

Underwater Photography Workshop Great Barrier Reef (Turtle, Mantas, Dolphins)

6 Days / 5 Nights (7th - 12th June 2020)

SGD2,985

Lady Elliot Island is located at the southern tip of the World Heritage Listed Great Barrier Reef. Situated within a highly protected 'Green Zone', the island is a sanctuary for over 1,200 different marine species including mantas, dolphins, turtles, and even whales that passes through during the months between May and October. The water surrounding the island has fantastic clarity with



unspoilt coral reef that is renowned to be one of the best spots in Australia for snorkelling and scuba diving, with excellent visibility and bright sunny sky that makes it perfect for underwater photography. Not only home to marine life, the island attracts a fascinating mix of vegetation, birds and other wildlife, from octopus bushes, cassuarinas, pisonia and other herbs and shrubs, to numerous birds such as buff banded rails, ruddy ternstones, silvereyes, and even frigate birds. This island has just one Resort, an award winning Eco Resort with excellent facilities for our guests to enjoy a comfortable stay under their state of the art solar panel design that generates almost 100% of energy entirely by the sun.

There are a limited amount of people allowed on the island each day to ensure minimal impact to the environment and a premium experience is provided to all participants. Maximum spot for this tour is 6, so book your spots early!

Your Photography Master Guru on this tour:

The guru for this tour is Kohei Ueno, an award winning photographer and a freedive coach from Japan who will guide you into the fascinating world of underwater photography and the secrets to holding your breath underwater. Kohei was crowned the IPA Sports Photographer of The Year in 2019, one of the most prestigious international photography awards in the world, as well as 2nd place at the 2019 Sony World Photography Awards with his work on freediving and underwater photography. Not only will he share his secrets to taking amazing underwater images he will also teach you the secrets to staying calm underwater, a technique used in freediving which he believes is the key for great underwater photography.

This tour requires you to be a comfortable swimmer, but no prior freediving experience or underwater photography experience is required. All equipments and gears are provided, including fins, masks, snorkels, and wetsuits as well as a set of underwater camera + housing for the duration of the trip if you don't already own one yourself.

Signature Highlights

- Swim in the Great Barrier Reef with unspoilt coral reef in crystal clear waters
- Photograph Manta Rays, dolphins, turtles, and if we are lucky, Whales!
- Learn how to hold your breath longer, and take a crash course in freediving
- Glass Bottom Boat Tour + Night Tour with UV lights
- Daily bird photography as well as astrophotography opportunities at night
- Sunset cruise with champagne

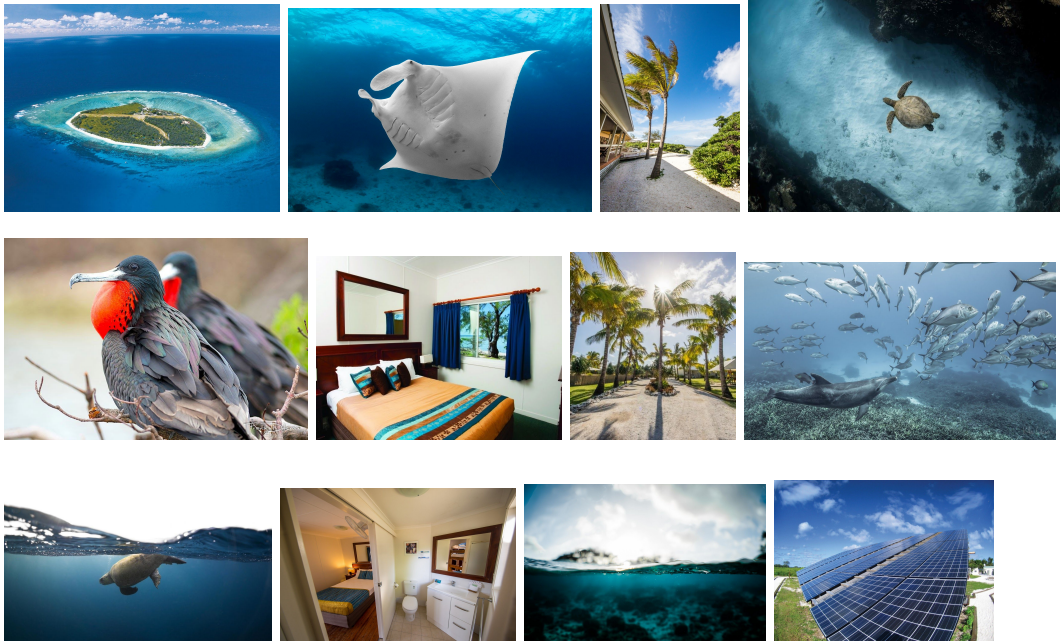
What's Included in this tour?

