

Thank you for choosing FNSF-Nomad!

You have made the decision to make your next charter a bespoke fishing experience. It is our aim to make your trip exceptional in every way.

Our experienced crew will do everything in their power to make your time onboard as enjoyable as possible, so if there is anything you may need, all you have to do is ask.

If you could take the time to read through this booklet it will ensure that you get the most out of your experience. It will assist you in planning for your trip and prepare you for what is in store once onboard and ensure you are aware of your obligations.



Now let's get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

From the FNSF-Nomad Team

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Contents Summary

- 20% deposit to secure your booking
- 80% balance payment due 60 days prior to charter date
- For your safety and comfort, we require you to complete and return our Client Booking Form prior to departure
- Travel insurance is mandatory – as per our T&Cs, there are no refunds if your charter is cancelled due to weather outside of AMSA safe operating limits
- Your deposit will be forfeited if you cancel your booking at any time. The balance payment will also be forfeited if your booking is cancelled within 60 days of departure.
- All gourmet meals, non-alcoholic beverages and daily housekeeping are included. Range of alcoholic beverages can be purchased onboard.
- Top of the range Shimano rods and reels are included
- Guests are responsible for lures; either BYO or purchase onboard
- Baggage limits apply for all guests – max 15kg per person
- Rod tube limits apply for all guests dependent upon aircraft – please enquire.

Bookings

Deposit & Balance Payments

For bookings made within one year of the charter date, a 20% deposit of the total booking cost is required to secure your spot.

For bookings made in advance of one year of the charter date, a 5% deposit of the total booking cost is required to secure your spot, with the remainder of the total 20% deposit payable one year prior to the charter date.

Your booking is deemed confirmed upon receipt of the appropriate deposit. Until a deposit is received, your booking is considered tentative and may be subject to change without notice.

Payment of the balance amount is due 60 days prior to the charter date. If payment is not received within these terms, your booking will be cancelled and your deposit forfeited. Terms are non-negotiable. Please refer to our Cancellation Policy for further details.

Booking Details

Prior to the commencement of your charter, we ask for full disclosure of any pertinent information – this is for the interests in your health and safety throughout the trip and to maximise your onboard experience.

Once we have received your deposit, we require **ALL GUESTS** to complete, sign and return a Client Booking Form. The information you provide relates to personal details that may be required by us during your stay. The details we require are your full name, contact details, body weight (for air transfers), medical conditions, allergies/dietary requirements, emergency contact details and fishing preferences. This information is also necessary for the AMSA and charter flight manifests. Your information will be handled in the strictest of confidence. By signing the Client Booking Form, it verifies that the information you have provided is true and correct, that you have read through the Guest Information Booklet and that you agree to our Terms & Conditions. *See further below.*

Your Charter

Charter Inclusions

When booking a bespoke charter with FNSF-Nomad you can expect some above and beyond inclusions:

- Gourmet chef onboard preparing your meals to the highest standards, and with appropriate notice, can be tailored to suit your dietary requirements.
- Non-alcoholic beverages including coffee, teas, water, soft drinks and juice.
- High quality Shimano rods and reels appropriate for your trip along with terminal

tackle (please note, any gear that is lost overboard or damaged as a result of improper use will be at the expense of the angler).

- All linen, bath towels and some toiletries (shampoo, conditioner and shower gel).
- Daily housekeeping and laundry service

Charter Exclusions

- Beers, wines and spirits – a premium wine list, good selection of standard and craft beers along with spirits are available for purchase onboard.
- Merchandise – FNSF-Nomad branded apparel is available for purchase onboard (t-shirts, fishing shirts, caps, buffs, stubby coolers, YETI water bottles)
- Lures - a comprehensive range of lures are available to purchase onboard. Prior to your charter, you will also be offered the opportunity to buy a discounted pre-purchase lure pack comprising a range of lures specifically chosen for your charter.

If you wish to make any purchases onboard, a daily sign off sheet noting your purchases will be completed by our crew and available for review by each guest.

