

Compare Expeditions

Mike Ball Dive Expeditions has liveaboard trips to suit divers of all experience levels. Find out which expedition suits you, your itinerary and skill level at a glance, by looking at the below table. For more information, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Mike Ball Comparison Table			
	Fly Dive Cod Hole	Fly Dive Coral Sea	Coral Sea Safari
Nights / Dives	3 Nights 12 Dives	4 Nights 14 Dives	7 Nights 26 Dives
Departure	Monday 7am	Thursday 6pm	Thursday 6pm
Returns	Thursday 8am	Monday 11:30am	Thursday 8am
Depths	0 - 30m	0 - 40m	0 - 40m
Average Visibility	25m - Cod Hole	35m - Osprey Reef	25m - 35m Great Barrier Reef / Coral Sea
Experience Level	Snorkelers to advanced	Advanced, or 10 logged ocean dives including 5 in last 12 months	Minimum - Open Water (recommend Advanced)
Dive Region	Great Barrier Reef	Standard Itinerary: Coral Sea and Great Barrier Reef Fair weather itinerary: Coral Sea only (no Great Barrier Reef)	Coral Sea and Great Barrier Reef
Dive Summary	Enjoy amazing biodiversity on the pinnacles and coral gardens of the Ribbon Reefs. See schools of reef fish, reef sharks, rays and critters such as octopus, stone fish, scorpion fish and much more. Swim with diver size potato cod.	Dive walls that plummet to around 1000m in 35m visibility. Great for pelagic fish life, fans, soft and hard corals and reef fish.	Combines the walls and pelagics of the Coral Sea with the fantastic biodiversity of the Great Barrier Reef.
Shark Dives	Sharks are commonly seen but rarely at close range.	2–3 shark attraction dives – shark feed; passive shark attraction & private shark shoot. 100's of sharks.	2–3 shark attraction dives – shark feed; passive shark attraction & private shark shoot. 100's of sharks.
Suitable for Snorkel	Yes.	No	Yes. Days 4, 5 & 6 are suitable for snorkeling.
Cruise Conditions	Protected inside Great Barrier Reef	Exposed outside Great Barrier Reef	Exposed outside Great Barrier Reef
Distance by Vessel	150 nautical miles	300 nautical miles	450 nautical miles
Fly Dive	Includes low level scenic flight Cairns to Lizard Island	Includes low level scenic flight Lizard Island to Cairns	No Flight included
Luggage Allowance	25kg per person 3 kg carry-on or 10 kg for professional photo/video housed systems. Excess luggage may be left at MBDE	25kg per person 3 kg carry-on or 10 kg for professional photo/video housed systems. Excess luggage may be left at MBDE	25kg per bag. Multiple bags allowed. Excess luggage may be left at MBDE

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