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PADI OPEN WATER COURSE INFORMATION

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. This is a full entry certification that allows you to dive internationally. Your holidays will never be the same!

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 dives up to 18m 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. 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 chapters. Each of the chapters starts with independent study of the PADI Open water manual and DVD. Small Quizzes and a final knowledge review help reaffirm what you learn in each chapter. Your instructor will go through the knowledge reviews with you, completing any gaps in your knowledge. A final quiz determines what you have mastered for each chapter. There are two final multiple choice exams (one for theory, and one for the dive table), to assess that you have all knowledge necessary to dive safely in the future.

Why not get a head start on your independent study before you arrive? This could help reduce the length of your course, giving you more chance to dive! You can purchase a PADI Open water Manual at your local PADI Dive Centre or order through Coral Divers.

Why not get a head start on you independent study before you arrive & help reduce the length of the course! At an additional cost, you can purchase a PADI Open Water manual at your local PADI Dive Centre, or purchase an e-learning pass to complete the knowledge reviews. When you arrive you only need to complete the final exam. Then you can go straight to the pool! Click [here](#) for more information on how to do this.

Confined Water Dives is where the fun really begins. You will complete five confined water pool sessions, during which you learn and practice dive procedures and skills under the direct supervision of your instructor. You will also need to complete a 10 minute float and 200 metre swim. Our pool is also heated during the winter months to ensure that you have the most comfortable experience possible.





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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 you can expect after you become a certified diver. Your 4 Open Water Dives will be conducted on 2 mile reef (maximum depth 18m) under the direct supervision of your instructor. After completing skills, you can finish the dive by experiencing the 1,200 species of tropical fish and a unique array of hard and soft corals found in Sodwana bay.

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 15 years may obtain the PADI Junior Open Water certification (restrictions apply). Anyone aged under 18 years will require a parent/guardian to complete and sign some paperwork.
2. Complete the PADI Medical Statement and if you answer “yes” to any of the questions, you must 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. Click [here](#) for a copy of the medical statement.

Course Breakdown

Includes 5 night's 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, standard cabin with private bathroom or ensuite cabin. Please see the course rate sheet for the upgrade fees.

Full gear hire is included in the course price as well as the online PADI Open Water Diver eManual (required) and PADI certification.

Catering is not included but can be provided on a dinner and breakfast basis

Please note that our course price does not include the Kwazulu-Natal Conservation Service fees consisting of a once off entry fee, a once off levy and a daily park fee. (Please see the course rate sheet for the KZN Rates)