Blue Martini has an EFTPOS terminal to process payments for onboard purchases. In the rare event payment is unable to be made onboard, you will be invoiced for your purchases.

Additional Costs For Lures & Fishing Gear

We ask anglers to pay for lures used throughout your charter because this is such a variable cost from trip to trip and it is very difficult for us to factor this into the pricing. We believe a user pays system is much fairer for all guests. Our guides will have all the lures and terminal tackle professionally rigged and ready to go for you each day.

Whatever tackle is used or lost will be added to each guest's tab throughout the trip according to the following guidelines:

- Any new lure used (deployed overboard) will be paid for by the guest using that lure. That lure is then the property of the angler first using the lure, and they are welcome to keep it at the end of the day.
- Any trolling lure which is lost from a shared trolling outfit supplied by FNSF-Nomad will be put onto the account of the person who was on the rod when the lure was lost. If you are trolling with shared trolling outfits and pick up a rod that happens to get busted off by a fish, then that is your lure. All trolling lures used on personal trolling outfits will be charged to the angler who owns that outfit.
- Any rods or reels that are dropped overboard will be paid for by the angler. Any line, rods or reels lost will be paid for at our cost price.
- All tackle will be noted down each day by your guide and placed on your onboard tab sheet that evening. Your account will then be settled via credit card or cash at the end of your charter.

- While every effort is made by our crew to ensure this tab is accurate, it is each guest's responsibility to monitor this tab and ensure the items recorded are correct. We suggest initialing your account each evening to ensure it is up to date.

Terms & Conditions

The Terms and Conditions outline the relationship between Far North Sports Fishing- Nomad and the Hirer, who is any person or group of persons that hire any of the vessels that are operated by FNSF-Nomad or any other third party that is invited on-board by the Hirer. The primary contact of each group agrees to bring these Terms and Conditions to the attention of each FNSF-Nomad guest, and that each guest complies with these Terms and Conditions when onboard an FNSF-Nomad vessel.

Fees, Payment & Cancellation Terms

- You, ("the Hirer") must pay a deposit equal to 20% of the total booking cost.
- Our rights to accept and be bound by the booking are reserved until such time as the deposit is paid.
- We / Us ("FNSF-Nomad") will provide notification to you once the deposit has been received and to confirm the booking.
- We require the final balance payment no later than 60 days prior to the charter date. Failure to pay the final balance payment by the due date will result in the cancellation of your booking and forfeit of the deposit.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation By Us:

You acknowledge and agree that:

1. We may only operate the Vessel and conduct the charter within Australian Maritime Safety Authority ("AMSA") safety parameters; and,
2. If the weather conditions do not allow either Us or any of our contracted staff or contracted vessels to operate, then We reserve the right to cancel or terminate the booking/charter.
3. If the charter is terminated by Us due to weather conditions, then;
 - a. We are not obligated to refund the booking or charter costs and We are not liable for any ancillary costs; and
 - b. You are solely responsible for any ancillary costs or damages which You may incur as a result of the charter termination, including without limitation travel costs or accommodation costs.
4. Our right of termination due to weather conditions is not an unfair contract clause under the Australian Consumer Law.

As weather will sometimes require Us to exercise the termination rights above, we strongly recommend You ensure You have travel insurance and/or ensure that You are covered in the event of such termination.

Cancellation By You:

If You cancel the booking:

1. After the deposit has been paid, then the deposit is forfeited by You and kept by Us.
2. Cancellations made 59 days or less prior to the charter date will forfeit the total booking amount paid.

Fuel Levy Surcharge

Our charter prices are based on marine fuel costs at the time of publication and booking. As fuel prices can fluctuate significantly, we may apply a fuel levy surcharge where there has been a substantial increase in fuel costs prior to your departure date.

If a fuel levy is required, we will notify you in writing as soon as reasonably practicable, and no later than fourteen (14) days before departure. Any surcharge will be limited to the additional operating costs directly attributable to the increase in fuel prices.

