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**GETTING THERE**

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**THE VESSEL – FASCINATION III**

The vessel is a 51ft Riviera Platinum, enclosed Flybridge Cruiser, ‘Fascination III’ has a cruise speed of 20 knots and can take up to 10 passengers (including crew). Based at Lizard Island all year round, ‘Fascination III’ is available for private fishing or diving and snorkelling charters.

**DIVING & SNORKELLING**

With the outer reef less than one hour away, Lizard Island offers some of the world’s best diving and snorkelling sites. Sensational diving opportunities abound in this Marine National Park, including the famous Cod Hole, where you’ll come face to face with a massive, yet curious Potato Cod swimming right up to inspect you with child-like curiosity.

Whatever your level of experience, our professional crew are on hand to cater to your every need. So whether you’re snorkelling or diving, it’s sure to be an experience you’ll remember for a lifetime.

If you’d like to try your hand at some fishing, this can also be included in your day.

Additional dive and equipment charges apply. It is mandatory to have a guide present when participating in any in-water activity (i.e. diving and snorkelling), charges apply.
FISHING
The waters surrounding Lizard Island boast some of the most exciting fishing in the world. Black Marlin fishing season is from August to December and each year fish weighing a massive 1,000 pounds are caught tagged and released. The famous Lizard Island Marlin Classic is held in October, for seven days. To avoid disappointment, we recommend you book as early as possible for Charters departing September through to December.

Outer Reef Fishing
The outer reef fishing grounds can be reached in 60 minutes. The fish caught in this area include Mackerel, Tuna, Trevally, Mahi-mahi, Giant Dart, Sailfish and Black Marlin. Fishing tackle of the highest quality is provided to ensure your success.

Inner Reef Fishing
A short boat ride takes you to the inner reef fishing grounds. This spectacular area comprises of three reef systems, which are home to an amazing variety of fish including Mackerel, Queenfish, Trevally and other pelagic species.

Light Tackle Fishing
Some of the most exciting light tackle sports fishing can be enjoyed on Lizard Island. ‘Fascination III’ is available for both full and half day Charters which can be tailored to suit your needs. Many of the fish caught are of superb eating quality and can be prepared by our Chefs. What a great way to end a magnificent day’s fishing!

### MV Fascination III Private Dive, Snorkelling or Fishing Charters
Fishing charters include Light Tackle Trolling and/or bottom fishing. Dive charges and dive equipment charges are additional. All charters include light refreshments and lunch on full day charters.

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Pre-bookings are essential. A 25% holding deposit is required for all charters. Any cancellation within 30 days of your arrival date will result in the loss of this deposit.

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**DIVE TOURS**

Our dedicated dive vessel, MV Serranidae, departs on alternate days for outer reef or inner reef tours. The outer reef tours include 2 locations on the Outer Reef structure, approximately 60 minutes by boat from Lizard Island. The inner reef tours visit one location, approximately 30 minutes by boat from Lizard Island.

Dives on the island’s fringing reefs, are conducted from the MV Monitor and range from 10 to 25 minutes journey from Lizard Island. The majority of locations visited, are accessed exclusively by the Lizard Island Marine & Dive team, enabling divers to enjoy the gorgeous reefs without the crowds.

**PRIVATE CHARTER DIVE TOURS**

The luxurious MV Fascination is available for private charter, allowing your dive guide to customise the diving to your preference and skill level. This also enables access to a broader range of locations.

A full day charter can enable a mix of diving and fishing, the ultimate Great Barrier Reef marine experience.

**DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING**

A ‘Discover Scuba Dive’ is a wonderful introduction to diving for the complete novice. Experienced dive instructors will take beginners through a three part experience, beginning with some basic dive theory and equipment introduction, a skills development in water session, followed by one beach dive, which is conducted over 2 hours in the afternoon. Guests then have the option to join their instructor for 2 dives the following day on the Outer Reef.

The minimum age requirement for this experience is 12 years and medical clearance is also required. Certain medical conditions require an Australian Dive Medical (AS4005.1) to be allowed to dive. Please refer to our website and below for more detailed information.
REFERRAL DIVE COURSES
A referral course for divers who have completed all theory and confined water components of the PADI Open Water Course is available. Bookings must be made prior to arrival and participants must be staying at the resort for a minimum of 4 nights to complete this course. Please ensure each participant has their referral paperwork and an Australian Dive Medical Certificate (AS4005.1) completed and signed by a specialist dive medicine practitioner, prior to arrival.

