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Top 16 candidates for Best Job in the World dive and dine on the Great Barrier Reef

Queensland diving and dining experiences were on the menu for Tourism Queensland's final 16 candidates for the Best Job in the World today on the Great Barrier Reef.

Tourism Queensland CEO Anthony Hayes said the candidates kicked off the day with a visit to Fantasea Cruises' Reefworld, where they snorkelled the picturesque waters of the Great Barrier Reef first-hand.

"The dive experience was a first for many of our candidates and a great opportunity to see one of the world's most impressive natural wonders," he said.

"Their reef trip was then followed by a sumptuous Queensland lunch prepared by the world renowned chefs on Hayman Island.

"The candidates were able to taste a selection of Queensland delicacies which were prepared for each of them in their native cuisine style."

Mr Hayes said the candidates' every move was being watched and captured by media across the globe, as well as the all-important, four-person selection panel.

"It's been absolutely action-packed since the candidates arrived yesterday with a swimming task and tour of the official caretaker residence as soon as they hit the ground," he said.

"We are closely monitoring their ability to deal with media, and an intense itinerary, all the while blogging about their experiences to the world.

He said between them, they had conducted hundreds of media interviews, developed thousands of online followers and organised stunts to make sure Queensland was at the forefront of media in their respective countries.

The Top 16, who come from 15 countries, have just over two days left to impress the selection panel, with their sailing skills and understanding of local environmental issues on the agenda for tomorrow.





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The successful candidate will be announced on Hamilton Island at 3.00pm on Wednesday 6 May and will take up their six month \$AUD150,000 contract on 1 July.

The Island Caretaker will be based on Hamilton Island and will spend their time exploring the Islands of the Great Barrier Reef and reporting back on their experiences.

The Top 16 are:

Anjaan RJ - India
Ben Henry - France
Ben Southall - UK
Cali Lewis - USA
Clare Wang - Taiwan (wild card applicant announced March 25)
Clarke Gayford - New Zealand
Erik Rolfsen - Canada
George Karellas - Ireland
Greg Reynen - Singapore
Hailey Turner - Australia
James Hill - Australia
Juweon Kim - Korea
Magali Heuberger - Netherlands
Mieko Kobayashi - Japan
Mirjam Novak - Germany
Yi Yao - China

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