

## SAFETY INFORMATION

Please listen closely to our safety brief as we depart Cairns and watch the demonstration.

## LIFE JACKETS

Life jackets are located inside the cabin in the forward lockers.

## MARINE INFORMATION

The Great Barrier Reef is home to many unique, colourful and interesting marine creatures. While the majority of all marine life shares its habitat in harmony with human visitors, care needs to be exercised to protect against some forms of marine creatures.

## MARINE STINGERS

At certain times of the year, jellyfish, commonly called marine stingers, can be found in the seas of northern Australia. Most jellyfish are harmless to man, however certain varieties may cause serious reactions. Jellyfish of this kind are normally only found in waters close to the mainland and do not usually frequent the reef. Incidents involving serious marine stings in this area are extremely rare.

The crew of Big Cat Green Island Reef Cruises are very conscious of the danger of marine stingers. It is important that snorkellers and swimmers listen to the advice given regarding the degree of risk on any particular day.

Lycra suits are available to protect you from the sun and to reduce the possibility of stings and irritations. Maintenance and cleaning charges apply.

## MARINE ANIMALS AND CORALS

A number of marine animals, including shells, have defensive mechanisms that can sting or even disable a person. It is best to observe marine animals without touching them.

Even plants and corals may have stinging mechanisms that can be painful or irritating. It is best not to touch corals and plants to avoid the discomfort of stings and to avoid damaging them.

## GLASS BOTTOM BOAT TOURS – UPGRADE FEES APPLY

This commented tour shows the diversity of the reef, coral gardens and their wonderful array of sea life with the added fun of lively fish feeding. The GBB departs from the rear of Big Cat at the time indicated on your ticket. Please be on board 5 minutes prior to this time and our crew member will make an announcement when the vessel is ready.

## SEMI SUBMERSIBLE TOUR – UPGRADE FEES APPLY

Explore the underwater world of the reef in air-conditioned comfort on our SemiSub ...without even getting wet! Seated below water level, you are treated to a diver's view of the coral reef and marine life, with informative commentary by the crew and see the lively fish feeding.

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## SNORKELLING GEAR – UPGRADE FEES APPLY

Masks, snorkels and fins are available for all sizes (Fees apply. A refundable deposit is required for use of the gear)

## DIVING – UPGRADE FEES APPLY – SEE THE DIVE CREW

Certified diving (subject to availability) is for accredited divers while introductory dives are available for those with no experience. There is also the opportunity to experience SeaWalker, an underwater walk amongst the abundant marine life. You will be taken by dive tender to the spectacular coral reef of Green Island for your diving experience.

## MARINELAND MELANESIA – UPGRADE FEES APPLY

This fascinating walk-through nautical museum features live crocodiles and tropical marine aquariums along with an excellent gallery collection of rare Melanesian artefacts and historical displays.

## BUFFET LUNCH – UPGRADE FEES APPLY

Freshly prepared daily, the buffet lunch represents great value with a choice of meats, salads, a vegetarian dish, rice, fresh bread & tropical fruits. Available on the 11:00am Full Day Tour only.

## BAR & SOUVENIRS

Soft drinks, beer, spirits, wine, ice-creams and confectionery are available from the bar, along with t-shirts, hats, sunscreen, underwater cameras, postcards and other souvenir items.

## UPGRADE & INCLUDE ANY OF THESE OPTIONAL EXTRAS

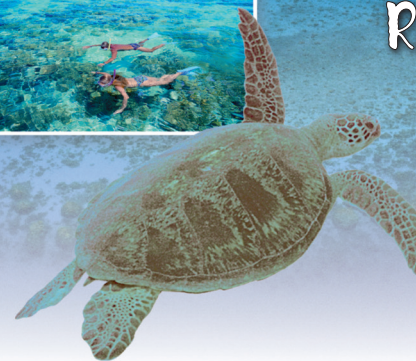
### SEE THE REEF ROCKET CREW

*Please see any of our crew if you have any questions and*

**Have a beautiful day!**



# CAIRNS



Welcome  
Aboard  
Reef  
Rocket

Tips on today's Activities,  
Safety and Snorkelling

Big Cat  
**Green Island**  
Reef Cruises

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## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

The following guide is designed to help your tour run smoothly and ensure that you make the most of your time at Green Island. Please listen closely to the announcements made by your skipper.