- Domestic flights (Return) to/from Hervey Bay to Lady Elliot Island
- 5 nights accommodation with aircon and private bathroom (twin share)
- Full buffet breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily
- Free Loan of Sony RX100V Camera and Underwater Housing (subject to availability)
- Snorkel equipment (mask, snorkel, fins, wetsuit)
- All national park admission and conservation fees

- Freediving basics (theory + practical)
- Snorkel lesson (if required)
- Glass bottom boat/guided snorkelling tours
- Environmental management charge

What's Not Included in this tour?

- International flight (return) to Hervey Bay, Australia
- Excess baggage fees & Visa processing fees (if applicable)
- Single supplement (for those wishing to upgrade to private room)
- Cancellation, baggage or medical insurance
- Comprehensive personal travel insurance
- Mobile network or internet data connection on the island
- Any damage or loss of loaned cameras and other equipments
- Any additional items not listed in the above itinerary



ITINERARY (Please note that this itinerary is subject to change)

DAY 1 (7th June 2020)

- Meet at Hervey Bay airport at 11:30am (the flight is at 13.00pm and check in is half an hour before, please don't be late!)
- Scenic flight over to Lady Elliot Island and look out for whales!
- Introductory briefing of the Island by resort staff
- Check-in to rooms
- Buffet Lunch
- Briefing, followed by introduction to Freediving & Underwater Settings
- Afternoon dive from shore OR Glass Bottom Boat Snorkel (depending on tide & time permitting)
- Afternoon Lightroom Editing Session
- Buffet Dinner
- Sunset Photography (Optional)
- Astrophotography (Optional)

DAY 2 (8th June 2020)

- Morning Dive in reef from shore
- Buffet Breakfast
- Bird watching/Photography (Optional)
- Buffet Lunch
- Afternoon dive from shore OR Glass Bottom Boat Snorkel (depending on tide)
- Afternoon Lightroom Editing Session
- Sunset Photography (Optional)
- Buffet Dinner
- Night Boat Tour (Weather and sea conditions permitting)
- Astrophotography (Optional)

DAY 3 (9th June 2020)

- Morning Dive in reef from shore

- Buffet Breakfast
- Afternoon dive from shore or Snorkel Safari (shark/manta/turtles)
- Buffet Lunch
- Bird watching or Low Tide Beach Walk
- Afternoon Lightroom Editing Session
- Advanced Freediving Techniques for Underwater Photography
- Buffet Dinner
- Sunset Cruise (Weather and sea conditions permitting)

DAY 4 (10th June 2020)

- Morning Dive in reef from shore
- Buffet Breakfast
- Afternoon dive from shore or Snorkel Safari (shark/manta/turtles)
- Buffet Lunch
- Bird watching or Low Tide Beach Walk (Optional)
- Afternoon Lightroom Editing Session
- Buffet Dinner
- Sunset Cruise (Weather and sea conditions permitting)

DAY 5 (11th June 2020)

- Morning Dive in reef from shore
- Buffet Breakfast
- Buffet Lunch
- Afternoon Editing Session
- Buffet Dinner
- Sunset Cruise (Weather and sea conditions permitting)

DAY 6 (12th June 2020)

- Morning Dive in reef from shore
- Buffet Breakfast
- Scenic flight to Hervey Bay at 9:30am
- End of trip briefing and farewell at airport

Deposit & Cancellation Policy

Deposits

A deposit of SGD500 is required to secure your spot at the time of booking (this deposit is non refundable), and the balance is payable no later than 60 days prior to the trip. For bookings made within 60 days prior to the trip, a full payment is required at the time of booking.

Cancellations

Up to 60 days before the trip: Full refund of the paid balance (less deposit) will be made.

Up to 30 days before the trip: 50% of the paid balance (less deposit) will be made.

Any cancellations within 30 days of the trip, 20% of the paid balance (less deposit) will be made.

