

PLEASE HELP
US PROTECT
OUR BEAUTIFUL
ISLAND & REEF BY
FOLLOWING
THESE ECO
GUIDELINES

Safe Snorkelling

Snorkelling is a great way to get up close and personal with the amazing marine life and explore the wonders of the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef.

The reef surrounding Lady Elliot Island is easily accessible for snorkelling. Enter straight off the beach or book on to one of our daily guided Glass Bottom Boat/Snorkel Tours or Snorkel Safaris.



SAFE SNORKELLING STAY SAFE

Please be aware that snorkelling can be a strenuous physical activity, even in calm water.

We ask that you read carefully the recommendations and safety precautions. The Dive and Activities Team have all the information and equipment available to make your snorkel experience an unforgettable one.



INFORM OUR ISLAND TEAM (orientation supervisor, the lookout or snorkelling guide) of any concerns about a medical condition whether it be a previous or current condition including your physical capability to snorkel.

CHECKLIST

- ☒ Check conditions at the Dive Shop before entering the water.
- ☒ Enter and exit the water only at the quayways particularly at Lighthouse and Coral Gardens.
- ☒ Always snorkel with a buddy please do not enter the water alone.
- ☒ Stay within your physical limits and do not snorkel if you have consumed alcohol.
- ☒ Keep clear of moving vessels at all times.

Enjoy your snorkel! Relax, stay horizontal in the water, enjoy the underwater scenery and learn as much as you can about the Great Barrier Reef and marine life.

SNORKEL EQUIPMENT

Mask, Snorkel, Fins & a Buddy

- Snorkel lessons are held daily at the Resort Pool
- If you require extra flotation we have life jackets and noodles available at the Dive Shop
- Wetsuits are available to hire from the Dive Shop
- View boards are available for children or adults who do not wish to put their face in the water

PROTECT OUR REEF



LOOK - DO NOT TAKE OR TOUCH

It is illegal to take marine life such as coral, shells and sea stars. **Touching can hurt them and you.**



WATCH YOUR FINS

Do not stand on, kick or rest on coral - even rocks and dead-looking coral are alive and fragile.



LET MARINE LIFE BE

Never chase, corner or hold on to marine life and do not interfere with their natural behaviour.



CAUTION TAKING PHOTOS

To not damage coral or disturb marine life.

Lady Elliot Island has numerous snorkel locations for all levels. Please see over the page, the Dive Shop & Education Centre for more information.



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BOAT SNORKELLING

WE RECOMMEND YOU BOOK YOUR COMPLIMENTARY GLASS BOTTOM BOAT/SNORKEL TOUR FOR THE DAY OF YOUR ARRIVAL to familiarise yourself with the snorkelling locations.

Additional tours may be booked at the Dive Shop including Glass Bottom Boat Tours and Snorkel Safaris. Reef walking shoes are required for all boat tours.

SELF-GUIDED SNORKELLING



Snorkelling on the reef surrounding Lady Elliot Island is easily accessible straight off the beach. Self-guided beach snorkelling is an activity that you can participate in during the day between sunrise and sunset (dependent on conditions and tides).

SNORKEL LOCATIONS



Water temperature, currents and conditions are checked multiple times a day. Please check at the Dive Shop for the best snorkelling locations, current directions and conditions every time you head off for a snorkel.

Our snorkel zones are shown in the map below and on the back of your check-in information sheet.

THE LAGOON ZONE



SNORKELLING IN THE LAGOON IS ONLY PERMITTED 2 HOURS EACH SIDE OF HIGH TIDE

Located directly in front of the Beachfront Dining Room, the Lagoon is an excellent place for **beginner snorkellers**. Please enter the Lagoon at Channel One or the Fish Pool and do not go past the breakers or the southern end of the airstrip.

- The Lagoon is tide dependent. Please check the Activities board for daily Lagoon opening times.
- As it is a shallow snorkel area, you are able to stand if needed. Please **ONLY** stand on the soft white sand patches.

THE WESTERN ZONE

- The Western side is affected by currents that change throughout the day. **Please always check with the Dive Shop before going to snorkel on the Western Side.**
- **ONLY** use the Coral Gardens and Lighthouse locations to enter/exit the water. Both of these quayways are marked out by large flagged posts in the water (as shown in the image below):

SNORKEL KEY

- Lagoon Snorkel Zone
- Western Snorkel Zone
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- Snorkel Line
- Lighthouse
- Coral Gardens Beach Hut
- Turtle Nesting Area
- Entry/Exit Point
- Marker Poles for Quayways
- No access, staff only