### HALF DAY TOUR

Morning Tour	Afternoon Tour	
8.30am	12.45pm	Boarding-from Marlin Wharf, Berth 3
9.00am	1.00pm	Reef Rocket departs for Green Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Please listen closely to the safety brief, life jacket drill and snorkel demonstration.</li><li>The crew will then come around and help you plan your time at Green Island.</li></ul>
9.45am	1.50pm	Arrive Green Island
11.50am	4.00pm	Boarding - be ready to board Reef Rocket <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Return snorkel gear.</li></ul>
12.00pm	4.15pm	Reef Rocket Departs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reef Rocket departs Green Island promptly at this time.</li></ul>
12.45pm	5.00pm	Arrive Cairns

### FULL DAY 11.00AM TOUR

10.30am	Boarding - from Marlin Wharf, Berth 3
11.00am	Reef Rocket departs for Green Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Please listen closely to the safety brief, life jacket drill and snorkel demonstration.</li><li>The crew will then come around and help you plan your time at Green Island.</li></ul>
11.50am	Arrive Green Island
11.50- 1.00pm	Lunch – served on board “Big Cat” at Green Island jetty. You can upgrade and include this delicious buffet lunch. Additional charge applies.
4.00 pm	Boarding be ready to board Reef Rocket <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Return snorkel gear.</li></ul>
4.15pm	Reef Rocket Departs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reef Rocket departs Green Island promptly at this time.</li></ul>
5.00pm	Arrive Cairns

## ENJOY SAFE SNORKELLING

Please read the following information and recommendations carefully:

- Please pay attention to the snorkelling presentation that commences as soon as the vessel departs Cairns, regardless of prior snorkelling experience as it will detail:
  - How to use snorkelling equipment
  - General information on all today's activities.
- We recommend you swim in a t-shirt or lycra suit (available for hire) to provide an element of protection against the sun and marine environment.
- We recommend snorkelling with buoyancy vests and always snorkel with a “snorkel buddy”.
- Do not consume alcohol before snorkelling & eat only in moderation.
- Do not snorkel in the boating channel. If a vessel is approaching, raise your head from the water to observe the vessel and be easily seen.
- Be aware of your own physical limitations and swimming abilities and do not try to exceed these. Snorkelling can be a strenuous activity. If you suffer from heart or other conditions that can be exacerbated with strenuous exercise, you should not participate without first consulting a doctor.

Your Big Cat crew will do their utmost to ensure your safety during all of the day's activities, however all swimming and snorkelling is undertaken at your own risk.

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

If medical assistance is required, please return to the Big Cat vessel to see our first aid trained crew.

## CORAL CUTS

To avoid infection or coral poisoning, it is essential all scratches or cuts are treated. Please see the Big Cat crew.

## SNORKELLING TIPS

- Prepare mask for snorkelling - spit on inside glass, rub briefly & rinse in salt water to reduce fogging.
- When fitting mask, ensure hair is clear of mask.
- Place strap high on the back of your head.
- Seal lips tightly around snorkel mouth piece and breathe only through your mouth.
- Always look ahead when snorkelling to avoid collisions.
- To clear water from mask, tilt your head back out of the water, lift the bottom of your mask to let water drain out.
- Clear water from your snorkel by removing from mouth and draining or exhaling sharply through the snorkel.

Snorkel gear can be used at your own leisure from the beach. There is a lifeguard supervised area in front of the Beach Hire on Green Island.

## The Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area including The Green Island National Park

The Great Barrier Reef is the largest reef in the world. It has some of the world's highest marine life diversity, with over 450 type of corals, 1500 types of fish and 4000 type of molluscs (shells, clams, octopus and squid). All fish, coral, shells and other marine life are protected by law.

Green Island is also a very special place, being the only sand cay on the GBR with a rainforest growing on it. A full time National Parks Ranger is present on Green Island

## Rules of Green Island & the Surrounding Reef

Please help us keep our reefs and islands beautiful!

- Swim at least 1 metre away from the coral to prevent accidental breakage and damage.
- It is illegal to take anything (coral, shells, sand, plants) - alive or dead - from the island, beach or reef.
- Do not touch or feed any wildlife, including giant clams, corals, sea cucumbers, fish or birds.
- Do not litter - throwing cigarette butts into the ocean can harm marine life.
- Stay on all trails & boardwalks.
- Do not walk out onto the reef flat.

