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PADI RESCUE DIVER COURSE INFORMATION

Get ready for some serious fun - It's the best course you'll ever take

In the PADI Rescue Diver Course you are about to enter the next stage, in which your focus broadens further to include other divers. The program prepares you to help prevent, and if necessary, manage dive emergencies, minor and major, with a variety of different techniques. What you will learn in the Rescue Diver Course will improve your skill and confidence as a diver and prepare you to move on to the higher levels of training in the PADI System of Education.

Becoming a PADI Rescue Diver means you are very close to achieving PADI's highest recreational diver rating - **PADI MASTER SCUBA DIVER**. Just complete 5 specialties and log 50 dives and presto! You're there!

Course Structure

The PADI Rescue Diver program is divided into knowledge development training, rescue training sessions, and rescue scenarios.

The **Knowledge Development** training is divided into 5 chapters which are covered by independently studying the PADI Rescue Diver manual, and PADI Rescue Diver DVD. You develop the principles and information you need for preventing and handling dive emergencies, with topics covering the psychology of rescue, being prepared for an emergency, accident management, and responding to diver emergencies. Your instructor will go over the knowledge reviews with you, discussing what's been covered and helping to explain anything that's been missed. A comprehensive final exam will test what you have learnt. You will also formulate an emergency action plan based on the facilities of your local environment.

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 Rescue Diver 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 Rescue Course theory online? When you arrive you will only need to complete a final exam and then you can go straight to the pool! Click on the link for more information on how to do this.

The **Rescue Training Sessions** are designed to introduce you to new skills and apply what you have been studying. You can practice and master the more difficult skills in a controlled, calm environment such as the pool. Once you have mastered a skill your instructor will integrate them into practice drills, simulating different situations. These will include Self Rescue, Tired Diver, Panicked Diver, Missing Diver, and Surfacing and Assisting the unresponsive diver. This teaches you to think before you act. You'll learn to adapt what you practice to suit the situation: your physical attributes, those of the victim and the nature of the diving environment.

After completing the knowledge development and rescue training sessions, you'll be ready for the **Rescue Scenarios**. These will cover an unresponsive diver underwater and at the surface. The scenarios take place at one or more open water dive sites typical of the local dive environment. The situations will be as realistic as possible, meaning your reactions will also be realistic.

Course Prerequisites

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

1. Be **12 years of age or older**. Students under the age of 15 may obtain a PADI Junior Advanced Open Water certification (restricted to 21m). Anyone aged under 18 will require a parent/guardian to complete and sign some paperwork.
2. Be certified as a **PADI (junior) Open Water Diver** or have equivalent rating. "Equivalent" is defined as proof of an entry-level scuba certification with a minimum of two scuba – training dives.
3. Be certified as a **PADI (junior) Adventure Diver with Underwater Navigation Adventure Dive**, or have an equivalent rating. "Equivalent" is defined as proof of certification beyond the entry level (at least two certifications total).
4. The students must have proof of **current CPR training within 24 months**. Can be done alongside the Rescue Course.
5. 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 1950,00** (Need EFR? Do both for **R2500,00**)

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 Rescue Diver Manual (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)
R70 pp per night thereafter