



# Lady Elliot Island PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR

with Michael Smith APP M.Photog

12th-14th Feb, 2022

## Tour Information

*Your unforgettable photography experience in the most incredible marine environment.*





# Tour Inclusions

## The Tour

- Return flights from Hervey Bay or Bundaberg  
Outbound ex HB: 8 am, outbound ex Bb: 8.40 am; return ex LEI: 4 pm
- 2 nights accommodation: Eco Cabins
- 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners
- In-field photographic guidance on the island and in the water (snorkelling included)
- Post-production and editing sessions
- Mask, snorkel & fins (wetsuits are available to hire)
- Guided reef and nature walks (subject to tide and weather)
- Combined glass bottom boat/snorkelling tour
- Boat based Guided Snorkel Safari

## Pricing

Eco Cabin: **\$1675** per person with **double occupancy**

Single bookings will be paired with a second guest of the same gender.

## Further Information

### Eco Cabins

- 1) These permanent cabins offer the comforts of home with four bunk beds, polished timber floors, ceiling fan, full power and lighting.
- 2) Communal bathrooms are located no more than 30 metres away.



# What to bring

## Photography Equipment

- 1) An underwater camera is essential! This can be one of the following:
  - Compact "Tough" Camera (capable of RAW files). The Olympus TG5/TG6 are good options.
  - Compact Camera with underwater housing - such as Canon G7Xii or Sony RX100 and Fantasea or Ikelite Housing.
  - Mirrorless Camera and dedicated underwater housing such as Olympus OM-D EM5 Mark II and PT-EP13 Housing.
  - DSLR Camera and dedicated underwater housing.
    - Underwater strobes (if prior experience)
- 2) Don't forget above water camera equipment!
  - Wide angle zoom lens, telephoto lens, tripod, flash
  - Batteries, chargers, camera cleaning gear!
- 3) Laptop with Lightroom & Photoshop

\* Note \* While GoPros are good for video, I do not recommend them for still photos.



## Further helpful gear

- 1) **Wetsuit** - 2 or 3mm (we will be spending a lot of time in the water!). Wetsuits are available to **hire** at the resort if you don't have your own.
- 2) Neoprene **Thermal Top** for extra warmth in the water.
- 3) **Sturdy shoes** - we will be walking on uneven ground to access certain locations. The beaches are coral, not sand so thongs are not recommended.
- 4) **Reef shoes** are available at no charge on the island but it is advisable to bring your own.
- 5) **Towels** are provided on the island - for use in the accommodation as well as on the beach
- 6) Refillable **water bottle** - filtered water available on the island.
- 7) **Torch**.



# Physical Requirements

## What to expect

- Your 3 days on Lady Elliot Island will be filled with a great range of experiences.
- There will be a mixture of underwater photography while snorkelling as well as land based nature photography.
- We may be snorkelling or walking for up to 1.5 hours at a time.
- There may be very early mornings and late nights!
- There will be a small amount of time each day for free time or relaxing. All parts of the itinerary are optional.
- Michael & will be helping you with your camera settings and techniques regardless of your experience. Feel free to ask them anything!
- Post-production techniques using Lightroom and Photoshop will be held normally in the evenings.
- Good food! The food provided by the resort is great! However snacks are limited so please bring your own if you wish.
- Improvisation... Being a wilderness area, Lady Elliot Island is exposed to the elements and we may need to change our itinerary depending on the conditions. However, there are always many options to choose from!
- By the end of the trip, you are likely to be tired and very satisfied after an incredible adventure!



## Fitness

- A **reasonable level of fitness** is required for this tour.
- We will be walking around on **uneven ground** some of the time - carrying our camera gear!
- Moderate **competency in snorkelling and swimming** is also required as we may be in the water for up to 1.5 hours at a time. However it is shallow with some places to stand up, if you need a rest.
- If you are not experienced in snorkelling, we highly recommend taking a **snorkelling course** before the trip. This will aid in your comfort in the water and result in better images.



# Tour Terms

## Booking and Cancellation

- A deposit of \$400 per person is due within 2 weeks of booking
  - \$200 of non-refundable deposit in case of cancellation
  - \$200 of refundable deposit up to 30 days prior to travel
- Final payment is due 35 days prior to travel
- 100% cancellation fee inside 30 days prior to travel
- In case of cancellation by replacing the booking with an alternative tour-guest, all costs will be refunded, minus a handling fee of 10% of the individual tour-price

**\*\*\* NOTE \*\*\* Travel insurance is recommended for this tour.**

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If you have any other questions, please feel free to email Michael:

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## Baggage

- 1) 15kg checked luggage allowance
- 2) Due to the limited capacity of the aircraft baggage compartments, no individual item to exceed 15kg or 70cm x 40cm x 30cm. Items larger than this are unfortunately unable to be carried.
- 3) In addition, small personal items totalling up to a maximum of 2kg can be carried on board. These items must be able to be carried on the lap. They may include:
  - A. Handbag/Purse
  - B. Tablet or laptop in thin case
  - C. Camera