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PADI DIVE MASTER COURSE INFORMATION

Now, you can be in charge!

The Divemaster course is a challenging and rewarding course that is your first step into the world of a PADI professional. This is an internationally recognised certification and can lead to employment worldwide as a Divemaster. The Divemaster course is run over 4 weeks and you will receive hands on training by working closely with a PADI Instructor.

The PADI Divemaster course builds on the problem solving skills developed in the PADI Rescue Diver program, and extends their application from accident management and prevention to supervisory situations with students and certified divers. You will expand your dive knowledge, develop your leadership abilities, and hone your skills to the professional level. As a Divemaster, you will be able to supervise dive activities and assist instructors with student divers. You will become role models who follow responsible dive practices and demonstrate care for the aquatic environment. Your knowledge, skill and enthusiasm for diving helps people have fun within their interests and skill levels.

Course Structure

The PADI Divemaster course is divided into Knowledge Development, Water Skills Development and Stamina, and Practical Application Sections.

The **Knowledge Development** section includes Nine chapters covering topics such as the Role and Characteristics of a PADI Divemaster, Assisting with Student Divers, Awareness of the Dive Environment, and Dive Theory Review. You will also formulate an Emergency Assistance Plan and conduct a two-part final exam covering what you have learnt in the PADI Divemaster manual.

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

Have internet access? Why not take the [PADI e-learning](#) option and complete the Divemaster Knowledge Development online? This will take you through nine topics that prepare you for the practical sessions. Click on the link above for more information on how to do this.

The **Waterskills Development** and Stamina training will take place in our training pool. The instructor will conduct dive skills workshops to help you develop demonstration-quality skills. Remember, you will be demonstrating to students so you must be able to do the skills for them to copy! Your fitness will be tested with a 400m swim, 800m snorkel, 15 minute tread, 100m tired diver tow, and Equipment Exchange exercise.

The Practical Application section takes your developed water skills further into practical skills and exercises. These include a mapping project, dive briefing, search and recovery scenario, and a deep dive scenario. You will assist an instructor with real students on an entire Open water Course, assisting on another higher level course and leading certified divers in Open Water.

At the time of certification, candidates must have logged 60 dives, showing experience in night diving, deep diving, and underwater navigation.

Course Prerequisites

To qualify for acceptance into the PADI Divemaster course, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Be at least **18 years old** at the start of the PADI Dive Master training
2. Be certified as a **PADI Advanced Open water Diver** or have an equivalent rating.
"Equivalent" is defined as proof of certification beyond the entry level (at least two certifications total); proof of 20 logged dives; proof of experience in deep diving and underwater navigation..
3. Be certified as a **PADI Rescue Diver** or have an equivalent rating.
"Equivalent" is defined as proof of certification in diver rescue.
4. Have completed **EFR Primary and Secondary Training** within the past **24 months**.
5. Have completed and logged at least **40 dives** as documented by their personal logbook.
6. Complete the PADI Medical Statement. If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, you must acquire clearance for diving by a physician attesting that you are fit to dive. The medical clearance must be signed, and current within the previous 12 months. The physician signing the form can not be the individual. Click [here](#) for a copy of the medical statement.

Course Costs and Breakdown

Course Price: **R 10 000,00**

Includes 28 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 (R100pppn), standard cabin with private bathroom (R270pppn) or Ensuite cabin (R370pppn) - **Low Season Rates**. Or, standard cabin (R100pppn), standard cabin with private bathroom (R280pppn) or Ensuite cabin (R430pppn) - **High Season Rates**.

SCUBA equipment (BCD, Regulator, and Cylinder) is included in the course price but the SNORKELLING equipment (Wetsuit, mask, fins and weight belt) is not included. However, they can be hired for an additional R500 for the duration of the course.

Course Materials: **R 2575,00**

The DM crewpack includes: DM Manual, Encyclopedia, Instructor Manual, Slates, Scuba tune-up workbook, and eRDPml (required).

PADI Fees: **GBP 61.00 ex vat** (payable direct to PADI)

Catering is not included but can be provided at a reduced rate of R120.00 per person per day (Breakfast, lunch, and dinner - staff meals)

Laundry can be arranged at R50.00 per person per week.

Please note that our cost does not include the Kwazulu – Natal Conservation Service fees:

Gate Fee: R25pp (Once-off cash gate entry fee)
Camping Fee: R75pp For the First Night (R5 community levy)
R70pp per night thereafter