REFRESHER COURSES
Certified divers who have not dived in the past 12 months are required to complete a refresher course to review skills that enable divers to be safe and comfortable during their dives. These are conducted 45 minutes prior to your first dive on the island and are complimentary for guests.

BEACH DIVES
Guests can enjoy diving the reef directly in front of the resort with a dive guide on request. The duration of these dives is approximately one hour.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT MAKES LIZARD ISLAND DIVING UNIQUE?
The Northern section of the Great Barrier Reef is home to a large biodiversity of marine species. Expansive hard coral gardens and wonderful macro critters abound while spectacular reef fishes and large pelagic species make diving here sensational. Given the location, Lizard Island guests frequently enjoy these sites with few other divers on-site.

WHAT KIND OF MARINE LIFE CAN YOU EXPECT TO SEE AT LIZARD ISLAND?
Amongst the estimated 1,500 different fish species, the favourites to look for include the Potato Cod and Giant Grouper, schooling trevallies, giant sweetlips, reef sharks, olive sea snakes, turtles, rays, cuttlefish, anemone fish and giant clams. Dolphins are often seen from the boat and humpback and minke whales are spotted breaching and cruising throughout the winter months.

WHAT TYPE OF CORAL CAN I EXPECT TO SEE AT LIZARD ISLAND?
There are an estimated 300 species of hard coral making up the spectacular coral gardens in the Lizard Island region of the Great Barrier Reef. Ancient bolder corals, plate and colourful staghorn corals are but a few you can expect to see. Soft corals and sea fans also flourish here.

HOW MANY DIVE SITES ARE THERE SURROUNDING LIZARD ISLAND?
Local Lizard Island Dive Sites
Anchor Bay, Cobia Hole, Mermaid Cove, Crystal Caves, Coconut Beach, Horse Shoe, Big Vicky’s, South Horn and Steve’s Gully.

Inner Reef – Dive Sites
Bank’s Bank, The Plateau and North Direction Island.

Outer Reef – Dive Sites
The Cod Hole, Dynamite Reef, No Name Reef, Big Softie, Kate’s Place, Stepping Stones and Yonge Reef.

ARE THERE ANY WORLD RENOWNED DIVE SITES AVAILABLE?
Yes, ‘The Cod Hole’. We endeavour to go here on our outer reef trip; however it is a site that can only be dived with specific tide conditions and weather permitting. This is a location for both divers and snorkellers.

WHAT IS THE WATER TEMPERATURE?
Temperatures range from 22 degrees Celsius (72 degrees Fahrenheit) in Winter, to 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit) in Summer.

HOW DEEP CAN I DIVE?
Optimal dive depths on the reefs around Lizard Island are between 8 to 15 metres. This is due to the abundance of marine life at this depth range and optimal coral growth factors. Maximum dive depth is determined by the individual dive certification levels in the group and generally do not exceed 18 metres as it is not necessary and also shortens dive times. Dive time is limited to a maximum of 60 minutes.

ARE THERE JELLYFISH IN THE WATERS AROUND LIZARD ISLAND?
Smaller “jellyfish” (stingers) called “blue bottles” can be present in the waters during the summer months when specific weather conditions prevail. This species of jelly can give a burning sting but is not dangerous. The Marine & Dive crew monitor this daily and inform guests if they are present. The best snorkelling conditions are on the leeward side of the island which is free of these wind blown Jellyfish. Generally they are not found on the outer reef. Wearing a full body lycra suit prevents stings and also functions as sun protection equivalent to SPF 50.

ARE PRIVATE DIVES/SNORKELLING GUIDES AVAILABLE?
Yes, private dive guides are available. Please book in advance with the Lizard Island Marine & Dive Team to avoid disappointment.

HOW LONG DO YOU REQUIRE BETWEEN DIVING AND FLYING OFF LIZARD ISLAND?
24 hours must be allowed between your last dive and your departure from Lizard Island. This is required for health reasons.

CAN I DO A OUTER REEF DIVE TOUR AND DEPART LIZARD ISLAND AFTER 3:00PM THE NEXT DAY?
This certainly is possible. Please ensure you inform your dive guide prior to your last day of diving that you will be flying out the following day.
IF I AM A DIVER AND MY FAMILY/FRIENDS WISH TO SNORKEL, CAN WE GO ON THE SAME TOUR?
Yes, our destinations are the same for divers and snorkellers and both groups travel on the same boat, so the day can be shared by everyone.

