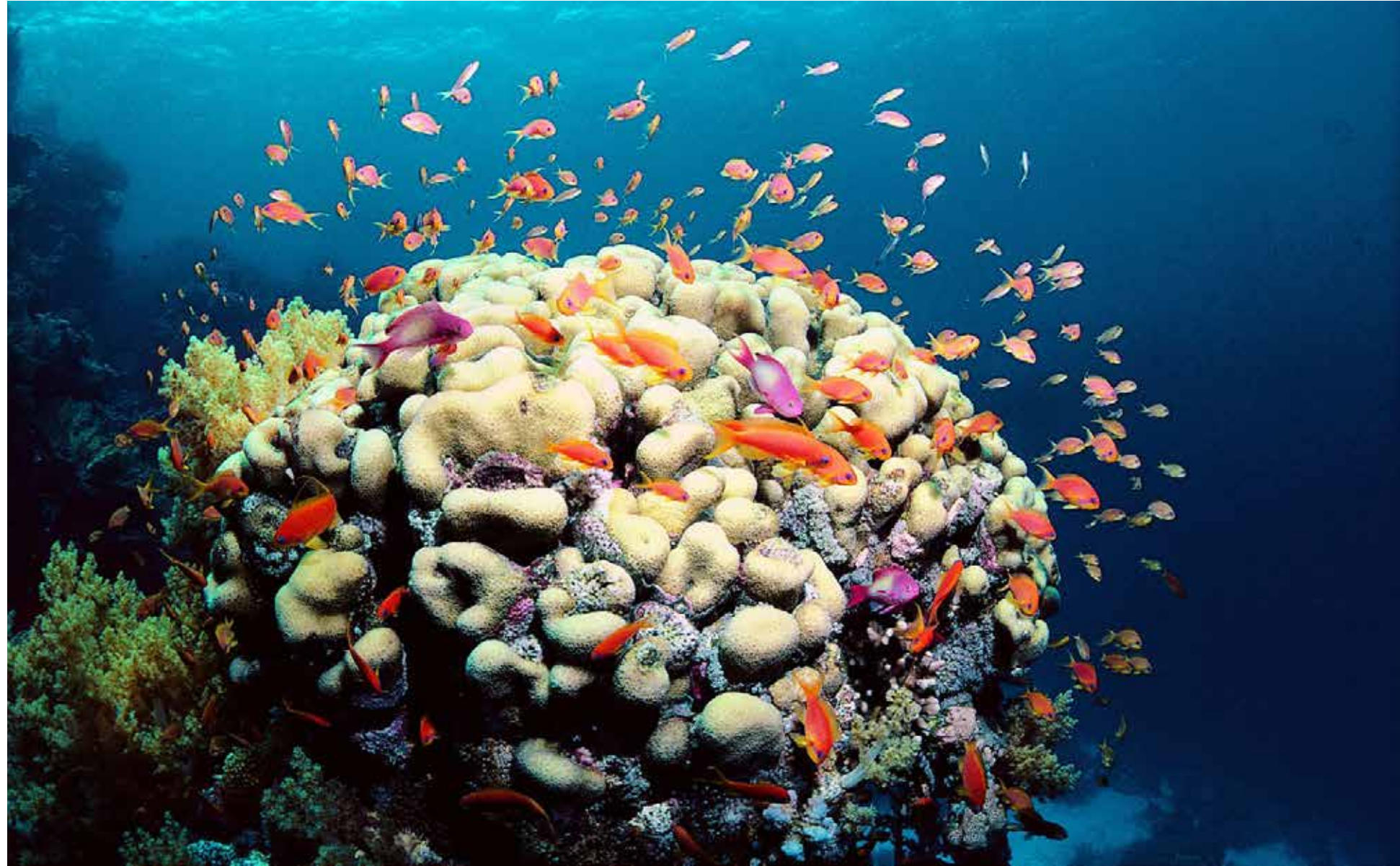


As a Professional Freelance Audiovisual Producer & Fishing / Spearfishing Guide, my job is to promote the best trips around the world, operated by the best companies I work with, always offering the best quality and compromise. I will, simply, bring you the best destinations, personally known, that offer you all the guarantees and adapts to your necessities. If you are a group, great! If you are alone, don't worry, I will find more people to join you! Whatever you want, from hardcore fishing to family holiday, I will provide Expert Coaching, advices & knowledge in the field, to make you catch that "one in a life-time" fish, that sometimes can be so elusive and challenging.

I know where & when to find them, and how to get you on them!

I'm also a professional cinematographer & photographer, and I will be capturing footage of your experience so you can have high quality content of memories that will last a lifetime. My gear allows me to film from the sky, underwater and outside, with the best quality, so forget about the videos & photos, I will be there to capture every moment while in the water.

WHAT'S INCLUDED & WHAT'S NOT



Included

- Chosen days of fishing
- Accommodation in The Mothership MV Savannah
- Fishing in 32ft Sportfisher or 2x 21ft Centre Consoles with the crew
- All meals when aboard prepared by our chef, soft drink's and beers

Not included

- International & National flights
- Insurance
- Fishing tackle and gear (lures and terminal tackle are available to purchase onboard as you need & rod & reel hire is available)
- Accommodation while in Cairns
- Day trips
- Other meals & alcoholic beverages (can be pre-arranged before the trip)
- Tips
- Transfers