To run this trip, a minimum of 4 participants are required. If the number of participants is not met 30 days prior to the date, then a cancellation notice will be given immediately and a full refund (including the deposit) will be offered to all participants. We will inform you as soon as we have the minimum number of participants to commence this trip so that you can make the necessary flight arrangements well in advance. However, please note that Kohei Ueno, Sony, and Topliners Club will not be held liable for any loss of additional travel arrangements and costs incurred in the event of trip cancellations or delays caused by unforeseen circumstances.

Please make sure that you have your own comprehensive travel insurance and check the current visa requirements for your nationality to travel to Australia and ensure that you have the appropriate visa, if required

Payments Methods

Payment can be made either in **SGD, USD, AUD**, or **EUR**. Please find your desired currency and make the payment for **1) DEPOSIT** at the time of booking, and **2) REMAINING BALANCE** no later than 60 days before the commencement of the trip.

Once you have made payment please email the copy of the receipt to kuenokohei@gmail.com, together with a screenshot of the XE conversion rate used for all non SGD payments.

LOCAL PAYMENT IN SINGAPORE DOLLARS [SGD]

DEPOSIT AMOUNT: \$500 (Due now to secure slot)

REMAINING BALANCE: \$2485 (Due no later than 60 days before departure)

BANK TRANSFER:

Account Name: Kohei Ueno

Bank Name: OCBC Bank (Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited)

Account Number: 687215392001

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER (TT):

Beneficiary Bank: Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited Singapore

SWIFT Code: OCBCSGSG

PAYLAH/PAYNOW: +65 84337833

LOCAL PAYMENT IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS [AUD]

DEPOSIT AMOUNT: [Click for AUD Equivalent](#) (Due now to secure slot)

REMAINING BALANCE: [Click for AUD Equivalent](#) (Due no later than 60 days before commencement of the trip)

Account Holder: Kohei Ueno

BSB: 242200

ACC: 472226711

LOCAL PAYMENT IN AMERICAN DOLLARS [USD]

DEPOSIT AMOUNT: [Click for USD Equivalent](#) (Due now to secure slot)

REMAINING BALANCE: [Click for USD Equivalent](#) (Due no later than 60 days before commencement of the trip)

Account Holder: Kohei Ueno

Account number: 8310562186

Wire transfer number: 026073008

Bank code (SWIFT/BIC): CMFGUS33

Routing number (ACH or ABA): 026073150

Address: TransferWise, 19 W 24th Street, New York, 10010, United States

LOCAL PAYMENT IN EURO [EUR]

DEPOSIT AMOUNT: [Click for EUR Equivalent](#) (Due now to secure slot)

REMAINING BALANCE: [Click for EUR Equivalent](#) (Due no later than 60 days before commencement of the trip)

TW Account Holder: Kohei Ueno

IBAN (to receive EUR from the EU only): BE97 9670 4954 6249

Bank code (SWIFT / BIC): TRWIBEB1XXX

Address: TransferWise Europe SA, Square de Meeûs 38 bte 40, Brussels, 1000, Belgium

Flight Suggestions/Recommendations

We are meeting at Hervey Bay Airport on 7th June 2020 at 11:45am. Our flight to Lady Elliot Island departs at exactly 13:00pm and check in will be done 30mins beforehand, please don't be late.

[Here is our suggested flight for those coming in from Singapore]

Outbound (SINGAPORE - HERVEY BAY)

QANTAS

Depart Singapore 6th June 20:30pm

(4hr Transit in Brisbane)

Arrive Hervey Bay 7th June 10:50am



SINGAPORE AIRLINES

Depart Singapore 6th June 20:20pm

(3hr55min Transit in Sydney)

Arrive Hervey Bay 7th June 11:35am



Inbound (HERVEY BAY - SINGAPORE)

QANTAS + SINGAPORE AIRLINES

Depart Hervey Bay 12th June 12:00pm

(1hr50min Transit in Brisbane)

Arrive Singapore 12th June 10:50am



SINGAPORE AIRLINES

Depart Hervey Bay 12th June 12:40pm

(3hr40min Transit in Sydney)

Arrive Singapore 13th June 00:20am



QANTAS + SINGAPORE AIRLINES

Depart Hervey Bay 12th June 19:40pm

(3hr15min Transit in Sydney)

Arrive Singapore 13th June 05:045am

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