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### CALYPSO GROWS AS TROPICAL JOURNEYS EYES OUTER GREAT BARRIER REEF

**Port Douglas, 1st May, 2014** – Tropical Journeys will continue to build on its reputation as one of the leading providers of personalised and individual outer reef and rainforest experiences following the commission of a new luxury vessel that will arrive in Port Douglas this month (May).

Calypso Blue is an important addition to Tropical Journey's diverse range of tour experiences and has been custom designed to offer the very best in comfort with spacious decks, day-bed style seating, air-conditioned saloons and submerged platforms to allow for easy access to and from the water for both snorkellers and divers.



Tropical Journeys director Graham Jones said Calypso Blue would join the growing number of vessels under the Calypso name, giving the locally owned and operated company the ability to offer a broad range of reef tours to its customers.

“Calypso Blue will allow us to fulfil our long-term vision to not only offer outer reef experiences to Opal and Tongue Reefs, which we have successfully been operating for more than 15 years, but now also Agincourt Reef, following the acquisition last year of Aristocat's permit.

“There is a lot of depth to the products we offer and we are especially proud to be the only locally owned company to visit Agincourt.

“We are sure customers will enjoy Calypso's hospitality that we have staked our reputation on. For us, it is all about offering minimum guest numbers but maximum experience with small personalised snorkelling tours, highly qualified dive instructors, gourmet buffet lunch, high quality equipment and much more.”

Mr Jones said customers would also receive a discount, when booking more than one tour experience.

“Why not experience as much of the reef as possible? No reef is the same and people now have the opportunity to enjoy a number of different sites at a great price.”

Other tour products owned by the Jones' family under Tropical Journeys' umbrella include Aquarius, one of the most modern and luxurious sail boats to operate out of Port Douglas to The Low Isles on the Great Barrier Reef, Daintree Tours and Escape Charters, offering private day charters.

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Mr Jones said all Calypso vessels were new and custom built for the company. Built in 2013, Bubbles is 20-metre vessel that can accommodate both snorkellers and divers with the option of being a dedicated snorkelling vessel if necessary.

Bubble's sister, Calypso is also a purpose built 25-metre catamaran, ideal for snorkelling and scuba diving.

"Guests absolutely love Calypso's spacious upper and lower foredecks designed with comfortable day bed seating to maximise outdoor relaxation with the top deck providing breathtaking 360 degree views of the reef."

Calypso also offers a dedicated snorkel only boat - Calypso Snorkelling, which features personalised snorkelling tours with a maximum number of 38 guests.

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### **About Calypso**

*Calypso Reef Charters is proud to be one of the flagship products under the Tropical Journeys banner. Together with Aquarius, Daintree Tours, Escape Charters, Calypso is owned and operated by the Jones family.*

*Calypso has been operating reef cruises since 1999, and has become known for its unbeatable value as well as its commitment to providing the most enjoyable and personalised Great Barrier Reef tours in Australia.*

*With Graham and Cathie Jones and their three sons all heavily involved with the general day-to-day running of the business, the team at Calypso offers only the highest level of professionalism and friendliness.*

*It has a number of modern, custom-designed and built vessels including Calypso Snorkel and Dive, Calypso Snorkelling and Calypso Bubbles. These uphold the highest environmental best practice standards, contributing to the company's ongoing recognition as a provider of Advanced Eco Tourism.*

*Each of the products offer visitors to the Great Barrier Reef an unforgettable experience that has minimal impact to the reef environment, is educational and relaxing while ensuring a safe and friendly environment.*