Any applicable fuel levy must be paid prior to departure. If payment is not received by the due date advised, we reserve the right to cancel your booking in accordance with our cancellation policy.

We will always endeavour to absorb normal fuel price fluctuations and will only apply a fuel levy where operationally necessary to safely and sustainably operate the charter.”

Safety & Onboard Responsibilities

- Sufficient crew will be provided as required, to crew the vessels that have been chartered.
- Whilst onboard, all clients and crew fall under the responsibility of the Master. There are safety and operational procedures that will be explained to guests by the Master in the Welcome Briefing which are to be adhered to at all times.
- Clients must adhere to any reasonable request made by the Master and crew throughout the charter period and must not act in a manner that endangers the safety of any other persons onboard.
- Clients and crew are to always act within the law and shall not engage in any illegal activities during the charter period.
- Clients must bear the costs of any emergency, medical or rescue service summoned at the direction of the Master of the vessel in relation to illness or injury of the Client. Adequate travel insurance should be arranged by the Client prior to charter departure.

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to adhere to the points in this section may result in the cessation of the charter, at which time Clients will be returned to port immediately and must disembark the vessel. In the event of extreme cases of gross misconduct, including the participation in illegal activities, police will be notified by the Master upon the vessel's return to port. No refunds will be provided due to the early termination of the charter.

- The Hirer also permits any authorized representative of FNSF-Nomad to administer first aid treatment and/or arrange transfers to a hospital/medical facility if such action is required (to be determined by the Master of the vessel).
- FNSF-Nomad is to be released of any liability in relation to any injuries or other incidents that may occur onboard any of our vessels. We make every effort to ensure the safety of all onboard through our safety procedures and trained crew, however, you are still in a dangerous environment where conditions are unpredictable, and accidents can happen.

Travel Insurance

FNSF-Nomad strongly advises that travel insurance be taken out for your charter with us. As our charters are weather dependent, this minimal outlay offers peace of mind if your charter is cancelled or shortened due to adverse weather conditions.

In rare occasions, unforeseen circumstances may cause events that are beyond our control. FNSF-Nomad cannot be held responsible for lost holiday time, charter costs, airline costs, lost / damaged luggage and / or medical costs.

1Cover, Covermore and Allianz provide travel insurance however please check with the insurance provider directly that you are covered for near-coastal fishing charters in Australian waters. Please feel free to discuss your travel insurance requirements with FNSF-Nomad.

Introducing The FNSF-Nomad Fleet

Blue Martini

Blue Martini, a 70' motor cruiser mothership, is FNSF-NOMAD's flagship live aboard fishing charter vessel. She is fully air-conditioned with living areas including a saloon, sundeck, indoor and outdoor dining areas, barbecue and swim deck with an outdoor shower. Guest accommodation includes one twin cabin with an ensuite, as well two twin cabins with a shared bathroom. She is fully equipped with state-of-the-art Furuno navigation systems, and a hi-tech entertainment system including media dock and extensive movie/music selection (all running off 240v power). *Blue Martini* is powered by two Gardner diesel engines, has a cruising speed of 6-8 knots and a cruising range of 10,000 miles.



BM1, BM2 & BM3

FNSF-Nomad's fishing platforms are 20' custom built centre consoles. They are powered by 115hp four stroke Yamaha outboards, making your ride both smooth and exhilarating. Each vessel is equipped with Garmin electronics, is crewed with your own personal guide and is provided with the best Shimano rods and reels – all to ensure you have the ultimate bespoke fishing experience!



Accommodation

Cabins & Bathroom Facilities

Your cabins are complete with linen, bath towels and complimentary toiletries (beach towels are available upon request). The toilets have instructions for use next to them and it is essential that no foreign items be placed in them (ie. the toilet paper provided is the **ONLY** item to be placed in the toilets on board). Bins are provided for you in each bathroom, please use them accordingly. If you could please be mindful of water use during showers that would also be greatly appreciated. Cabin allocation is to be decided upon arrival during the welcome briefing. All cabins have 240V outlets, as well as 24V emergency lighting.

