



PADI Open Water Diver Course

Course Overview

You always wanted to explore the world beneath the waves, experience unparalleled adventures in oceans and fresh water around the world and join a growing community of dive enthusiasts? Get certified as a PADI Open Water Diver. During your PADI Open Water Diver course you learn all the skills to dive safely and become a confident open water diver. You do not need any prior experience with scuba gear. Your instructor will take you to the mastery of your skills with the proven PADI program that allows you to learn step by step. Your course is not just studying – it actually is a lot of fun! Enrol now and get your certification with some dives in beautiful tropical waters and see the abundance of life at the world-famous Rainbow Reef, one of the top-10 dive destinations in the world.

Prerequisites

- 10 years old for Junior OWD; 15 years old for OWD certification
- Adequate swimming skills (200m swimming any style no time limit, 10 minutes floating)
- 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 Open Water Diver eLearning app including knowledge reviews and exam
You can use our paper manuals in case bandwidth doesn't allow for download or online exams
- Quick Review with your instructor before starting the practical part of your course

Practical Part:

- 5 confined water sessions and 4 open water sessions

Course Duration: 3-4 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.

Course Fee & Add-ons

- PADI Open Water Diver Course: 990 FJD per student including tax
- 210 AUD to purchase the PADI OWD eLearning/Touch directly from PADI using our store code 26705
Use this link to purchase your OWD course material in your language **PADI eLearning**
- Surcharge for private courses or on-the-spot bookings for only one student: 250 FJD

Dive Academy Fiji

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Bank Details / TIN

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Prices include:

- Review of your dive knowledge with your instructor
- 5 confined and 4 open water sessions
- New, high quality dive equipment with weight integrated BCD and dive computer
- Tanks and weights during the course
- Boat drives during the course (excluding transits from/to Taveuni)
- Snacks and refreshments
- Visit our recently started coral farming project
- **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, e.g. through our recently started coral farming project in Viani Bay. With your courses and dives you help us fund these initiatives.