



## CAIRNS NORTHBOUND TO LIZARD ISLAND courtesy of Captain Martin De Banks - MY Spirit

Cairns is a thriving North Queensland city geared to Tourism. Here you have the gateway to the reaches of the Northern Great Barrier Reef and instant access to the ever present Rain Forest. The only place on Earth where two world heritage sites meet in perfect harmony.

This beautiful bustling sea side boutique city boasts numerous bars and restaurants with the glorious Northern beaches just a short drive away.

Enjoy Northern Queensland's legendary hospitality in this vibrant young city.

### Day 1

Partake in water sports or perhaps just relax with a cocktail, a chance to take in the glorious tropical surroundings and look for the breaching humpback whales. Some amazing land options are also available, such as a heli-flight to Mt Uncle Distillery for a private tour and tastings of their award winning spirits and liqueurs, or take the sky-rail to an ATV tour through the majestic tropical rainforest with your private guide, introducing you to the unique tropical fruits and even the odd cassowary. Upon rejoining the vessels, anchorage for the evening will be taken at Fitzroy Island.



## Day 2

Travel North some 55 nautical miles to anchor behind Rachel Carson Reef, named after the famed Marine Biologist. Rachel Carson, it has one of the most pristine reefs that the area has to offer. Snorkel to your hearts content enjoying these calm tranquil waters. For the divers amongst you a short tender ride away from the yacht you will be immersed in the calm colourful underwater world.

From June to September you have the unique opportunity to snorkel with the incredibly

inquisitive and gentle Minke Whales prevalent in these food enriched waters. In the afternoon, perhaps try your hand at fishing or SUP. During the evening Spirit will depart the anchorage and cruise North to Lizard Island arriving with the sunrise.



## Day 3

Lizard Island is located 150 nautical miles north of Cairns, and approximately 60 miles north east of Cook Town. In 1770 Captain James Cook anchored in Watson's bay and climbed to the highest peak on the Island to try and find a way out from the beautiful yet treacherous reef complex. From there (the now aptly named Cooks Lookout,) he was able to see clearly the numerous passages that would enable him to navigate the Endeavour to the open ocean.



Lizard Island is a National park covering around a 1000 hectares, it has its own airstrip, over 20 beaches with powdery white sand, fantastic diving and snorkelling opportunities and ideally located to explore the Northern reaches of the Great Barrier Reef. It is home to an amazing array of birdlife and a fish sanctuary. It also boasts a world class kiteboarding destination in the Blue lagoon.

Today we will be anchored in the calm tranquil waters of Watsons Bay. After a leisurely breakfast you will be able to fully explore the island and its beaches, the blue lagoon and the pristine surrounding reefs. Today will be a great day for Paddle boarding, kayaking, fishing, diving and snorkelling. Or perhaps head off in our Game Fishing boat to try your hand at catching us dinner! For those of you interested in a little pampering, a massage and spa treatments at the luxurious Lizard Island resort can be arranged. Once nightfall is upon us watch the incredible marine life come to visit and feed in our under water lights.

Experience dinner at water level with the ever present Lemon Sharks, Giant Trevally,s and Reef Sharks.

## Day 4

Travel to the pristine Ribbon Reefs, anchored off Ribbon Reef Number Nine at the home to a resident pod of Spinner Dolphins and the ever curious Minke Whales. Today everyone will have a chance to catch dinner from the back of the vessel, these waters teem with Coral Trout, Nanagai and Job fish to name but a few. For the divers and snorkelers you have one of the most lush areas on the reef literally

meters away. After your days adventure we will cruise in to the sunset anchoring for our final evening again at Lizard island.

## Departure day.

After a leisurely breakfast on board perhaps take a final snorkel, kayak or paddleboard, you will be escorted to the airstrip to start your return journey on your private jet.