Food & Beverages

Cuisine Onboard

Our chef will provide you with exquisite cuisine throughout your stay. As you are aware, each guest is required to complete a Client Booking Form prior to charter. Some of the information requested relates to food allergies and dietary preferences.

Please ensure that any food allergies are advised well in advance so that the appropriate steps can be taken by our chef. If your allergy is severe and an epipen is required, please ensure you bring one with you and that crew members are advised where it is in the event we need to get it for you.

A continental breakfast is prepared for you by our chef. Lunch will be either provided on board or as a hamper. Dinner is a three-course experience. All meals include non-alcoholic beverages. Beers, wines and spirits can be purchased on board.

Alcoholic Beverages

Blue Martini is a licensed vessel, and as such we are bound by Queensland Drug and Alcohol legislation and therefore crew must act within the regulations outlined by the legislation. We are not permitted to serve anyone under the age of 18, and our operating hours are between 10am and 11pm. Service may be refused to guests who appear to be

unreasonably intoxicated (failure to comply with crew requests will be dealt with as outlined in our Terms & Conditions).

Blue Martini has a comprehensive list of premium beverage items available for purchase.

Drinking Water

Blue Martini makes its own water onboard and will always have water along with an electrolyte mix available for our guests. Guests are supplied with a complimentary FNSF water bottle on arrival and we also have an FNSF YETI insulated water bottle for purchase onboard. We do not have plastic bottled water available in order to reduce our plastic usage onboard.

Scheduling & Transfers

We will provide you with a full trip itinerary months in advance of your charter. You will be advised of the time you will need to be at the departure point for your transfer closer to your departure date as each charter is different. Our flight transfers to your charter location from Cairns are operated by Air Link. Please see “Important Contact Information” for their details should you have any further queries or requests.

Your Obligations On Charter

Safety & Operational Procedures

During your charter, the Master and crew will explain safety and operational procedures of the vessels and it is very important that every guest pays attention to these instructions. They are in place for the safety of everyone on board, to maintain operational integrity within legislative requirements and for the integrity of the vessel you are on. These may include but are not limited to:

- Procedures in the event of an emergency (location and use of lifejackets and life rafts etc)
- Procedures for boarding and disembarking the tenders
- Guest responsibilities regarding the sewage management plan and garbage management plan

It is a condition of boarding that all guests comply with any safety/operational procedures and instructions that are issued by the Master and/or crew members (please refer to our Terms & Conditions).

Moving Between Vessels

Please ensure that you take extreme care when boarding and disembarking the vessel during your charter. Every effort is taken to ensure the safety of all guests onboard; however, the ocean is unpredictable and accidents can happen. When moving between our vessels, crew will be on hand to assist you, but we do stress to please be aware of your surroundings and

take great care at all times.

Fish Handling Practices

There are a few guidelines that we ask you to follow regarding the handling of any fish that you catch. Our guides will be on hand at the time to assist when you catch a fish and will advise correct practices when getting a photo and correctly releasing the fish.

- Always use a wet glove when handling fish and wet your shirt to ensure the protective slime of the fish is not damaged.
- Some fish may experience barotrauma to their swim bladder (it expands when quickly brought up from great depths). Should this occur to a fish, the guide will ensure that the swim bladder will be released of the pressure prior to release.
- When handling certain species which are considered dangerous, it is essential to always listen to the guide's instructions. This is for their safety as well as your own.

First Aid & Medical Services

We carry a Royal Flying Doctor Service Medical Kit and a defibrillator on board, so we have taken every step we can to ensure your safety whilst operating in remote areas. Our staff are trained in First Aid and Resuscitation and have the RFDS Medical Kit on hand to assist with any medical emergency. To add, Medivac Helicopters are available in extreme medical emergencies where evacuation may be required. If you are an Australian citizen, these medical costs are covered, however, it should be noted that if you are visiting from overseas, there may be medical costs involved should an evacuation be necessary (please ensure these costs are covered by your travel insurance).

