

Norman Reef Snorkel

Norman Reef is the most northern reef visited by reef tours from Cairns and has a number of snorkel sites located off its sheltered western side. Located on the outer edge of the reef, Norman Reef is known for its clear water and a wonderful range of marine life.

LOCATION

Great Barrier Reef
Cairns, Queensland
Australia

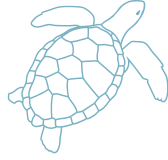
DEPTH

1-30 Meters

TEMP

24-30°

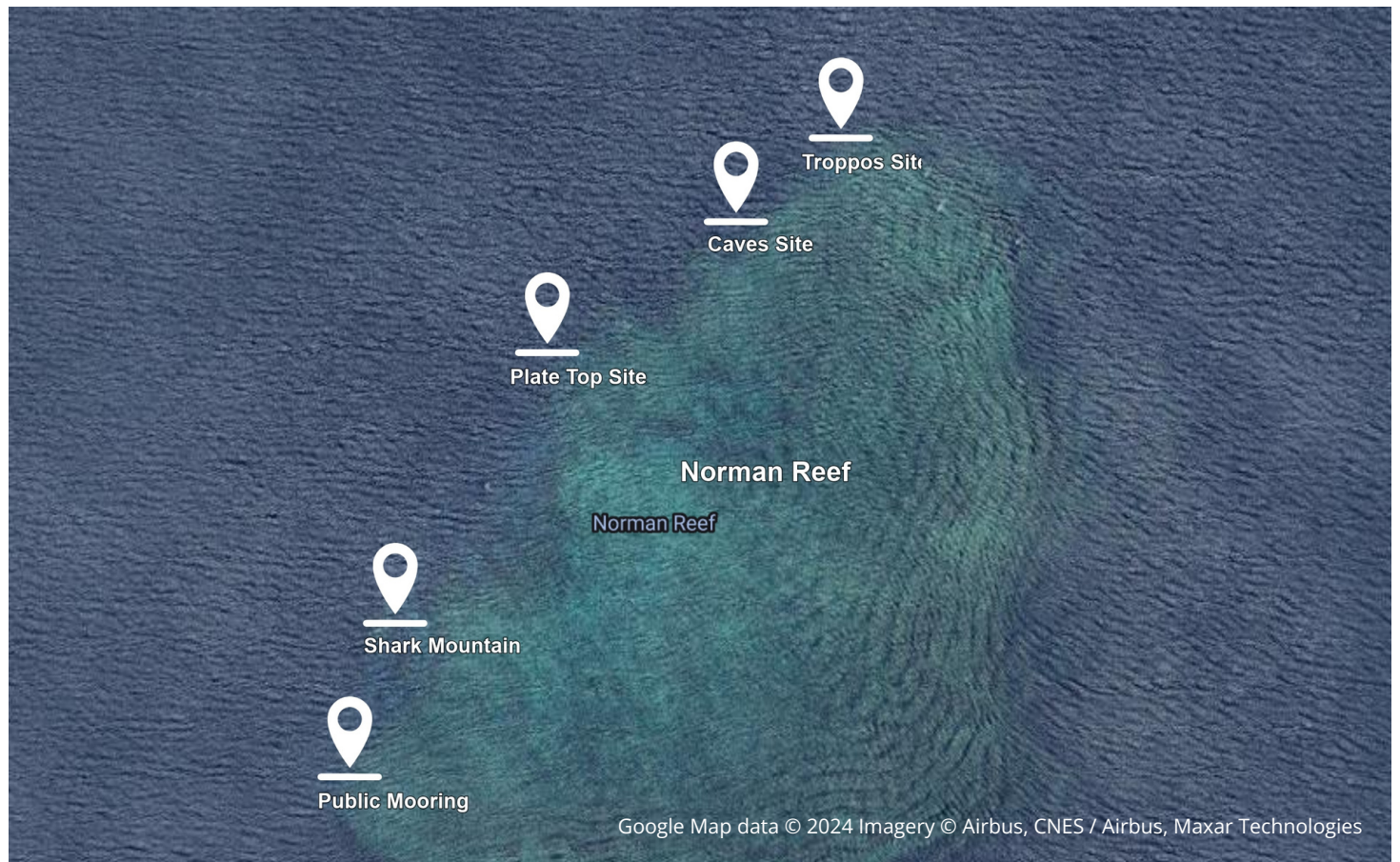
FEATURE



DIFFICULTY

Easy to Medium

A number of sites are available on Norman Reef and the tour operator will select the best site to minimise the currents and swell.



GETTING THERE

Norman Reef is located about 70km or 1.5 hour boat ride off of the Cairns Coast. You will need a private boat or to take a tour with a reef tour operator to reach Norman Reef.

If you book a trip with a reef tour operator, it is important to know the moorings are owned by Divers Den, so they are most likely to visit. However the other operators known to visit these Norman Reef sites are Tusa Reef Tours and Reef Experience.

LOOK FOR

- Coral Reef
- Turtles
- Stingrays
- Octopus
- Fish
- Reef Sharks
- Manta Rays (rare)
- Humpback Whale (rare)

BEST TIME TO SNORKEL

Best time to snorkel is September-January with winter trade winds easing, you will on average experience calmer seas and better visibility (12-25m). Waters will also be warmer averaging between 27-29 degrees. Summer has stingers, high humidity & rainfall on land.

Winter has higher winds with poorer visibility (8-12m). Waters temperature 23-26 degrees. Snorkel on days with 15 knots of wind or less.