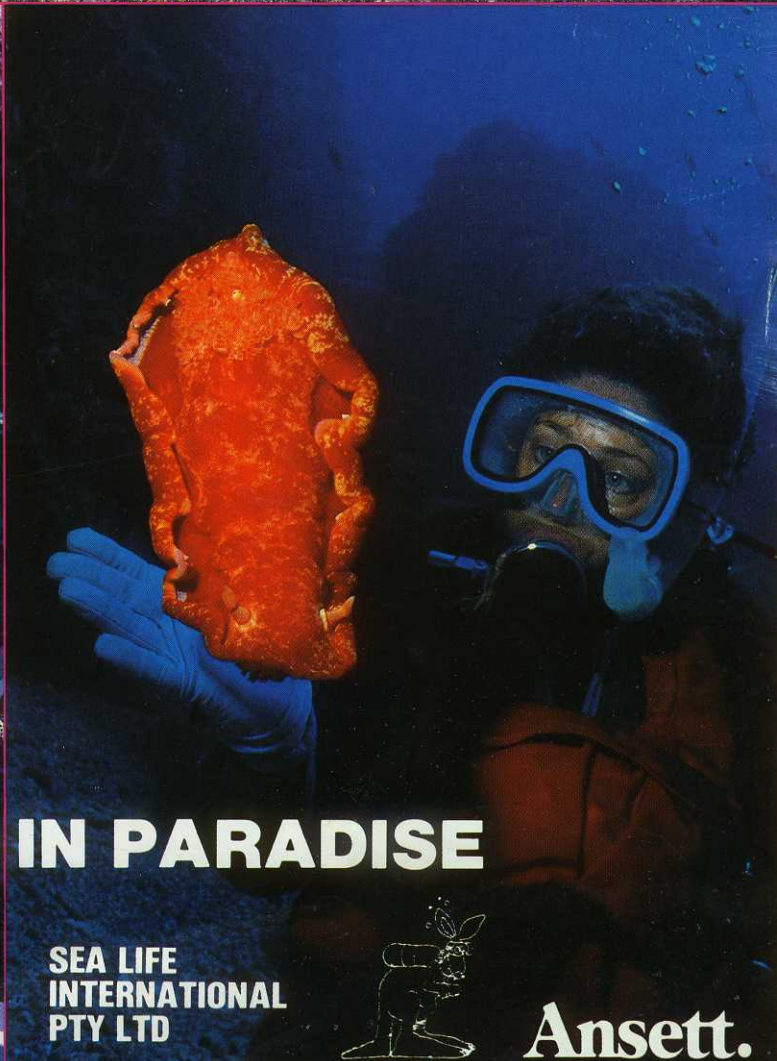
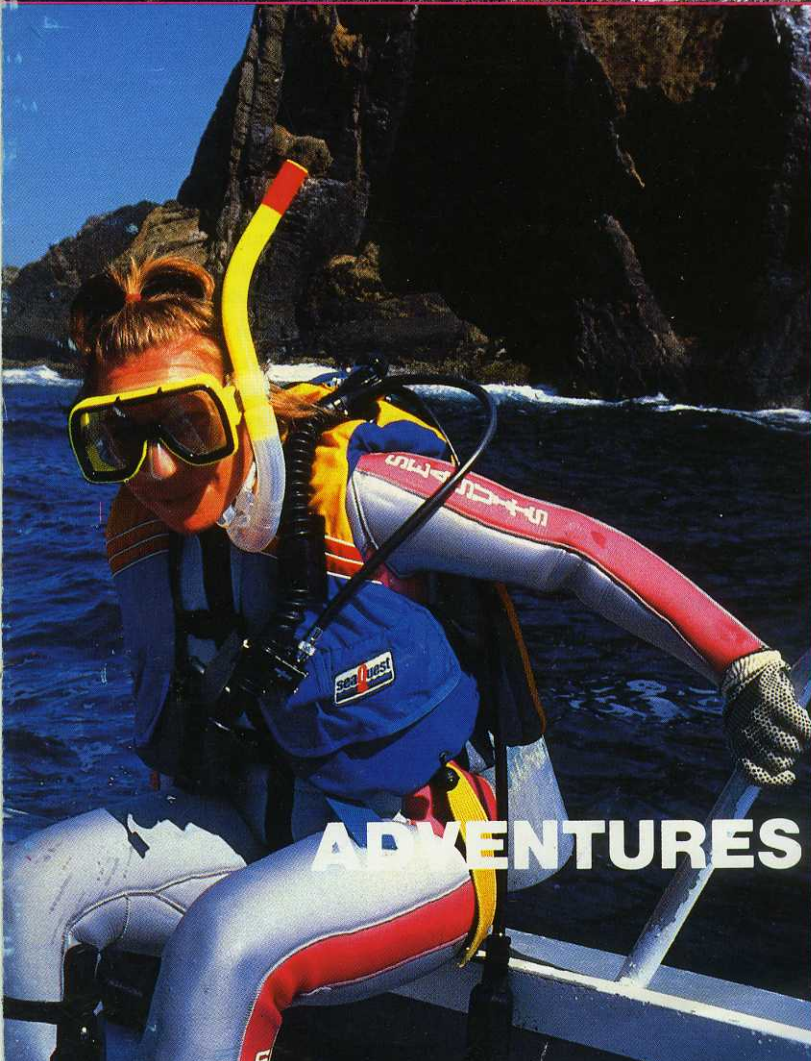
