

# MARCRISTA

Luxury Yacht Charters

## GREAT BARRIER REEF



# IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU...

### Marcrista Exclusive Charter

The Great Barrier Reefs Far North - Remote, Secluded and Pristine.

Marcrista operates in the far northern areas of the Great Barrier Reef that offers our guests a secluded, pristine experience without other tourist crowds. We rarely see another commercial operator during our charters. Our itineraries are flexible and personalised to suit guests special interests. Marcrista offers much more than a charter. Our itineraries are an adventure, taking in the abundance of this remote area and some of the most diverse unique reefs in the world.

Our cruise concentrates on providing an absolutely unique experience. We cruise north from Port Douglas, visiting a secluded sand cay and tropical island, Cooktown, Australia's frontier east coast town, before arriving at the jewel of the reef, Lizard island. With its 23 secluded beaches, scenic island walks, it offers days of snorkelling on some of the best reefs, abundant in colourful corals and marine life.

Guests normally fly back to Cairns from Lizard island with the option of a remarkable low level scenic flight over reef and rainforest.

All photos are locations we usually visit.

Please find a draft itinerary following -



Mark & Chris owner operators



Draft Itinerary - Extended Charter - Port Douglas to Lizard Island with return flight to Cairns.

Marcrista Luxury Charters will arrange luxury transfers from either Cairns, Palm Cove or Port Douglas to Marina Mirage. If guests are arriving on a late flight into Cairns we can usually offer accommodation on the yacht the evening prior to departure. A private inbound charter flight can also be arranged from other locations.

Day 1.

Set sail from the tropical village of Port Douglas aboard your 52 ft Luxury Yacht at approx 7.30 am for Mackay or Undine Sand Cay and Reef. Enjoy safe, relaxed sailing for approx 3 hrs and arrive at the pristine, white Sand Cay arising from crystal clear, turquoise waters. We land on the Cay and enjoy a celebration drink and take some very special photos. After a light lunch on Marcrista we sail further north for 3 hrs following the coastal, rainforested mountains, to a new location, Hope Island East, a pretty, sand fringed island offering a sheltered, protected and calm anchorage for the night. If time permits we land on the island and enjoy our first snorkel from the beach.

Enjoy happy hour on the white cushioned decks as the sun sinks behind the mountains or we land on the island and watch the sunset from the sandy shores. Our first dinner is usually a Seafood Banquet, fresh tropical fruit and King Island Cream. Soft mood music compliments the tropical island setting. This is our first day in Paradise.



Hope Island East



Low Isles



Turtle Blue Lagoon



Sunset from Hope Island



Hope Island East



Undine Sand Cay



## Day 2.

After a slower start there is the opportunity for a snorkel either before or after breakfast. A walk around the Island to experience the variety of sea birds followed by a snorkel off the beach back to the yacht is a great start before we set sail for Cooktown - Australia's Frontier Historical Town

This leg takes approx 3 hours of relaxed cruising.

Arrive in the afternoon and anchor in the Endeavour River. We then take you on a tour of Cooktown including the renowned James Cook Museum, Cooktown Grassy Hill Lookout, Black Mountain, Lions Den Pub and Captain Cook's landing site.

If circumstances permit we may visit a local who cares for and raises orphaned baby wallabies and kangaroos.

This evening we offer a gourmet BBQ on the yacht with King Island fillet steak, gourmet lamb and sweet chilli sausages and prawns with select salads. Mango ripple Ice cream is served with fresh fruit. We overnight in this pretty natural harbour.

## Day 3.

Set sail for Lizard Island

We depart the picturesque harbour for approx 6-7 hours of relaxed sailing passing Cape Bedford and Flattery with its white sand cliffs and several deserted islands.

We arrive in the afternoon at the beautiful Northern Bays on the sheltered side of the Island and snorkel in the pristine waters of Watson's Bay. Absorb the atmosphere that makes this one of the most popular isolated destinations in the world - a must for discerning travellers. Enjoy happy hour on the beach toasting the sunset which showers its colour over the ocean. We overnight in this beautiful sheltered Bay.



Cooktown Endeavour River



Cooktown Black Mountain



## Day 4.

Lizard Island the Jewel of the Reef. After breakfast on deck we discuss with our guests their preferred options for the day so they can experience the very best of the reef and the beautiful locations of this world class site.

The choice of unique snorkelling sites is boundless.

Watsons Bay has a beautiful pristine beach and is also the starting point for several interesting island walks.



Lizard Island - Watson's Bay

Guests short on time, who have to depart today, will fly back to Cairns, usually in the afternoon. The preferred option is by private charter in a twin, 6 seater high wing plane with a choice of a scenic option, which offers flying at 1,000 ft. for a spectacular view of both reef and rainforest.

EVERY GUEST WHO VISITS LIZARD ISLAND, CRAVES MORE TIME AT THIS INCREDIBLE LOCATION.

If time allows you can easily add more fun filled days to the itinerary. See below for some exciting options.



Reef close to Lizard Island



Lizard Island Mermaid Cove



Blue Lagoon Lizard Island

Day 5 , 6 ,7 or longer.

We discuss with our guests their preferred options depending on their personal preferences.

#### EXTENSION OPTIONS:

Below are just a few of the choices available. Each option would offer a full day of adventure and fun.

After a relaxed breakfast you can choose from one of the following exciting options:

The renowned Clam Gardens Watson's Bay offers great snorkelling followed by time to relax under shady trees on the white sandy beaches. Your crew will ensure you have snacks and cold drinks at hand. Happy hour drinks on the beach as the sun sets is our regular activity to end a perfect day.

Sail to Eagle Island, pristine and isolated, with its long stretches of deserted beaches and turquoise water. It is a superlative destination for a day trip. The vista of eagles soaring overhead enhances this special day.

Cruise East to The Cold Hole if conditions are suitable. This is rated as one of the 10 best dive sites in the world and is also one of the most superb snorkelling sites in the world - a must see kaleidoscope of tropical sea life.

This location is at the very edge of the continental shelf and the reefs' outer edge.

The Blue Lagoon, with its superlative Lumus Reef, offers an extensive variety of tropical fish life and colourful corals. It is the definitive tropical location as seen on alluring posters around the world. There is an interesting and educational Marine Research Station in this location used by scientists and marine biologists from around the world. It is an exciting place to visit.

Visit Mermaid Cove, with its incredible snorkelling opportunities and soak up the peace and solitude of this private cove with its white sandy beaches, mountain backdrop and ocean vistas. The outer edge of the Cove offers awesome drop off snorkelling. A picnic on the secluded beach is another special experience.

For those who enjoy some extra exercise there is a wonderful walk to Cook's Look which gives an elevated view of the vast outer reef areas, sand cays and the layout of Lizard Island itself. After the walk there is time for snorkelling at some of the premium sites. Another shorter walk is across the Island to the Blue Lagoon offering great photographic opportunities.

To give our guests the greatest possible time experiencing the wonders of the reef, we always fly them back to Cairns with the flight taking approx 1 hour. Our most popular option for the return to Cairns is a private charter flight in a 6 seater high wing twin with the choice of a scenic option which offers flying at 1,000 ft for spectacular views of both Reef and Rainforest.

The private option allows a connection with your outbound flight if appropriate.

The regular domestic air service is also available with 2 flights most days around midday and later in the afternoon.

Return flights are priced separately.



Lizard Island Group and the Blue Lagoon



Undine Sand Cay





Photos from snorkelling & dive sites around Lizard Island



The Blue Lagoon Lizard Island looking South