

Underwater Photography & Freediving at Great Barrier Reef (Turtle, Mantas, Dolphins)

6 Days / 5 Nights (7th - 12th June 2020)

SGD3,480

Lady Elliot Island is located at the southern tip of the World Heritage Listed Great Barrier Reef. Situated within a highly protected 'Green Zone', the island is a sanctuary for over 1,200 different marine species including mantas, dolphins, turtles, and even whales that passes through during the months between May and October. The water surrounding the island has fantastic clarity with



unspoilt coral reef that is renowned to be one of the best spots in Australia for snorkelling and scuba diving, with excellent visibility and bright sunny sky that makes it perfect for underwater photography. Not only home to marine life, the island attracts a fascinating mix of vegetation, birds and other wildlife, from octopus bushes, cassuarinas, pisonia and other herbs and shrubs, to numerous birds such as buff banded rails, ruddy ternstones, silvereyes, and even frigate birds. This island has just one Resort, an award winning Eco Resort with excellent facilities for our guests to enjoy a comfortable stay under their state of the art solar panel design that generates almost 100% of energy entirely by the sun.

There are a limited amount of people allowed on the island each day to ensure minimal impact to the environment and a premium experience is provided to all participants. Maximum spot for this tour is 6, so book your spots early!

Your Photography Master Guru on this tour:

The guru for this tour is Kohei Ueno, an award winning photographer and a freedive coach from Japan who will guide you into the fascinating world of underwater photography and the secrets to holding your breath underwater. Kohei was crowned the IPA Sports Photographer of The Year in 2019, one of the most prestigious international photography awards in the world, as well as 2nd place at the 2019 Sony World Photography Awards with his work on freediving and underwater photography. Not only will he share his secrets to taking amazing underwater images he will also teach you the secrets to staying calm underwater, a technique used in freediving which he believes is the key for great underwater photography.

This tour requires you to be a comfortable swimmer, but no prior freediving experience or underwater photography experience is required. All equipments and gears are provided, including fins, masks, snorkels, and wetsuits as well as a set of underwater camera + housing for the duration of the trip if you don't already own one yourself.

Signature Highlights

- Swim in the Great Barrier Reef with unspoilt coral reef in crystal clear waters
- Photograph Manta Rays, dolphins, turtles, and if we are lucky, Whales!
- Learn how to hold your breath longer, and take a crash course in freediving
- Glass Bottom Boat Tour + Night Tour with with UV lights
- Daily bird photography as well as astrophotography opportunities at night
- Sunset cruise with champagne

What's Included in this tour?

- Domestic flights (Return) to/from Hervey Bay to Lady Elliot Island
- 5 nights accommodation with aircon and private bathroom (twin share)
- Full buffet breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily
- Free Loan of Sony RX100V Camera and Underwater Housing (subject to availability)
- Snorkel equipment (mask, snorkel, fins, wetsuit)
- All national park admission and conservation fees
- Freediving basics (theory + practical)
- Snorkel lesson (if required)

- Glass bottom boat/guided snorkelling tours
- Environmental management charge

What's Not Included in this tour?

- International flight (return) to Hervey Bay, Australia
- Excess baggage fees & Visa processing fees (if applicable)
- Single supplement (for those wishing to upgrade to private room)
- Cancellation, baggage or medical insurance
- Comprehensive personal travel insurance
- Mobile network or internet data connection on the island
- Any damage or loss of loaned cameras and other equipments
- Any additional items not listed in the above itinerary

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DAY 1 (7th June 2020)

- Meet at Hervey Bay airport at 9:30am (the flight is at 10.30am and check in is half an hour before, please don't be late!)
- Take Scenic flight over to Lady Elliot Island and look out for whales!
- Introductory briefing of the Island by resort staff
- Check-in to rooms
- Buffet Lunch
- Briefing, followed by introduction to Freediving & Underwater Settings
- Afternoon dive from shore OR Glass Bottom Boat Snorkel (depending on tide)
- Afternoon Lightroom Editing Session
- Sunset Photography
- Buffet Dinner
- Sunset Photography
- Astrophotography

DAY 2 (8th June 2020)

- Morning Dive in reef from shore
- Buffet Breakfast

- Bird watching/Photography
- Buffet Lunch
- Afternoon dive from shore OR Glass Bottom Boat Snorkel (depending on tide)
- Afternoon Lightroom Editing Session
- Sunrise Photography
- Buffet Dinner
- Night Boat Tour (if possible)
- Astrophotography

DAY 3 (9th June 2020)

