



MOONSHADOW-TQC
CRUISES

NETT RATES 2025 - 2026 Rate Season

DISCOVER PORT STEPHENS
WHERE THE ADVENTURE BEGINS



Moonshadow TQC - Company Overview

Moonshadow-TQC Cruises is a multi-award winning family owned and operated marine tourism charter vessel company, based in Port Stephens, NSW, just 2.5hrs north of Sydney and 25mins from Newcastle Airport. We pride ourselves on 43+ years of experience and the spectacular wildlife and scenery that is Port Stephens.

Moonshadow TQC has been Advanced Eco-Certified with Ecotourism Australia since 2001, gaining Hall of Fame status in 2021 for 20 years of continued success and innovations in Ecotourism.

Specialising in Dolphin Watching with a local resident population of Bottlenose Dolphins that have a history with the boats dating back 40 years. From May to October Whale Watching, exploring our hidden gems at one of our offshore islands and we also feature Weddings, Private Charters, Corporate Team Building and Educational Programs.

Vessel overview

With six vessels in our fleet and the largest in Port Stephens, we are equipped to provide a variety of different experiences cruising the scenic Port Stephens waterways. Cruising every day of the year except Christmas Day.

Why Port Stephens

Not only is Port Stephens the dolphin capital of Australia, it is packed with beautiful natural assets. 26 beautiful beaches, incredible wildlife including wild koalas and kangaroos, sand dunes, vineyards, wine and oyster growers. You and your guests will have a chance to capture beautiful images for personal memories or socials all in one scenic location on a visit to remember.

When - schedule cruises on Moonshadow TQC

We have a 95% success rate viewing our beautiful resident dolphins. The Bottlenose Dolphins reside in Port Stephens year round.

- Our cruises run every day of the year except Christmas Day
- Daily Dolphin Watch Cruises
- Whale Watch Cruises (in season May - November)
- Private charters, corporate functions, and education cruises on request



AVAILABILITY & BOOKING PROCEDURES:

Please book via email - info@moonshadow-tqc.com.au

- Confirmation of your booking will be via email. Should your cruise choice not be available you will be advised and provided an alternative cruise / departure time / costing

All bookings require the following information:

- Guide/Driver's name & mobile contact
- Customer name & mobile contact
- Your tour code reference
- Departure Date—IE: Wednesday 15 May 2025
- Cruise name including departure time of choice
- Number of passengers must be broken up as follows:
Adults / Senior/Student / Children / Infants / Guides / Drivers

All off shore excursions are subject to sea conditions. We will notify you at the first opportunity if your cruise cannot operate due to weather conditions and make alternate arrangements.

Cancellation Policy:

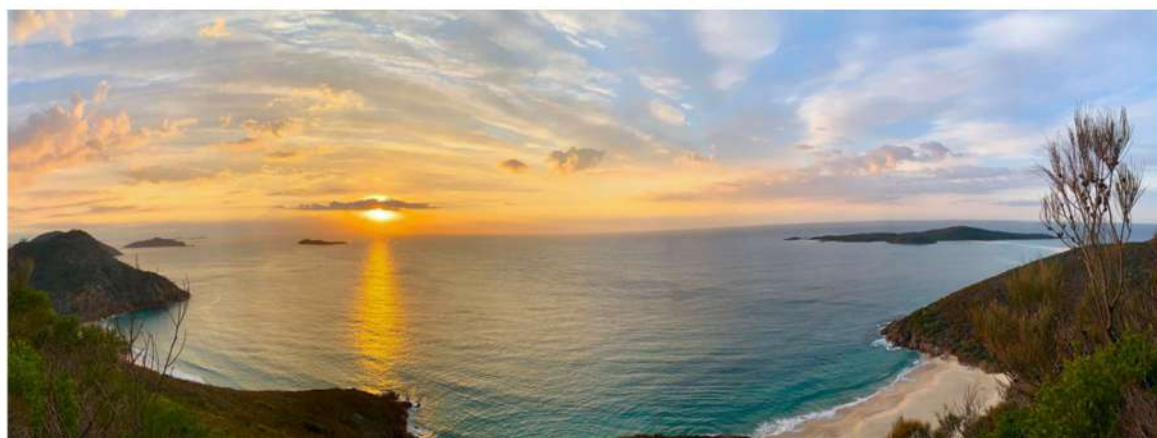
- Standard Cruises:
100% cancellation charge within 24 hours of departure time
A travel voucher or refund with more than 24 hours' notice
- Pre booked catered cruises:
100% cancellation charge within 24 hours of departure time
50% cancellation charge within 48 hours of departure time
A travel voucher or refund with more than 48 hours' notice
- Cancellation to be in writing via email info@moonshadow-tqc.com.au

Moonshadow—TQC reserves the right to amend departure times & rates at any time. Please reconfirm at the time of booking

Moonshadow TQC FOC Policy; 1 (one only) bona-fide tour guide / driver permitted for cruise / morning tea / afternoon tea / lunch options. Any additional tour guides / driver will be charged at the per person rate for cruise and or morning tea / afternoon tea / lunch options

Boarding commences 30 minutes prior to departure, please ensure your groups arrive 30 minutes prior to departure so we can depart on time as advertised. Failure to arrive on time or no Show will result in full cancellation fee.