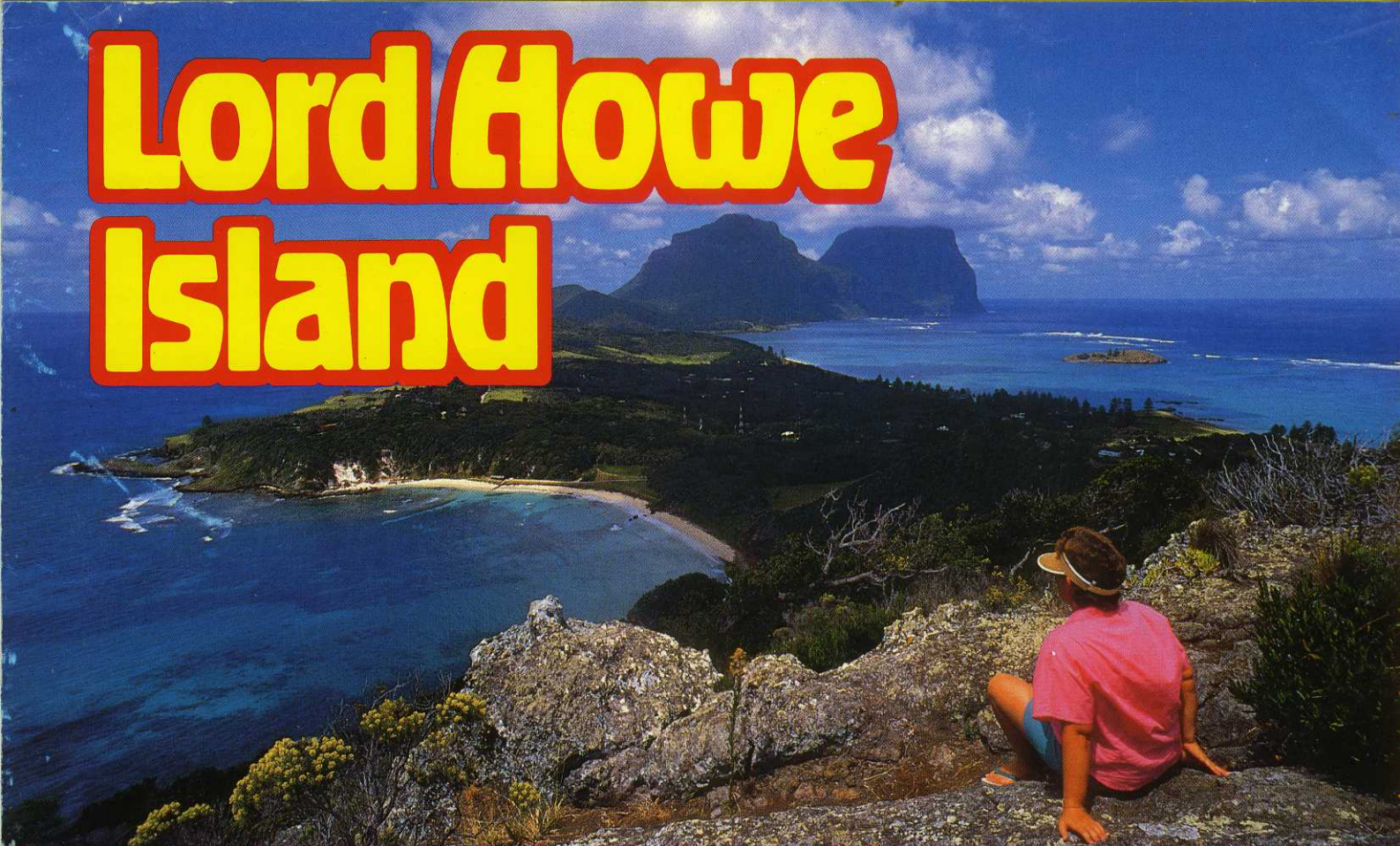


