



PADI Dive Master Course

Course Overview

The PADI Divemaster Course teaches you to be a leader and take charge of dive activities. It is your entry ticket into the professional world of diving. You will expand your knowledge and refine your diving skills to be prepared to lead others during diving activities, be a reliable assistant during courses and conduct a range of programs independently. The course is both intense and a lot of fun. As a certified PADI divemaster, you are a role model for other divers who look up to you for your professionalism and conduct. At Dive Academy Fiji we only offer the course as a minimum 4 weeks internship program. We believe that candidates need this time to thoroughly complete all course elements and gain the experience and professionalism you would expect from a Divemaster. During this time, you will not only meet the minimum requirements for being certified as a Divemaster. You will also get a deeper knowledge about the marine eco-system at the world-famous Rainbow-Reef, be perfectly prepared for a job in the dive industry and learn all about the daily operations of a professional dive center.

Prerequisites

- Minimum 18 years old
- PADI Advanced Open Water Diver and PADI Rescue Diver (other qualifications may be applicable)
- Emergency First Response and Secondary Care with CPR completed within the **last 24 months** (or equivalent)
- Medical statement with full clearance for diving signed by a physician within the **last 12 months**
- Minimum 40 logged dives to begin the course and 60 dives including experience in night, deep and navigation diving to earn certification

Course Curriculum and Duration

- **Theory**
 - Self-study and exams of PADI standards and dive theory via PADI eLearning or Divemaster Package
 - Additional classroom time with your instructor on the topics you need/want to rehearse
- **Practical Part – Mandatory Elements**
 - Create an Emergency Assistance Plan for a designated dive site and a dive site map
 - Complete water skills
 - Complete a diver rescue assessment
 - Dive skills workshop and assessment
 - Complete practical application skills and assessments
 - Complete divemaster-conducted programs workshops
- **Practical Part – Internship**
 - real-life experience through assisting in dive courses, co-guiding and Discover Scuba Dives with the possibility to be certified as a DSD Leader (excluding PADI registration fee)
 - **participating in our coral farming project**
 - operating the dive compressor
 - building up your knowledge about equipment and basic servicing
 - administrative processes, organisation and logistics in a dive shop
 - marketing and social media activities
 - Underwater photography, videography and editing
 - but also, the not so glamorous parts like cleaning dive gear and dive shop, etc.
- **Duration:** minimum 4 weeks internship program, maximum 4 students in the course

Dive Academy Fiji

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PADI Fees

- PADI eLearning Crew Pack 360.09 AUD excl. GST (PADI 2018 price list)
Special rates for indigenous Fijians available upon approval from PADI.
- PADI Professional Application Fee for Divemasters: 202 AUD excl. GST
- PADI DSD Leader

Course Fees

- PADI Dive Master Course: 2,000 FJD per student including tax
- Dive Equipment Rental: 500 FJD for the full course – please bring your own dive computer
WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND BRINGING OWN EQUIPMENT; minimum MASK, FINS, SUIT, COMPUTER
Additional recommended personal equipment: dive torch, knife, compass, slate
- Free usage of tanks and weights for additional training sessions with a buddy on our beach
- Tanks, weights and boat drives included during the course
- Specialty Diver Certifications from a large variety of PADI courses for only the PADI fees
- Additional fun dives included, depending on space on the boat, or for just a small cost contribution

Logistics

We are located in Viani Bay on the Vanua Levu Side of the Somosomo Strait/Rainbow Reef. Viani Bay is only accessible by boat. The best itinerary is via Taveuni (15 minutes boat ride from Wairiki), but we can also arrange a pick-up from Savusavu or Natuvu/Buca Bay. Apart from staying in our resort, we can help you with student accommodation (limited spaces available).

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 incur 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 by credit card (VISA, MasterCard) for which a fee of 5% applies or in cash. 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, like our Rainbow Reef Coral Farm. With your courses and dives you help us fund these projects.