

Lady Elliot Island PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR with Michael Smith APP M.Photog 26th - 28th October, 2019

# **Tour Information**



Your unforgettable photography experience in the most incredible marine environment.

### 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, available options: Eco Cabin or Garden Unit
- 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinner buffets
- Hands-on camera technique workshops
- 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 tour/boat snorkel one/person
- Boat based Guided Snorkel Safari one/person

#### Pricing

Eco Cabin: AU\$ 1495 per person with double occupancy Garden Unit: AU\$ 1695 per person with double occupancy

Single bookings will be paired with a second guest, gender specific of course.



## **Tour Inclusions**

### Accommodation

#### **Eco Cabins**

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

#### **Garden Units**

- The units offer a queen bed and bunk-style bed.
- slightly elevated they feature polished timber floors, ensuite bathrooms and a balcony
- They are fan cooled, less than 30 metres from Sunrise Beach, have a mini fridge and tea & coffee making facilities.

### **Optional Island Activities\***

- Scuba Diving
- Equipment hire all day
- Discover Scuba (DSD)
- Additional Boat Snorkel Safari
- Short wetsuit hire per day
- Long wetsuit hire pending availability.

\*Fees payable on Lady Elliot Island \*Not part of the photography tour.

## **Additionally Available**

More delights\*

- Morning or afternoon tea
- Sunset nibbles platters
- \*Bookings and payment can be made individually on the island
- The restaurant offers barista made coffees and a well stocked bar!
- The resort's highly experienced staff offer a range of informative guided experiences for a small fee on the island.



### **Photography Equipment**

- An underwater camera is essential! This can be one of the following:
  - Compact "Tough" Camera (Preferably capable of RAW files)
  - Compact Camera with underwater housing such as Canon G7Xii and Fantasea 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)
  - GoPros are an option if it is a model with RAW files.
- Don't forget above water camera equipment!:
  - Wide angle zoom lens, telephoto lens, tripod, flash
  - Batteries, chargers, camera cleaning gear!
- Laptop with Lightroom & Photoshop

## What to bring

### Further helpful gear

- Wetsuit 3mm or 5mm (we will be spending a lot of time in the water!)
- Neoprene Themal Top for extra warmth in the water.
- Sturdy shoes we will be walking on uneven ground to access certain locations. The beaches are coral, not sand so thongs are not recommended. Reef shoes are available at no charge on the island.
- \*Towels are provided on the island for use in the accommodation as well as on the beach
- Refillable water bottle filtered water available on the island.



### 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 and land based nature photography.
- We may be snorkelling or walking for up to 1.5 hours at a time.
- There will be a small amount of time each day for free time or relaxing.
- Michael will be helping you with your camera settings and techniques regardless of your experience. Feel free to ask him anything!
- Both evenings you will have the opportunity to learn post-production techniques in Lightroom and Photoshop as you review your images.
- Good food! We have found the food provided by the resort to be 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 with many options to choose from, this should be no problem.

## **Physical Requirements**

#### **Fitness**

- A reasonable level of fitness is required for this tour.
- We will be walking around on uneven coral and rocks some of the time carrying our camera gear!
- Reasonable competency in snorkelling and swimming is also required as we may be in the lagoon for up to 1.5 hours at a time. However it is shallow with some places to stand up, if you need a rest.



### **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 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
- Travel insurance is recommended for this tour

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If you have any other questions, please feel free to email Michael: michael@intothewildphotography.com.au

## **Tour Terms**

### Baggage

- 15kg checked luggage allowance
- 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.
- In addition, small personal items totalling up to a max. of 2kg can be carried on board. These items must be able to be carried on the lap. They may include:
- Handbag/Purse
- Tablet or laptop in thin case
- Camera

