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Dive into Australia's Great Barrier Reef on Lizard Island

Lizard Island enjoys tropical year-round temperatures of 27 degrees, so why not leave the cold behind this winter and escape to the warmth of the spectacular Great Barrier Reef.

The winter months provide the best conditions for spotting some of Australia's most exciting marine life on Lizard Island, perfect for divers looking to come face to face with curious Potato Cod at the world-famous Cod Hole dive site.

One of Australia's iconic Great Barrier Reef resorts, Lizard Island boasts unrivalled dive sites and snorkeling with myriad corals, fish, clams and sharks to entertain. Divers can mix with green sea turtles and giant clownfish, and snorkelers are rewarded for little effort with 100-year-old giant clam gardens just moments from Lizard's beaches.

Around this time of year guests can expect to see humpback whales breaching and fin slapping around the island. Many guests are lucky enough to see these displays from Osprey Lodge while enjoying breakfast.

Lizard Island has also welcomed back Robyn Pontynen as the General Manager after eight years, having spent time managing properties in Australia and Africa.

"There is indeed something magical about diving or snorkelling with the haunting song of the humpbacks reverberating through the water and filling your ears," Pontynen said.

Fishing enthusiasts can charter Fascination III for a day of exhilarating game fishing. Fascination III offers unparalleled opportunities to explore these magnificent waters, not only for fishing but for snorkel and dive charters.

The continental ledge off of Lizard Island is the largest breeding region of giant Black Marlin in the world and fishermen from all over the world travel here every year to experience the greatest in game fishing excitement from September through to October, with this year's 24th Lizard Island Black Marlin Classic tournament taking place from October 16th to the 23rd.

Ensure you get the most out of your stay with a complimentary night, courtesy of the Stay Five, Pay Four offer. This winter deal includes all gourmet meals, selected alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, use of non-motorised water sports and dinghy hire.

The offer is valid until 30 November for travel through to 20 December, 2010.

<http://www.lizardisland.com.au/accommodation/offers-en.html>

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Editors Note:

Lizard Island is Australia's northernmost resort, located 150 miles off the coast of Cairns, on the Great Barrier Reef. Activities include hiring a dinghy, a gourmet picnic and heading to one of 24-white powder sand beaches. Or trying your hand at some Big Game fishing, or diving the world-renowned Cod Hole.

Lizard Island is owned and operated by Delaware North Australia Parks & Resorts, owners of iconic Australian resorts including Wilson Island, El Questro Wilderness Park, Heron Island and Kings Canyon Resort.

Globally, Delaware North's tourism portfolio includes iconic properties in North America, such as Yosemite, Sequoia, Yellowstone and Grand Canyon national parks; Kennedy Space Centre Visitor Complex; Tenaya Lodge; Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa; Niagara Falls State Park; Jones Beach; The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake; Holiday Inn West Yellowstone; and Gideon Putnam Resort.

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