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## PADI OPEN WATER COURSE INFORMATION

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. 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 by applying the knowledge and skills you learn in the course, within the limits of your training and experience.
2. 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.
3. Purchase air fills, scuba equipment and other diving-related services.
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 chapter 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 when you have mastered each chapter.

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.

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 Open Water manual 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 five knowledge reviews online? When you arrive you only need to complete the final exam. Then you can go straight to the pool! Click on the link above 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.

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 Open Water Dives will be conducted on 2 mile (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 that can be found in Sodwana.

### **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 may obtain the PADI Junior Open Water certification (restrictions apply). Anyone aged under 18 will require a parent/guardian to complete and sign some paperwork.
2. 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 cannot be the individual. Click [here](#) for a copy of the medical statement.

### **Course Costs and Breakdown**

Course Price: **R 1950,00**

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 (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**.

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