Please note dolphins & whales are wild animals and we can not guarantee sightings; our commitment is to provide the best possible experience on the day without compromise.



WELCOME TO BEAUTIFUL PORT STEPHENS

We invite you to have a front row seat and experience the crystal clear waters. With perfect beaches, gourmet restaurants and boutique shopping, there's no better place to base yourself and enjoy the diversity on offer

AREA MAP



1.5HR DOLPHIN DISCOVERY CRUISE

Come and see why Port Stephens is regarded as the Dolphin Capital of Australia!

Join Moonshadow TQC onboard our 1.5hr Dolphin Discovery Cruise, as we venture out onto the waters of Port Stephens in search of our resident Bottlenose Dolphins. Listen to live captain's commentary as we cruise around the Eastern harbour of Port Stephens, with views of our spectacular Tomaree & Yacaaba headlands. After finding our Dolphins, get into your swim gear and enjoy the thrill of boom netting under the supervision of one of our friendly crew.

- See our world famous resident wild Bottlenose Dolphins
- Licensed Bar and snack food available to purchase
- Inside and outside viewing decks
- Informative and entertaining commentary from our Captains.
- Learn about our beautiful area, dolphins and wildlife.
- A scenic harbour cruise including spectacular views to Tomaree and Yacaaba headlands

BRING : Swimmers and towel - hat - sunscreen - camera

WHEN: Daily at 10:30am and 1:30pm with additional cruises during summer, long weekends and NSW school holidays

DURATION: 1.5 hours

BOOKING CODE : DWC

OPTIONAL Morning or afternoon tea or lunch: See page 8 for further details

NETT RATES 1st APRIL 2025 - 31st MARCH 2026

PASSENGERS	RETAIL	NETT
ADULTS	\$42	\$31.50
CONCESSION	\$37	\$27.75
CHILD 4-14 yrs	\$25	\$19
INFANT 0-3yrs	\$7.50	\$5.60

1.5 hour Dolphin Discovery Cruise will be on one of our premium vessels which will be allocated at the time of booking. Subject to availability and subject to change.



1.5HR DOLPHIN WATCH ECO ADVENTURE

Journey Port Stephens harbour and outer islands while searching for our resident bottlenose Dolphins!

Discover the natural beauty of the Port Stephens Marine Park aboard the MV Osprey, our eco-friendly 24m super catamaran. Begin by spotting our resident Bottlenose Dolphins in their natural habitat, with chances to see turtles, and seabirds offshore.

Explore Jimmy's Beach with views of Yacaaba and Tomaree headlands; and, weather permitting, venture to Murphy's Gap and Cabbage Tree Island. Cruise back along Shoal Bay's picturesque shores, pass Little Beach, and conclude at Nelson Bay, showcasing Nelson Head to Fly Point, a top snorkelling and diving destination.

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****Please note, MV Osprey is not equipped with a boom net****

BRING : hat - sunscreen - camera

WHEN: available on request

DURATION: 1.5 hours

BOOKING CODE : DWECO



NETT RATES 1st APRIL 2025 - 31st MARCH 2026

Lunch options only available when booking for the Dolphin Discovery Cruise
Please note Lunch options are not available when booking the Dolphin Watch Eco Adventure

PASSENGERS	RETAIL	NETT
ADULTS	\$42	\$31.50
CONCESSION	\$37	\$27.75
CHILD 4-14 yrs	\$25	\$19
INFANT 0-3yrs	\$7.50	\$5.60



2.5HR WHALE WATCH CRUISE

Port Stephens is renowned for being the 'Humpback Whale Highway' as these incredible creatures begin their migration along our coastline

You will never forget seeing the awesome bulk of a humpback whale, up to 18 metres long and weighing 40 tonnes! Being the most surface active of all the whales, it is possible that you will see spectacular displays – spy hops, pectoral slaps, body rolls and ... the breathtaking breach.

