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25 THINGS TO DO ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

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The Great Barrier Reef is the largest living thing on earth. That's impressive! If you're planning a trip to Tropical North Queensland and the reef is on your To Do List then stop looking, we've got some serious inspiration for you right here.

HERE'S 25 IDEAS TO GET YOUR GREAT BARRIER REEF ADVENTURE STARTED

1. Take a day trip on a catamaran that travels to both a sand cay and the outer Great Barrier Reef in the one day – two adventures for the price of one!



2. Drop into a yacht club & secure a crew spot and go sailing in a social race.

3. Live like the rich and famous and spoil yourself with a luxury charter for a personalised tour of the Great Barrier Reef.



4. See the Great Barrier Reef from the air before landing on the water in a seaplane.

5. Snorkel with turtles at Green Island.



6. Take a night boat trip to witness the annual coral spawn (usually late November).

7. Take your first underwater scuba adventure on an introductory dive.



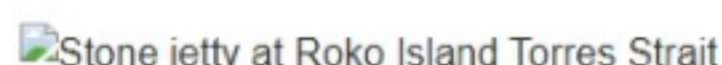
8. Experience three certified dives at three different sites on the outer Great Barrier Reef.

9. Surfski or kayak to Double Island.

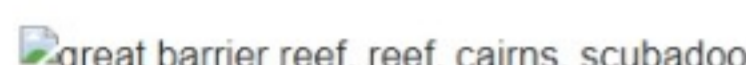


10. Sleep overnight on the Great Barrier Reef on a live-aboard dive vessel or reef pontoon.

11. Experience Torres Strait Islander culture at Thursday or Horn Island.



12. Unleash your inner James Bond and ride a Scuba-Doo – an underwater jet ski

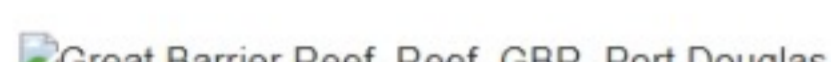


13. Sail across hundreds of kilometres of the Great Barrier Reef from the deck of a cruise ship.

14. Speed out to the Great Barrier Reef in 15 minutes on a jet boat.



15. Sail to Low Isles to experience two different environments of a sand cay and mangroves.



16. Play beach volleyball on a Great Barrier Reef island.

17. Try a helmet dive for a scuba-style experience or take a Seawalker stroll on the sea floor without getting your hair wet.



18. Stand up and paddle a board over coral reef at a Great Barrier Reef island.

19. Test your stamina kite surfing on the Great Barrier Reef (best season April to October).

20. Take a rainforest hike to the Fitzroy Island lookout for a different perspective of the Great Barrier Reef.



21. Kayak to Hinchinbrook Island, Australia's largest island national park.

22. Windsurf over the Great Barrier Reef.

23. Head out on a whale watching tour.

24. View the coral and fish without getting wet on a glass bottom boat tour.

25. Swoop over the Great Barrier Reef in a helicopter.



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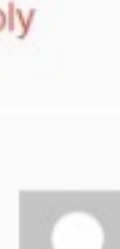
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Gina says
 21 Apr, 16 at 2:13 pm

Can you please advise what companies are best for #1 and 8?

Thanks!

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 **Siobhan Mulcahy says**
 28 Apr, 16 at 1:12 pm

Hi Gina,
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 Have a look at Passions Of Paradise <http://www.passions.com.au> or Ocean Freedom <http://www.oceanfreedom.com.au>

#8 Experience three certified dives at three different sites on the outer Great Barrier Reef.
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