DO I NEED TO BRING ANY OF MY OWN EQUIPMENT?
No. On arrival at Lizard Island you will be fitted with a mask, snorkel and fins which you can then keep for the duration of your stay. Wetsuits, sun suits, floatation devices and all scuba diving equipment are available. All dive regulators have a dive computer fitted with the pressure gauge in a console. Divers are welcome to bring personal equipment if desired, which will be washed and dried daily by the dive staff. The wetsuits available are 5mm neoprene with a choice of short arm and leg or full length leg with short arms. Our sizes range from a child’s 10 to ladies 20 or a gentleman’s 2XL.

WHAT IS THE WATER CLARITY AND COLOUR LIKE?
Underwater visibility changes with the season and tide, but is always good. In winter, the visibility can extend to 50 metres plus and averages approximately 25 metres plus. Summer visibility averages around 18 metres.

WHAT TIME OF YEAR IS BEST FOR DIVING AND SNORKELLING?
Diving and snorkelling is great all year round. Winter has great visibility but is generally windier with cooler water temperatures. During the summer months, the water is wonderfully warm and the winds often drop right down, making the surface conditions almost like a swimming pool.

AS A CERTIFIED DIVER, WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO LIZARD ISLAND?
You must bring proof of current Scuba Diving Certification. You are also required to sign a medical declaration. If you suffer from any of the listed illnesses on this form or currently take prescription medications, please discuss this with the Marine and Dive team prior to arrival. This form can be viewed on our website, under ‘Diving’.

WHO NEEDS A DIVE MEDICAL BEFORE COMING TO LIZARD ISLAND?
All recreational diving operators in Queensland require that certain types of divers have an AS4005.1 compliant dive medical carried out before diving with them. This is particularly the case for all dive courses and situations where a diver has indicated in their Medical Questionnaire that they have a medical issue that is contraindicative to diving.

CAN I ORGANISE A DIVE MEDICAL IN CAIRNS PRIOR TO MY FLIGHT TO LIZARD ISLAND?
There are two medical facilities in Cairns able to complete an Australian Dive Medical.
- Cairns 24 hour Medical Centre
- Corner Florence & Grafton Streets Phone +61 7 4052 1119
- Dr. Cathy Meehan
- McLeod Street Medical Centre Phone +61 7 4052 1583

ARE THERE ANY AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR SCUBA DIVING?
Yes, you must be 12 years of age or above to complete a ‘Discover Scuba Dive’ Course. Divers between the ages of 12 to 14 years of age, require a private dive guide due to dive regulations. This should be arranged prior to arrival, via the Lizard Island Marine & Dive Team.

ARE WE ALLOWED TO FISH OFF LIZARD ISLAND?
Lizard Island is located in a Marine Park and no fishing can be done directly from the island or in waters immediately adjacent to the island.
LOCATION
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SNORKELLING AND DIVING FACT SHEET

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SNORKELLING LESSONS
Complimentary snorkelling lessons are available followed by a guided snorkel offering a complimentary reef interpretive tour on the reef directly in front of the Beach Club in Anchor Bay. You will require a mask, snorkel and fins to participate, which are available from the Beach Club.

RIBBON REEF SNORKELLING
Lead by experienced guides offering interpretation and safety, M.V. Serranidae snorkel trips are the ideal way to experience the amazing fish and coral of the Great Barrier Reef. Inner reef and outer reef trips are available on alternate days aboard M.V Serranidae, travelling to sites equally accessible to snorkellers as well as divers.

The inner reef trip departs at approx. 8.30am and returns at approx. 12.00pm, taking you to either a continental island with their own unique fringing reefs or to patch reefs which are constructed entirely of coral. The outer reef trip, departing at approx. 8.30am and returning at approx. 3.00pm, visits two sites on the ribbon reefs, including the renowned Cod Hole (subject to weather and tidal conditions). Please book snorkel trips at the Beach Club on arrival to Lizard Island. Charges apply; please refer to Lizard Island Resort activities sheet.

GETTING THERE
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East Air operates the connecting flight between Cairns and Lizard Island which is a 60 minute scenic flight over the Great Barrier Reef.

BEACH SNORKELLING
There is an abundance of reef snorkelling in Anchor Bay, in front of the Resort, as well as at Sunset Beach and Watson’s Bay where large concentrations of giant clams can be viewed, both within short walking distance from the Resort.