- Morning Dive in reef from shore
- Buffet Breakfast
- Afternoon dive from shore or Snorkel Safari (shark/manta/turtles)
- Buffet Lunch
- Bird watching or Low Tide Beach Walk
- Afternoon Lightroom Editing Session
- Advanced Freediving Techniques for Underwater Photography Class
- Buffet Dinner
- Sunset Cruise (If possible)

DAY 4 (10th June 2020)

- Morning Dive in reef from shore
- Buffet Breakfast
- Afternoon dive from shore or Snorkel Safari (shark/manta/turtles)
- Buffet Lunch
- Bird watching or Low Tide Beach Walk
- Afternoon Lightroom Editing Session
- Buffet Dinner
- Sunset Cruise (If possible)

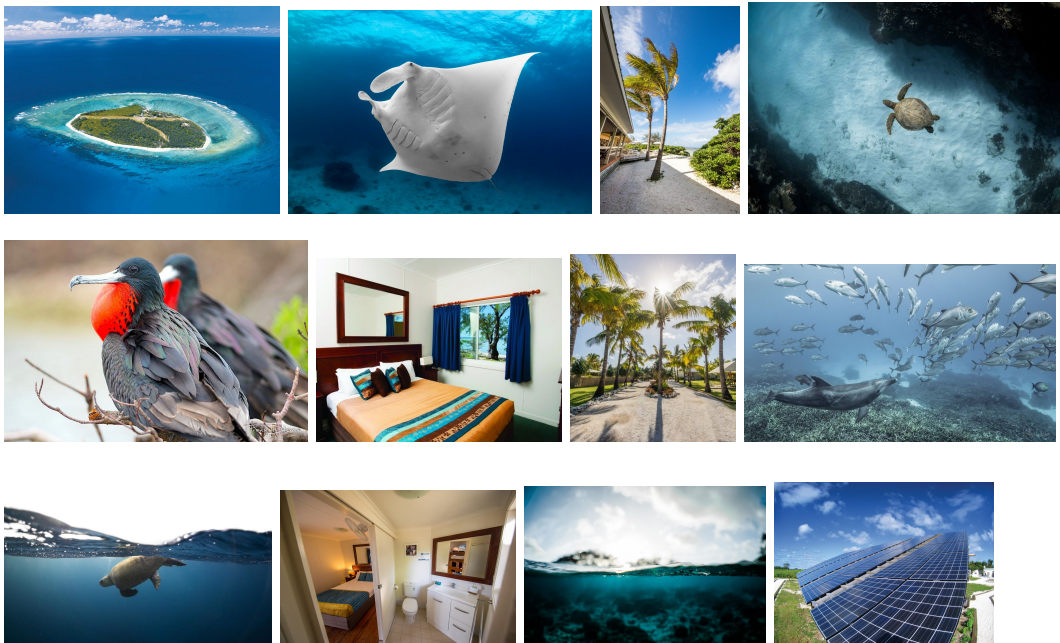
DAY 5 (11th June 2020)

- Morning Dive in reef from shore

- Buffet Breakfast
- Buffet Lunch
- Afternoon Editing Session
- Buffet Dinner
- Sunset Cruise (If possible)

DAY 6 (12th June 2020)

- Morning Dive in reef from shore
- Buffet Breakfast
- Scenic flight to Hervey Bay at 9:30am
- End of trip briefing and farewell at airport



Deposit & Cancellation Policy

Deposits

A deposit of SGD500 is required to secure your spot (this deposit is non refundable), and the balance is payable 60 days prior to the trip. For bookings made within 60 days prior to the trip, a full payment is required at the time of booking.

To run this trip, a minimum of 3 participants is required. If the number of participants is not met 1 month prior to the date, then a cancellation notice will be given immediately and a full refund will be offered. In such case, Kohei Ueno, Sony, and Topliners Club will not be held liable for any other travel arrangements made by the participants, including but not limited to flights and transportation bookings to get to and from Hervey Bay.

We will inform you as soon as we have the minimum number of participants so that you can make the flight arrangements in advance.

Payment Methods

Payment can be made either by Bank Transfer, Paypal, Paynow / PayLah, direct deposit or cheque. If paying by cheque the booking will only be guaranteed once the cheque has cleared.

Cancellation

For cancellations up to 60 days prior to the trip, a full refund of the paid balance (less deposit) will be made. For cancellations up to 30 days prior to the trip, 50% of the paid balance (less deposit) will be refunded. Any cancellations within 30 days of the trip, 20% of the paid balance (less deposit) will be refunded.

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