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In the south Pacific Ocean . . . where the last of the tropical sea currents trail . . . two great mountains rise to dominate a fertile plain of *Kentia* palms. Balmy breezes carry the ocean shore and tropical light filters through the rainforest nurturing the unique wildlife. **Protected** from the onslaught of civilisation, this paradise is World Heritage Lord Howe Island.

Just 2 hours flight from Sydney, Lord Howe offers the privileged visitor an opportunity to experience some of the world's most exhilarating scenery — both above the crystal waters and below. Untainted by the tourist dollar, neon lights and litter, the island's 260 inhabitants revel in its natural beauty and protect their environment from man's intrusive influence.

Small lodges merge with the landscape promoting the island's relaxed and natural atmosphere . . . while the islanders show a sincerity and warmth only equalled by the beauty that is Lord Howe Island.

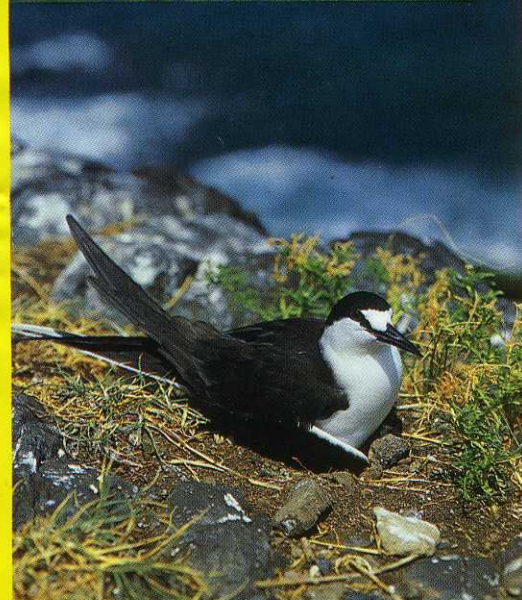
At the cross-roads of the Pacific, fed by currents from the Great Barrier Reef, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Australia, Lord Howe Island offers the diver an opportunity to explore one of the world's most unique underwater wonderlands.

Fed by these incoming currents, the nutrient rich waters are home to large pelagic fish and the delicate coral reefs which grow on the volcanic remnants that is Lord Howe's distant history.

Bursting with colourful sealife, the 17°C-27°C crystal clear waters support an array of black coral trees, huge lobsters, butterfly cod, gorgonias and other abundant sea life that is so typically unique to this world heritage area. Coral covered caves, tunnels, gulleys and pinnacles present an underwater topography that impresses even the most travelled divers.

Here where the visibility averages 30m (but often exceeds it), the opportunities for the avid underwater photographer are endless. From macro photography of the island's startling nudibranchs, to the exhilarating panorama of schooling trevally and kingfish . . . even the palm-fringed lagoon offers an exciting rush of colour as parrot fish, "double headers" and spangled emperors come in to feed. With excellent diving from 5m to well over 35m, divers of all levels are certain to return home from this paradise with stories of chance encounters with "spanish dancers", turtles and colourful morays.

Lord Howe Island . . . the spectacular underwater world . . . where real divers dive, and those who can't, can learn to!





For the Explorer, Beachcomber and Family

Although Lord Howe consists of only 1300 hectares, it would take an avid explorer a lifetime to discover all that this magical island has to offer.

With its 129 species of birds, rainforests and lush tropical vegetation the island is a nature lover's delight.

Whether it be climbing its majestic mountains or cycling along a palm fringed road, Lord Howe's variety of outdoor activities are well within the range of most people.

There are numerous beaches to explore, including famous Ned's Beach, where a loaf of bread will induce schools of mullet, parrotfish and trevally to circle around your knees, ready to feed — what better place to introduce your family to the wonders of the under water world

Whether above or below the sea, the visitor will find the island's fauna easily approachable — and there are no poisonous spiders or snakes to be found on the island.

There are mountain streams, caves, rainforests and, of course the Goat House, where an easy 1½ hour walk is rewarded with views over the entire island.

Take a charter boat out to Ball's Pyramid, twenty five kilometres to the south, where this amazing peak rises, like a fairytale castle, out of a deep blue sea. Its steep sides plunging straight down into waters abounding with life — a days fishing here will be amply rewarded.