- Two levels of outside viewing from the regions LARGEST whale watch vessel
- Cruise spectacular headland, eastern harbour and outer islands
- Comfortable all weather inside areas
- Licensed bar and snack food available to purchase
- Live, informative, fun captains commentary
- Chance to see pods of Common Dolphins, seabirds, seals, penguins and more
- As the whale watch cruise is an off-shore cruise it is recommended to those who suffer or may suffer from motion sickness to take the necessary precautions prior to boarding

BRING: Hat - sunscreen - camera - warm jacket - sea sick preventative

WHEN: Mid May to November Daily at 10am and 1:30pm with additional cruises scheduled during peak whale periods

DURATION: 2.5 hours

BOOKING CODE: WWC

OPTIONAL Morning or afternoon tea: See page 8 for further details

Lunch options only available when booking for the Dolphin Discovery Cruise
Please note Lunch options are not available when booking a whale watch cruise

NETT RATES 1st APRIL 2025 - 31st MARCH 2026

PASSENGERS	RETAIL	NETT
ADULTS	\$80	\$60
CONCESSION	\$75	\$56.25
CHILD 4-14 yrs	\$35	\$26.25
INFANT	\$7.50	\$5.60



FOOD.... BEAUTIFUL.... FOOD....

At Moonshadow TQC Cruises we have a fully qualified galley brigade ready to tempt you with delectable delights

ADD A LITTLE MORNING OR AFTERNOON TEA:

Must be requested at time of booking in addition to your selected cruise option

OPTION 1. \$5.00 PP

Tea or Coffee
& biscuits

OPTION 2. \$7.50 PP

Tea or Coffee
Piece of cake and cookie

ADD A DELICIOUS LUNCH:

Choice of one option must be requested at time of booking in addition to your selected cruise

Lunch will be served while the vessel docks at the marina

10:30am Dolphin Discovery Cruise & 12pm lunch | 12:30pm lunch & 1:30pm Dolphin Discovery Cruise

OPTION 1. \$20 PER PERSON

Tempura fish fillet, chips & salad with lemon aioli
OR
Crispy chicken strips, chips & salad with dipping sauce
OR
Vegetable spring rolls & dipping sauce with chips & salad

OPTION 2. \$24.50 PER PERSON

Aussie Snapper panko crumbed fish fillets, chips & salad
with lemon aioli
OR
BBQ spiced chicken fillet, chips & salad with pineapple,
mango & chilli relish

KIDS MENU (0-14 YEARS) \$12.00 PER PERSON

Fish cocktails, chips & tomato sauce
OR
Chicken strips, chips & tomato sauce
OR
Vegetable spring rolls, chips & dipping sauce

*Lunch options only available when booking for the Dolphin Discovery Cruise

Lunch options are not available when booking a whale watch cruise

- For groups with small pax numbers meals may be served plated to the table, for larger group numbers meals will be served as an individual plate served direct from our serving food station.
- Please note: lunch options are based on one plated serving per person with our crew serving each plate to each person.
- For groups late for 12:30pm lunch a \$5 pp fee may be charged for lunches to be boxed in takeaway container

*Our standard menu includes Gluten Free & Vegetarian options. It cannot be altered for any further dietary requirements. Allergies cannot be catered for and we do not guarantee that certain products or ingredients will not be in our food dishes & we accept no liability in this regard.

Passengers with serious allergies must take this into consideration when booking this product. Our staff's comments are only to assist in identifying the dish & not the ingredients. All catering is freshly prepared onboard our vessels. Due to onboard galley restrictions and limited time to prepare and serve our menus we are unable to cater for any further dietary requirements other than those advised



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Crispy chicken strips, chips & salad with dipping sauce



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BBQ spiced chicken fillet, chips & salad with pineapple, mango & chilli relish



Kids Menu
Chicken strips, chips & tomato sauce



Kids Menu
Fish cocktails, chips & tomato sauce



Kids Menu
Vegetable spring roll, chips & tomato sauce



Please make enquiries with our International Sales Specialist for packages incorporating other local attractions and operators.

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TO MAKE A BOOKING

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 - Departure Date—IE: Wednesday 15 May 2025
 - Cruise name including departure time of choice
 - Number of passengers must be broken up as follows:
Adults / Senior / High School 15-18 years / Children 4-14 years / Infants 0-3 years / Tour Guides / Drivers
- If you are wishing to add a Morning or afternoon tea, or a delicious lunch for your group: Please mention any catering requirements at time of booking in addition to your selected cruise option

Moonshadow-TQC reserves the right to amend departure times & rates at any time. Please reconfirm at the time of booking

- Once your booking is confirmed you will receive a tax invoice from the Moonshadow TQC accounts department. Full payment is required to be made two business days prior to departure date
- All whale watch cruises are subject to off shore sea conditions.
- We will notify you at the first opportunity if your cruise cannot operate due to weather conditions & make alternate arrangements.

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"Incredible by Nature - Port Stephens"

