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PADI OPEN WATER COURSE INFORMATION

Thank you for your inquiry into the PADI Open Water course with Coral Divers. The adventure really begins here; your life will never be the same. You've probably seen photos, television, and films of diving, but until you do it yourself, you can't really understand what it's like. Nothing on earth matches the sensations you experience – the thrill of breathing underwater, the freedom of "weightlessness", and unique sights and sounds. The PADI Open Water course opens these doors for you and much more. The PADI Open Water course is a *full entry* certification that allows you to dive internationally. Your holidays will never be the same! Here are a few facts regarding the course for your interest.

• **The PADI Open Water Diver certification qualifies you to:**

1. Dive independently while applying the knowledge and skills you learn in the course, within the limits of your training and experience.
2. Purchase air fills, scuba equipment and other diving-related services.
3. Plan, conduct and log open water (no decompression) dives when equipped properly and accompanied by a buddy in conditions with which you have training and/ or experience.
4. Continue your diver training with a specialty dive in the PADI Advanced Open Water program, and / or in PADI Specialty courses.

• **Course Structure**

The PADI Open Water Diver course consists of three segments:

- *confined water dives,*
- *knowledge development,*
- *open water dives.*

Each plays an important role in learning to dive by meeting the performance objectives you need to qualify as a diver.

The Knowledge Development section establishes the principles and basic information all divers need to have to dive safely. It is divided into five segments. Each of the segments starts with your own independent study of the PADI "GO DIVE" manual and completion of the knowledge review. Each segment also has a corresponding PADI video which is reviewed prior to your lectures. At the end of each of the lectures your instructor will have you take a quiz to confirm that you have picked up the information you need from that section. There is a final multiple choice exam at the end of the course to assess that you have all knowledge necessary to dive safely in the future. Independent study is a must and can begin before your arrival at Coral Divers if you would like to get a head start. You would require the PADI GO DIVE Crew Pack which can be purchased at your local PADI Dive Centre or ordered through Coral Divers.

Confined Water Dives is where the fun really begins. You will complete five confined water dives during which you apply dive principles and learn and practice dive procedures and skills. You will do this under the direct supervision of one of our instructors in our training pool which has a maximum depth of three meters. Our pool is also heated during the winter months to ensure that you have the most comfortable experience possible.

The Open Water Dives complete your training as an entry-level diver by applying and further developing your knowledge and dive skills in a dive environment under your instructor's supervision and guidance. Your Open Water Dives will be conducted on the world's southernmost coral reef home to over 1,200 species of tropical fish and a unique array of hard and soft corals. Your maximum depth for your open water dives will be 18 meters and this is the maximum depth you are allowed to dive to after certification.

• **Course Prerequisites**

To qualify for acceptance into the PADI Open Water Diver Program, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Be 10 years of age or older. Students under the age of 12 may obtain the PADI Junior Open Water certification. A junior diver is required to meet all requirements for certification other than age. The minimum age for the course is 10 years of age.
2. Answer all the questions on the PADI Medical Statement and if you answer "yes" to any of the questions acquire a clearance for diving signed by a physician attesting to fitness to dive. The medical clearance must be current within the previous 12 months. The physician signing the form cannot be the individual. * Please find attached a copy of the Medical Statement.

Course Costs and Breakdown - Course Price: R2995.00

The Open Water course includes 5 nights accommodation in a safari tent. Our safari tents are basic budget accommodation and you are required to provide all necessary linen. You may upgrade if you wish to a standard cabin (R85pppn), standard cabin with private bathroom (R165pppn) or Ensuite chalet (R265pppn) **Low Season Rates** or standard cabin (R115pppn), standard cabin with private bathroom (R175pppn) or Ensuite chalet (R325pppn) - **High Season Rates**

All equipment is included in the course price as well as the PADI Open Water Diver Manual and RDP (required) and PADI certification.

- ✓ Catering is not included but can be provided on a Dinner and Breakfast basis (R170 pppn)
- ✓ Please note that our cost does not include the Kwazulu – Natal Conservation Service fees:
Gate Fee: R20pp
Camping Fee: R70pp For the First Night (R5 community levy)
R65 pp per night thereafter