



Packing Hints

5/7 night Rowley Shoals Underwater Adventure

Thank you for choosing to explore the incredible Rowley Shoals with [The Great Escape Charter Company](#).

We recommend that you pack simply, lightly and into one soft luggage bag and one dive bag. Please ensure you clearly label all luggages in advance of your cruise. If you are embarking upon an extended holiday and have luggage in addition to your cruise baggage, the Guest Relations Coordinator will happily arrange storage for the duration of your cruise.

The dress standard aboard MV Great Escape is informal; we encourage a casual, relaxed atmosphere. There is no formal dress code of an evening and we suggest guests are barefoot when onboard the vessel. Sporty, light weight, cotton clothing is a good basis for your cruise wardrobe. Your stewardess can provide a complimentary laundry service if required and there is also an iron provided on board if you wish to use it.

All towels and linen are supplied onboard as well as hairdryers, soap, shampoo & conditioner.

We provide SPF 30+ sunscreen onboard along with insect repellent, however if you have any known allergies/sensitivities you may like to consider bringing your own.

MV Great Escape has a fully equipped Royal Flying Doctor kit onboard for use in the unlikely event of an emergency.

The following lists are designed to help you prepare for your Rowley Shoals adventure:

- Shorts – light and comfortable
- Pants - lightweight
- T-shirts/blouses – short sleeved
- Long sleeved cotton shirt
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- Underwear and socks
- Bathers
- Personal drink bottle
- Prescription drugs and/or vitamins
- Zinc (if you prefer stronger sun protection)
- Sarong
- Wide brim sun hat with chin strap
- Thongs or sandals (for onboard if you prefer)
- Sunglasses
- Chapstick
- Camera, batteries, spare memory cards and cord to recharge.
- Ear plugs if you are sleep sensitive

Weather / Water Conditions

The Rowley Shoals has an average water temperature of 28°C so wetsuit thickness will depend on what temperatures you are used to diving in. Our crew wear 3mm wetsuits. We do ask that all divers/snorkeler's wear some kind of suit even if it is just to protect against the sun.

Dive / Snorkel Equipment

The Great Escape Charter Company only supply DIVE TANKS and WEIGHT BELTS, all other dive equipment and snorkel equipment must be supplied by guests. Hire equipment can be arranged in advance via Diverse Water sports in Broome.

The following dive / snorkel equipment list is designed to help you in preparing for your adventure:

- Safety sausage – Compulsory for all divers
- Cyalume sticks – Compulsory 1 per night dive
- Wetsuit or lycra suit
- BCD
- Regulator with Octopus
- Dive Computer
- Mask
- Snorkel
- Fins & botties
- Dive torch
- Gloves
- Repair kit
- Rash shirt

IMPORTANT: Please Service Personal Dive Equipment

We suggest that if you have not used your dive equipment for a while, you have it fully serviced before you depart on the cruise. We do have a diving kit stocked with many handy items, but we recommend you bring your own spares. If we do not have the item you need, it can become a bit challenging to juggle what spare gear we do carry. Parts will be supplied at recommended retail price and the crew can provide technical support.

Photography

Be prepared for some excellent photographic opportunities whilst cruising the Kimberley.

Video and digital camera batteries can be recharged onboard using 240 volts, for our international guests please be sure to have a converter and adaptor plugs with you if required. It is a good idea to bring extra batteries and/or battery charger for your camera and flash. Please also ensure you bring the cable to charge your camera / download images from your camera.

Although our crew do not claim to be experts or professional photographers they all show a keen interest in photography and may just have a few extra tricks up their sleeves. So if you are having trouble with your equipment or need a little assistance give them a shout, they may just be able to help.

If you are not really into photography you will still go home with some great memories as the crew will be capturing fantastic photos of you and the scenery throughout your cruise. You will be given these photos on a USB at the end of the cruise to take home.

A selection of images will also be posted on the website after your cruise, so be sure to check the gallery pages and tell your friends.

Satellite Communications

We have promised you a journey of discovery and an escape from the ordinary with days filled with adventure however we do realise that you may wish to stay in touch with family and friends whilst onboard.

MV Great Escape is equipped with state-of-the-art satellite communications which includes satellite WIFI, satellite telephone in the case of emergencies and real time television available onboard (very important for the footy finals)!

Once onboard you can purchase satellite WIFI cards \$60 per device, please note payment is via credit card only. Please ask your Stewardess onboard for more information.

We suggest you download a VOIP app such as Viber, Whatsapp or FB Messenger to call your friends and family whilst onboard. Note the satellite telephone is available in the event of an emergency.

Whilst the system onboard is at the forefront of satellite technology we do ask you to bear in mind it does come with its own limitations. Being a satellite connection, it can, from time to time, become unavailable when we least expect it and we ask you to take the remote nature of this connection into consideration.