PADI Advanced Open Water Diver Course



Course Overview

No matter if you already did some dives as a PADI Open Water Diver or if you just got certified: The PADI Advanced Open Water Diver course is designed to `advance' your skills and confidence as a diver. You will be trained to increase your maximum depth safely to 30 meters, allowing you to explore some wrecks or marine life that are found in deeper water. During your course you read the corresponding chapters of the 5 adventure dives in your PADI manual, fill in the knowledge reviews and rehearse them with your instructor. You get a detailed briefing about your adventure dives in which you will practice some new skills like deep diving or expand your existing skills like buoyancy control. There is no exam.

Enrol now and get your certification with dives in beautiful tropical waters and see the abundance of life at world-famous Rainbow Reef, one of the top-10 dive destinations in the world.

Prerequisites

- Minimum 12 years old
- PADI (Junior) Open Water Divers or equivalent certification
- Restrictions apply for the list of adventure dives for young Open Water Divers
- Only 2 more adventure dives needed, if you are already a PADI Adventure Diver
- If you are a PADI Specialty Diver, check if you can get 1 dive credited for the Advanced certification
- Medical clearance: Fill in the PADI medical questionnaire; if you can answer all questions with no' you are good to get started. If you need to answer a question with yes you will need clearance from a physician.

Course Curriculum and Duration

Theory

- Self-learning using the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver eLearning app with knowledge reviews
 You can use our paper manuals in case bandwidth doesn't allow for download or online exams
- Review of theory with your instructor
- No final exam required

Practical Part

- 5 Adventure Dives including specific briefings and skills during the dives, thereof "Deep Dive" and "Navigation" are mandatory, 3 further adventure dives selected with your instructor, e.g. drift dive, Project Aware shark conservation, fish identification, peak performance buoyancy, night dive, digital underwater imaging, ...
- Course Duration: 5 dives over 2 days
- Maximum number of participants: 4 students

Logistics

We are located in Viani Bay on the Vanua Levu Side of the Somosomo Strait/Rainbow Reef. You can book one of our bures at Viani Bay Resort or we pick and drop for you from Wairiki if you are staying in Taveuni. The transfer to our site takes about 15 minutes by boat. Your confined water sessions will be conducted in the shallow water on our beach and/or at a close by site, depending on weather and visibility. Your open water sessions will be conducted in Viani Bay and on the Rainbow Reef. We will coordinate your diving sessions flexibly depending on where you stay, incorporating weather and tide conditions.

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Course Fee & Add-ons

- PADI Advanced Open Water Diver Course: 890 FJD per student
- plus 195 AUD to purchase the PADI AOWD eLearning/Touch directly from PADI using our store code 26705.
 Use this link to purchase your course material

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Prebooked dives take place at given rate even with one student. Surcharge for private courses: 350 FJD

Prices include

- Knowledge Reviews with your instructor
- New, high quality dive equipment with weight integrated BCD and dive computer and additional equipment required for the specific adventure dives.
- Tanks, weights and boat drives during the course (excluding transits from/to Taveuni)
- Snacks and refreshments
- Checking out our coral farm in Viani Bay and join in coral planting
- No surcharge for rental equipment for additional fun dives during the course days
- We allocate 50 FJD of your course fee to our scholarship program for the dive education of locals

Terms and Conditions

Booking will be confirmed upon payment of 50% of the invoice amount to our bank account or by Western Union. The deposit is not refundable and not transferable. The amount credited to our account must reflect the full invoice amount. Please be aware that bank transfers might occur fees on both sides of the banks as well as exchange rate fluctuations by the time of crediting. Potential discrepancies can be settled on site. The remaining amount has to be paid 30 days before the start of the course. On-site payments can be made in cash or by credit card (VISA, MasterCard) for which a fee of 5% applies. Prices are subject to change until the full payment was made in case of cost implications beyond our control like taxes or fuel prices. You will purchase your course material directly from PADI using our eLearning code.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations up to 30 days upfront require a cancellation fee of 50%, afterwards the full amount is due. We don't hold responsible for circumstances beyond our control like changes in flights, bad weather or illness which may result in no-shows, unused days of stay or diving or uncompleted courses. We however strive to accommodate unforeseen events as best as possible, e.g. by moving your course days whenever possible. If you cannot complete your course, we issue a referral form documenting the completed course elements. Unused dives, days of stay and uncompleted courses can be recovered within the next 12 months, whereby price changes due to seasonality or cost increases might apply.

All our dives and courses are conducted according to PADI standards with a conservative profile to ensure diver safety and the protection of the environment. Due to the remote location of Fiji we nevertheless advise to have a dive insurance covering emergency evacuation and travel insurance to cover potential cancellation fees resulting from bad weather, airline or other transportation changes, unforeseen disruptions, cancellations or for illness.

About Dive Academy Fiji

Dive Academy Fiji is a boutique dive resort in Viani Bay, Vanua Levu, with the shortest distance to the stunning dive sites at Rainbow Reef including the famous Great White Wall. We are PADI Instructors with a broad range of specialty qualifications. Based on our experience from diving around the world, in-depth local knowledge and our professional dive education in Germany and internationally, we shape Dive Academy Fiji as a place with truly personalised service. Jone is the only Fijian PADI Freediving Instructor and certified ScubaPro Technician in the area. Marina is one of few PADI IDC Staff Instructors in Fiji and brings along her marketing and business expertise. We speak English, German, Fijian and French. Our heart project is to provide professional dive education for locals through scholarships and engage in marine conservation. With your courses and dives you help us fund these projects.