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Coral Sea

DRIVE OUT GT SPECIAL

Trip Price - Please contact our office for pricing details.
Departure Location - Mackay Marina, QLD Australia.
Trip Duration - 6 Nights, Drive out onboard our 80ft mothership
Reefs Fished - Outer Edge of GBR and the Capricorn Islands
Fishing Boats - 2 x 25ft and 2 x 18ft guided centre consoles
Dates Available - June 2009, March 2010 and June 2010

The Fishing

We have a proven track record of providing our guests with some of the best sportfishing action available anywhere, and you'll find more of the same on these trips. The types of fishing you can do are as follows:-

GT Popper Fishing
Light and heavy Lurecasting
Light jigging and soft plastic fishing
Light tackle trolling
Reef Fishing

The species you are most likely to encounter on these trips are GTs, from 15-60kgs, spanish mackerel from 10-30kgs, coral trout from 2-10kgs, red bass from 2-8kgs, red emperor from 4-20kgs, longtail tuna from 5-10kgs, sweetlip and other emperors from 2-10kgs.

The fishing options on these trips are diverse, and the area you will be fishing is a very remote stretch of reef that is rarely fished. While there are plenty of fishing options, the GT popper fishing is a highlight of this area, and some of the best GT popper fishing available anywhere in the world is waiting for you on this trip.

Fishing Tackle

We supply top of the range Shimano stella and torsa reels and Shimano rods for use on all trips. All lures and terminal tackle used can be purchased from our onboard tackle store. Alternately, you can purchase the Bugatti Reef Tackle Starter Kit (Please see our info booklet for details).

Trip Inclusions

All rods and reels (replace if lost), keg beer on tap, all non-alcoholic beverages, all meals and linen onboard are all provided. All charter guests also receive a 10% discount on all tackle purchased onboard, and from our online store for the calendar year of their trip.



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This is a new trip option for 2009, in response to strong demand for an entry level Coral Sea trip. However, these trips still offer the same high standard of service, boats, fishing action and locations that people have come to expect from Nomad Sportfishing. Anglers can enjoy the extraordinary fishing available in the Coral Sea, without the extra cost of floatplane flights to the reef.

You'll board the mothership at the Mackay Marina in the evening and travel overnight to whichever reef our team of guides choose as the best option for that trip. Arriving the next morning at the reef, we'll unload the centre consoles and get you fishing as soon as possible.

You'll spend the next 5 days exploring the endless fishing options around parts of Bugatti Reef, Elusive Reef, Black Reef, Crab Reef or The Capricorn Islands. The popper fishing for GTs is truly exceptional in these areas, with our best day seeing 23 GTs released by one boat and 78 GTs released between the 4 boats, all in a single day - as well as a 55kg monster that same day!

However, it's not just the GTs that make this area very special. The variety of species is excellent, with very large spanish mackerel, longtail tuna, coral trout, red bass, red emperor and many other kinds of emperors all on the target list.

The anchorage each night will be in a sheltered area of the reef. We'll move around during the week to different reefs depending on the fishing conditions, and requirements of the guests for that week.

Boats Used

You will stay onboard our 80ft mothership, and fish from our range of 18ft-25ft centre consoles while at sea. These centre consoles are all guided, and custom designed for the type of fishing we do.

The larger centre console will carry 4 anglers and the smaller centre consoles will carry 3 anglers.

Travel to Mackay

Mackay is accessed by daily flights from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne with Qantas, Jetstar and Virgin Blue. Once you arrive at Mackay Airport, you will be able to catch a taxi directly to and from the Marina. If you need any advice regarding access to Mackay, please contact our office.



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Departure and Return Details

Departure will be from the Mackay Marina at 6pm on the day of departure. We ask all guests to assemble outside the Marina Office at 5:30pm sharp. One of our crew will come and escort you down to the boats, and we will depart immediately once everyone is onboard. We cannot accommodate guests onboard the vessel before 5:30pm.

We will arrive back to the Marina at APPROXIMATELY 9am on the day of return. Please do not book flights departing Mackay before 12pm that morning.

Travel Insurance

We require that all guests taking part in these trips have a travel insurance policy to cover weather cancellations, and missed travel connections. Please see our information booklet for details on our recommended travel insurance provider.

Onboard Extras Available

We run an onboard tackle store catering for everything you will require for your trip. We also have satellite phone cards, laundry service, scuba diving, clothing & merchandise available for purchase onboard the mothership. In addition to this, we operate a fully stocked bar with bottled beer, wine and spirits available for purchase. BYO is wine only.

There may also be a fuel surcharge payable, dependent on fuel prices, as per our information booklet.

Further Details

- Air conditioned quad share bunk rooms are standard
- Twin share or private rooms available on request at additional cost
- Casting and jigging rods and reels supplied
- Poppers, jigs and minnows can be purchased onboard
- All meals are catered by our Chef and hostess
- Non fishing partners can be catered for at special rates

For further information on this or any other Nomad fishing adventure, Please call our office on 1800021014 within Australia
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