

PADI Courses at Atmosphere Resort

Discover Scuba Diving

Take the plunge and see what diving is all about. If you are not sure if you want to do a full certification course or are limited on time, PADI Discover Scuba diving allows you to give it a try. The program starts with a brief introduction to scuba diving, followed by a pool session where one of our experienced dive instructors will teach you some of the basic diving skills. It is then off to the ocean, either on the Atmosphere house reef or with our dive boat Victoria to one of our nearby dive sites.

The great thing about the PADI Discover Scuba Diving program if you love it, it doesn't have to stop there - you can continue to do more guided dives with your instructor or move on to a certification course.

Half day program, minimum age 10 years old

Scuba Diver Course

Often considered as a subsection of the Open Water diver certification, the PADI Scuba Diver course is an ideal course if you have limited time but still want to gain a diving license. You will be restricted to a depth of 12 meters maximum and always have to dive under the supervision of a PADI professional. The good thing is you can upgrade to the Open Water diver whenever you get the next opportunity.

Completed in 2 days, minimum age 10 years old

Open Water Diver Course

Let this be the start of a new lifelong passion between you and the ocean. The PADI Open Water diver is probably the most sought after scuba diver certification. Once you have gained this certification and you have your license in hand, it is your ticket to the underwater world. Over the course of 3-4 days, you combine theoretical knowledge with practical skill demonstrations and apply all of what you have learnt in open water dives. During this you course you have to show that you are comfortable in the water by doing a 200 meter swim and a 10 minute float or tread water.

If you don't want to spend your holiday in the classroom, consider signing up for e-learning. After enrolling online with PADI you get to complete the knowledge development at home and at your convenience, leaving more time for the fun stuff when you are on vacation. Follow the link on our website for more information on e-learning.

Completed in 3-4 days, minimum age 10 years old

Adventure diver/Advanced Open Water Diver

If you are already an Open Water diver, you can easily continue on to the Adventures in Diving Course which will build upon your diving knowledge and skills.

These two programs follow on from the Open Water course and provide you with a structured, well-supervised means to gain additional experience in new and exciting areas such as deep diving, night diving, wreck diving and navigation. An added advantage of the program is that it will allow you to do our famous mandarin fish night dives, as well as see the deeper “Cars” dive site and do our exhilaration drift dives at Apo Island.

Choose three adventure dives to earn the rating of Adventure Diver and five adventure dives including deep and navigation, to become an Advanced Open Water Diver.

Completed in 2-3 days, minimum age 10 years old

EFR & Care for children

Anyone can become an Emergency Responder. It is a course which covers both primary and secondary care, namely CPR training and First Aid. For those who have regular contact with children, you can combine the EFR program with the care for children course, which highlights how to administer care for children, infants and babies.

Can be completed in one day

Rescue Diver

Do you want to go from being a good diver to a great diver? Considered to be one of the most rewarding and challenging courses you will ever take, the PADI Rescue Diver course is “serious fun”! During the course your PADI instructor will teach you self-rescue skills, problem prevention and how to deal with problem and emergency management. The emphasis is placed on the fact that there is no one right way to deal with a problem and that many times we have to adapt things to suit the rescuer’s ability depending upon the resources available. A combination of knowledge development, confined water training sessions and realistic scenarios are what the student can expect.

Completed in 3-4 days

Divemaster

Go Pro! Make scuba diving your career. Dream of the lifestyle, get the lifestyle by enrolling in the PADI Divemaster course. You will study a variety of different academic subjects and learn skills that will fully prepare you for a life as a dive professional. At this stage your instructor

shifts to the role of your mentor, coaching you through the course so you can gain valuable experience and knowledge.

The Divemaster course is separated into three sections: Knowledge Development, Practical Application and Water Skills and Stamina. You will be studying academics such as physiology and equipment, become a pro at demonstrating the skills that Open Water students learn in the pool, help out with students, learn to guide certified divers, make dive site maps and emergency plans and much, much more.

You have to be 18 years old, a Rescue Diver with current CPR and First aid certification, minimum of 40 logged dives.

Completed in minimum 10 days (but we would like to spend at least a month)

Specialty Courses

We have a wide variety of specialties on offer here at Atmosphere Resort. A few of the Specialties are non-diving courses and the rest vary between 2 and 4 dives each. It is very easy to finish one or two specialties in the course of a weekend. Expand on your knowledge and experience by signing up for a course that sounds fun and enticing.

Work towards the prestigious Master Scuba Diver rating (5 specialties plus Rescue Diver rating).

- AWARE Fish Identification (2 Dives)
- Deep Diver (4 Dives)
- Drift Diver (2 Dives)
- Enriched Air Diver (Nitrox)(0-2 Dives)
- Multilevel Diver (2 Dives)
- Night Diver (3 Dives)
- Peak Performance Buoyancy (2 Dives)
- Project AWARE (non-diving)
- Project AWARE Coral Reef Conservation (non-diving)
- Search & Recovery Diver (4 dives)
- Underwater Naturalist (2 Dives)
- Underwater Navigation (3 Dives)
- Underwater digital photography (2 Dives)
- Underwater digital videography (2 Dives)
- Wreck Diver (4 Dives)

Programs for kids

If you wish to make scuba diving a family event, PADI Bubble Maker or Seal Team Programs are a great introduction to the underwater world for children under the age of 10. 10-year olds and older can join in with the adults starting from Discover Scuba Diving or full certification courses.

Bubble Maker

The PADI Bubblemaker program is an introduction to the thrill of breathing underwater. If you're eight or nine years of age, now is your kid's chance to take the plunge with a PADI Instructor and try diving safely in the pool. Kids can learn to dive too and are often braver than their parents when it comes to taking the plunge and trying scuba diving!

After watching a 30 min video, they will learn some skills in the swimming pool and have time to get comfortable with the equipment.

Under the supervision of a PADI Instructor, kids will practice swimming underwater with full scuba gear, and learn some cool tricks. How about an upside-down, underwater, egg and spoon race? What about a game of underwater frisbee? If the pool is fun, it's nothing compared to the ocean. Dive to a maximum depth of 2 meters and meet all the local tropical reef fish, and if lucky maybe even some turtles.

Completed in ½ day, minimum age 8 years old

Seal Team

The PADI Seal Team is for young divers who are looking for action-packed fun in a pool by doing exciting scuba AquaMissions. The AquaMissions introduce kids to wreck, navigation, buoyancy, underwater photography, environmental awareness and more. Diving with flashlights, taking digital pictures underwater or float effortlessly like an astronaut? These are things kids will experience during the Seal Team.

The PADI Seal Team program is broken into two parts:

Part one, AquaMissions 1 - 5, teaches kids the basics of diving – things like buoyancy control, mask clearing, regulator recovery etc. After building a solid foundation of scuba skills, kids move on to part two. Part two is full of specialty AquaMissions, which usually last about an hour.

Completed in 2 days, minimum 8 years old