Snorkelling the beaches or taking the coral viewing boat will reward the visitor with a display of colour and life unlike any they have seen — and, for those keen to see more, scuba tuition is available on the island.

Island Romance

Lord Howe Island is undeniably one of the world's most romantic islands.

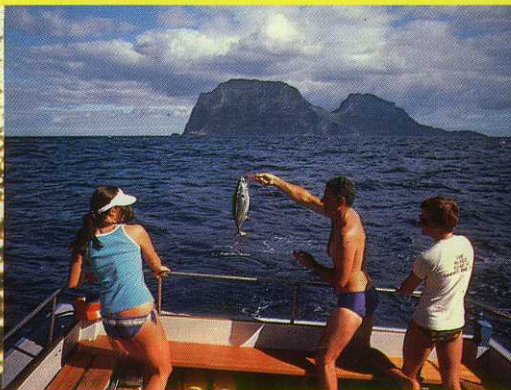
A stroll by the lagoon under a star filled sky cannot help but fill even the hardest of hearts with romance and awe.

Secluded beaches, intimate dinners and spectacular sunsets will charm couples of all ages, rekindling old fires and igniting new ones.

There isn't a person who is left untouched by the island's magic — it is easy to see that Lord Howe, once visited, is returned to again and again and again.

For further details contact Pat De Groot, now on Ph: (02) 665 6333

As Lord Howe is a NSW territory there are no health, passport or currency requirements when visiting the island.



THE CROSSROADS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Conspicuous Angel Fish (*Chaetodontophus conspicillatus*)



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LOCATION: Lord Howe Island is some 480 kilometres off the north coast of New South Wales and has the most southern coral reef in the world.

SIZE: Twelve kilometres long and two kilometres in width, the island lies in a north/south direction and contains 1455 hectares.

CLIMATE: Semi-tropical with temperatures between 10° C in winter and 26° C in summer and an average rainfall of 1676mm.

SEA TEMPERATURE: 17° C in winter to 27.5° C in summer. Wetsuits are generally worn for serious diving, even in the lagoon, as the wind can be quite chilling when snorkelling on the surface for extended periods.

WIND: At Lord Howe Island the wind blows north east in summer and south east in winter, although this can alter, change, or reverse, at anytime. At most times, unless there is a cyclone, or an exceptionally bad weather pattern, dives can be made on the sheltered side of the island.

DIVE EQUIPMENT: Can be flown in, or hired. Remember, all excess luggage must be paid for and this should be allowed in your estimates. (No spearguns).

TAX: A tax of \$6 is levied on each visitor. The results of this money can be seen at every turn, all tourist facilities, water tanks, walking tracks, lookouts, reserves and clean-up facilities are in immaculate condition.

TRANSPORT: Bicycles (which must be pre-hired). These bikes generally have a basket in the front, which will hold your snorkelling gear, or a well-packed small camera. Don't forget an octopus strap to hold your gear in and over the bumps.

Underwater cameras are transported to and from the accommodation. Small cars can also be hired.

ACCOMMODATION: Accommodation on our packages is based on full board and self contained arrangements. Our full board arrangements offer motel style rooms with tea and coffee making facilities. All meals are provided and the guesthouses have a Bar and Games room. The Self-Contained units are well furnished and offer basically equipped kitchens. Linen and towels are supplied and changed during your stay.

PACIFIC OCEAN

PASSPORT: None required, as Lord Howe Island is part of the Commonwealth of Australia and comes under the New South Wales Electorate of Philip, the Federal Electorate of East Sydney.

COMMUNICATIONS: Post Office and a direct telephone link with the mainland.

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PHOTOGRAPHY: Ektachrome processing facilities are available on the island, check at the Bond store. No underwater camera repairs are available, though minor repairs can be organised through the Department of Motor Transport workshops.

ENTERTAINMENT: Dances are held at the Bowling Club, movies at the Seaview Cinema, a number of restaurants and guest houses cater for external dinner guests.

ACTIVITIES: Walking, bicycle riding, climbing, hiking, swimming, snorkelling, diving, fish feeding, fishing, sailing, surfing, sight-seeing, photography, birdwatching, sunbaking, beachcombing, tennis. (No spearfishing).

POPULATION: Around 300 residents and a floating number of visitors which does not exceed 300 at any one time.

DIVING SERVICES: Sea Life International; scuba diving, equipment hire, air, boat dives. All dives accompanied by the resident divemaster.

DEPARTURES: From Sydney and Newcastle every Sunday or on request.

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