



Where the Reef Begins...

Bundaberg region offers a wealth of exciting **diving experiences** for both the beginner and the experienced aqua-adventurer. From very affordable certified dive courses, dive cruises or simply donning your snorkel and flippers, every diving desire is catered for. For more information on diving courses and the dive sites listed below, contact the Visitor Information Centre, 4153 8888.

Lady Elliot Island is the most southerly island within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, lying 85 km (53 nautical miles) north east of Bundaberg. The diving here is superb, with 10 dive sites including Lighthouse Bommie, Coral Gardens, Moiri, and Shark Pool as well as numerous shipwrecks in the waters off the island. The visibility is excellent and ranges from 25 to 50 metres (80 to 185 feet). You can also simply walk around the island and dive straight from the beach.



Lady Musgrave Island from the air

Lady Musgrave Island lies 51 nautical miles north of Lady Elliot and rests on the edge of a magnificent coral lagoon eight miles in circumference. Day tours offer introductory dive courses and the offshore pontoon provides a great base for exploring the spectacular marine coral gardens.



Double Rock is a coastal reef just offshore that usually provides great visibility and a great variety of coral. See basalt rock, extensive soft and hard corals featuring magnificent plate and lettuce-leaf formations. It extends to about 100 metres from the shore and mainly to the north. A substantial and interesting bommie lies approximately 20 metres from the point of the seaward rock and slightly to the north.



Diving on the Great Barrier Reef

Evan's Patch is a favourite dive site and recognised as one of Queensland's **best dive locations**. It is suitable for experienced divers with a depth of 21-23 metres and is 12 nautical miles east of Burnett Heads. **The Beaufort Bomber** is the site of a downed WWII aircraft that makes for a fascinating dive. It is only 9.5 nautical miles from Burnett Heads and takes about 40 mins by boat.

Two Miles Rocks is a great site for both novice and experienced divers and is easily accessed by a short 3min boat trip from Bargara Beach.

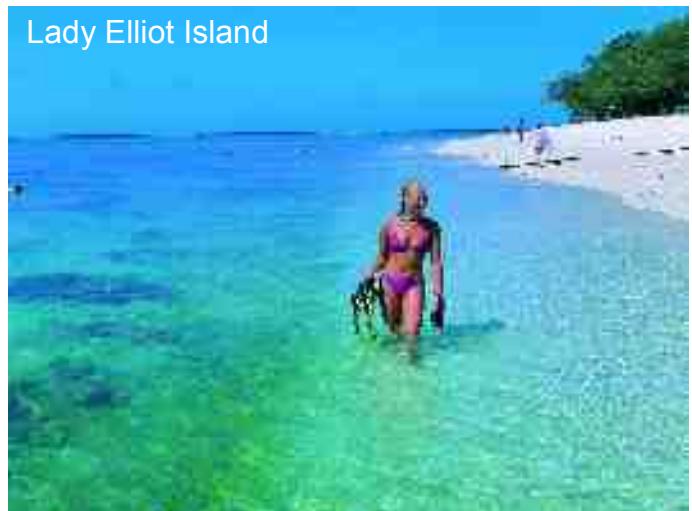
Burkitt's Reef is a good site for snorkellers and both novice and experienced scuba divers. The shoreline section offers an excellent drift dive from the boat ramp up to the northern end of Kelly's beach.





Hoffman's Rocks is perfectly situated just offshore and is a great coral site for snorkellers and scuba divers alike. Basalt rock, extensive soft corals and some hard corals extend to both the North and South of the headland and out to about 50 metres from shore. Some scattered bombies (coral outcrops) extend further to seaward while shallow caves, and ledges under the point of the headland are well worth investigating.

Barolin Rocks is also ideal for all levels of diving experience and easily accessible just offshore.



Glass bottom boat ride Lady Musgrave Island

The **Artificial Reef** is a must for visiting divers, situated approximately 3 nautical miles off the coast of Elliott Heads, only a fifteen-minute boat trip from Bargara Beach or a ten-minute trip from the Elliott River. It offers a variety of individual sites including; the 33 metre wreck of the 'Ceratodus II' (Sand Dredge), two Mohawk aircraft, King Air aircraft, water tower and a huge variety of specially constructed concrete modules, pipes and assorted other structures.



The **Trawler Wreck** is approximately six nautical miles off Elliott Heads and takes only 20 mins. to reach. It is a timber vessel that sank about 12 years ago and scattered debris has provided an excellent habitat for a great variety of marine life.

Two Mile Reef offers a great site for both novice and experienced scuba divers. It covers an area of about 5 acres and, although shallow, is relatively easy to find. Flat sandy and rubble bottom at 13 metres rise onto a large expanse of short staghorn coral at about 8 metres. This coral 'field' features small and large crater-like holes with substantial ledges that provide a home for an unbelievable variety of reef species.

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