GUIDE FOR SNORKELLERS
Whilst Lizard Island offers a variety of snorkelling for the novice through to the very experienced, it is also important to highlight the following points to ensure an enjoyable and safe experience.

• Snorkelling and swimming is permitted off any beach.
• Watch your buoyancy so that you do not drag your fins on the coral and never stand on the coral.
• Do not snorkel or swim alone or out of sight to family and friends. Snorkelling is generally a safe activity, however exercise can aggravate certain medical conditions such as asthma and heart conditions. You should only participate in the activity with this understanding.

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EQUIPMENT HIRE
All equipment required for diving and snorkelling is available for hire at The Beach Club. Equipment available includes Buoyancy Control Devices (BCDs) and regulators with computers. Masks, snorkels, wetsuits, Lycra suits and fins are complimentary.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
An environmental charge applies to all dives and snorkels enjoyed on the Great Barrier Reef. This charge has been included into applicable activities on Lizard Island.

PRIVATE CHARTERS
Private Charters are available from Lizard Island to offer the greatest flexibility for dive enthusiasts. MV Fascination III is a 51ft Riviera that provides the perfect platform for diving, snorkelling or fishing expeditions.

Prior bookings for Charters are essential and a deposit is required.

DIVE REQUIREMENTS
A Certification card must be presented upon check-in at The Beach Club. Use of a BCD, dive computer, regulator (with pressure and depth gauge) and an alternate air source is mandatory. Please visit the Beach Club once on Lizard Island and register for diving. When making your accommodation reservation, please advise if you intend to dive whilst on the Island.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS
Australian Scuba Diving Standards require that all certified divers are medically fit to dive. Certain medical conditions may exclude you from diving at Lizard Island such as asthma, epilepsy, diabetes and high blood pressure or blood disorders of any kind. If you are taking any medication (with the exception of the contraceptive pill) you may also be excluded from diving at Lizard Island.

If you suffer from a medical condition or are taking medication, a fully completed Dive Medical AS 4005-1 certificate is to be completed by a medical practitioner with knowledge of diving medicine. This is to be presented to the Lizard Island Beach Club before you will be able to participate in any form of diving activities.

A copy of the Medical Form and a list of accredited medical practitioners are available at: www.spums.org.au

DIVER TRAVELLING BY AIRCRAFT
Safety regulations on Lizard Island require that guests travelling from the Island by helicopter and/or by fixed wing aircraft must not dive for a minimum of 24 hours prior to flying.

DIVING COURSES
DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING*
This course is designed for beginners with no prior experience who want a taste of diving without committing to the full course. The course includes equipment hire, classroom sessions and one supervised shore dive with a qualified instructor. Minimum age of 12 years is required and medical conditions apply.

Upon completion of the course you may choose to book follow up dives with your PADI instructor aboard MV Serranidae.

REFERRAL DIVE COURSES*
PADI referral course for students who have completed all theory and confined water components of the open water course. Bookings must be made prior to arrival. Participants need to be staying at the Resort for a minimum of 4 nights. Please ensure you bring with you, two passport sized photos, a referral statement and an Australian medical certificate (AS4005.1) signed by a specialist dive practitioner. MV Serranidae boat charges are additional.

REFRESHERS*
If you have not recently dived (twelve months or more), mandatory refresher courses will be held on the beach before your first dive on the Island.

* PADI Referral course must be pre-booked prior to arrival at the resort.

All other diving can be booked at the resort Beach Club on arrival. When making your accommodation reservation, please advise if you intend to dive whilst on the island.

CLIMATE AND WATER TEMPERATURE
Tropical climate. Average year-round temperature of 27° Celsius (80° Fahrenheit).

Winter water temperature: 22-24° Celsius (72-76° Fahrenheit)
Summer water temperature: 27-30° Celsius (81-86° Fahrenheit)
Full length wetsuit is recommended between May and October.

DIVING ACTIVITIES ON LIZARD
• Outer/inner reef diving & snorkelling trips to the Great Barrier Reef
• Local diving on sites around Lizard Island
• Discover Scuba Diving – for beginners who want a taste of diving. Not a certification course.
• PADI Referral Dive Courses
• Medical conditions apply
• 12 year age limit applies
• Cod Hole is subject to weather and tidal conditions.

DIVING FACT SHEET
Lizard Island is a continental island surrounded by fringing reef with easy access to the ribbon reefs of the Great Barrier Reef. The world renowned Cod Hole is a 60 minute boat ride from the Island on our purpose built dive vessel MV Serranidae.

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