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted inside the vessel under any circumstances and is only permitted on the duckboard at the aft of the vessel. Due to safety reasons (e.g. fuel storage) where you smoke will be monitored, and you may be requested to move to a suitable area.

Drugs Policy

We have a zero-tolerance policy on drug use during charter. The use or possession of illicit drugs is strictly forbidden. Failure to comply with this policy will result in the cessation of the charter, at which time guests will be returned to port immediately and must disembark the vessel. Police may be notified by the Master upon the vessel's return to port.

Rubbish Disposal

All garbage will be disposed of according to our onboard guidelines, and nothing is to be thrown over the side of the vessel whilst in these pristine areas.

FAQs

What Do I Need To Bring?

- Soft bags only – please pack any items you are bringing with you in a soft bag. Most transfers to your charter location will have weight and bag size limitations. We request that you **limit your luggage to 15kg only**, preferably over 2 smaller soft bags. Please do not bring any suitcases or hard body cases with you.
- If you are bringing fishing gear with you, **please keep within the 15kg luggage limit. Rod tubes are also limited to a diameter of 15cm and 180cm in length for our standard Caravan aircraft.**
- Polarised sunglasses – this will make your trip infinitely better as they allow better viewing on and through the water.
- Antihistamines - if you are especially susceptible to insect bites, and your medical history allows it, bring antihistamines. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide antihistamines as it is a Schedule 2 medicine.
- Sunwear – the sun can be very vicious on the water so we recommend bringing a soft wide brim hat, long sleeved fishing shirts, buff and sun gloves. It is also a good idea to bring long light pants for sun/insect protection (especially if on the Archer River). Please bring sunscreen and insect repellent suitable for your skin type.
- Shoes – whilst onboard shoes are discouraged, but if the occasion arises to go ashore, we recommend you bring a pair of suitable shoes for walking on the rocks or coral beaches.

FNSF-Nomad and Air Link accept no responsibility for the loss or damage of personal belongings left at the Air Link terminal, nor onboard any of our vessels.

What Don't I Need To Bring?

- Extra luggage - additional bags that are not required on charter can be stored at Air Link (small terminal) in Cairns and collected upon return.
- Fishing rods, reels and terminal tackle is provided for you onboard. Due to weight limitations, we recommend you make use of our top-of-the-line fishing gear.
- Your worries – leave them behind, and let's go fishing!

Is There Wi-Fi Onboard?

Yes, we are equipped with Starlink onboard our mothership, Blue Martini.

Can I Bring My Own Alcohol?

Our mothership, Blue Martini, is a licensed venue, so BYO is prohibited. We have a range of beers, wines and spirits available for purchase onboard.

Some areas of Far North Queensland are “Dry Zones”, meaning alcohol is prohibited from being consumed or seen in these zones. Fines are issued for anybody breaching these laws by the local police. We strictly abide by the local laws of the areas we visit, and request that you do too.

Can I Take Any Fish Home?

No! We are a catch and release fishing operation onboard our vessels and you are not able to take fish home. Any special catches can be kept and consumed on board. Our transfer logistics and weight limits on the charter flights can make it very difficult to bring anything back to the mainland. Please also be aware that Blue Martini is not a processing vessel and we do not have the facilities to transport fish; we are proud to be recognised by Tourism Australia – Great Fishing Adventures of Australia as practicing sustainable fishing.

Do I Need To Tip The Crew?

While it is not expected or required, if you feel that any member of the crew, or the crew as a whole, have provided you with a level of service worthy of a tip, then please feel free to do so. The amount of the tip is at your discretion, but we usually tell people to do the same as they might do in a restaurant. Tips can be given to the Master and will be shared between the entire crew.

Important Contact Information

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