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PADI ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER COURSE INFORMATION

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As a PADI Open Water Diver (or holding an equivalent certification from another training organisation) the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver course takes your adventure further. Now that you have the skills necessary to dive, safely and comfortably, you can start to tailor your diving to meet your interests.



What dives interest you? Underwater Photography so you can capture your underwater memories, Wreck Diver so you can explore our underwater history, Search and Recovery Diver so you can find and recover lost objects?

These are just a few of the dives that you can complete on your Advanced Open Water Diver course but there are many more exciting dives available.

When you complete your course you will receive a new certification card showing your new diving status, you will have many new dive skills and you will be qualified to dive up to 30 metres.

The PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) certification is the most popular in the world and allows you to hire or purchase diving equipment, arrange diving and enrol on further training courses including the Rescue Diver course – to take your diving to the next level by learning skills to help yourself and others.

Deep Blue Scuba organises a number of UK and overseas dive trips and runs an active dive club (Deep Blue Scuba Adventures) to help you continue diving, after your course.



Course Structure

1. Predives

You start by working through your manual, in your own time. This means that you can work at your own pace and fit the knowledge development around your existing schedule.

The course starts with the class meeting, with the instructors, to go over the material and discuss any queries or areas of particular interest. If you have not been diving for a while or if you have not dived with Deep Blue Scuba you may also complete a brief session in the swimming pool.

2. Dives

You need to complete 5 Adventure Dives, in open water. The Deep and Navigation dives are compulsory and the other 3 dives can be chosen from the list below. On these dives you must demonstrate your ability to perform the dive specific skills and you will get the opportunity to explore underwater.

You will complete all of your dives in the sea so you will be guaranteed to see some of the diverse marine life that Scotland boasts. You will also complete all of these dives in dry suits to make sure that you are warm and comfortable.

→ **Special help is available for our younger students or if you would like a little extra assistance.**

Which dives can I complete?

You must complete the Deep and Navigation dives. You then choose the remaining 3 dives from: AWARE Fish Identification, Boat Dive, Drift Dive, Dry Suit Dive, Multilevel Dive, Night Dive, Peak Performance Buoyancy, Search & Recovery Dive, Underwater Naturalist, Underwater Photography and Wreck Dive.

For information on what each dive entails please ask.





How old do I need to be?

You need to be at least 12 years old. If you are under 15 you will be awarded the Junior Advanced Open Water Diver rating. The course is exactly the same as the adult course but you will be certified to 21 metres and need to dive with an adult. At 15 you can upgrade your certification.

How fit do I need to be?

You need to be in reasonable physical shape to complete the course. Prior to the course you must complete a medical questionnaire and let us know of any existing medical conditions. In some cases you may need to check with your GP before the course starts but most people do not need a medical examination.

Is equipment hire included in the price?

Full SCUBA equipment hire, including a dry suit, is included in the course price. All you need to have is a swimming suit and t-shirt, for the pool dives, and thermals or jogging trousers and sweat shirt/fleece top type clothes to wear under your dry suit, for the open water dives.

How much does the PADI Advanced Open Water course cost?

To confirm your place on the course we will ask for a £100 deposit. At this time you will receive your materials and complete your paperwork. The balance of the course, £175, is payable by the start of the course.

Prices include your own set of materials, to keep after the course, full SCUBA equipment hire, instruction and certification fees.

Is there any way to spread the dives and cost?

If you prefer not to complete the 5 dives at once you can spread the dives out. In this case you can complete your adventure dives when you like. Once you have completed 5 dives, including the Deep and Navigation dives, you will be certified as an Advanced Open Water Diver.

To complete Adventure Dives in this way costs £50 per dive plus a one off administration payment of £25, which is payable when you enrol on the course.

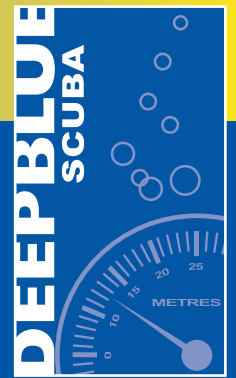
If you would like to sample other areas of diving, beyond the 5 areas covered in your Advanced Open Water course, you can complete additional adventure dives in these areas.

Do Adventure Dives count towards the Speciality course?

Each Adventure Dive is the same as the first dive in the Speciality course. So if having completed an Adventure Dive you would like to learn more about that particular area of diving you are already part way towards the Speciality course certification.



ABOUT DEEP BLUE SCUBA



Deep Blue Scuba is a 5 Star PADI IDC (Instructor Development Course) dive centre, meaning that we meet PADI's stringent requirements in the courses and experiences that we offer. We offer taster experiences through formative dive courses (Open Water, Advanced Open Water, Speciality Diver and Rescue Diver) to leadership level (Divemaster) and Instructor level courses.

We have a wealth of experience and have taught hundreds of people from diverse backgrounds and ability levels, to dive. We have experience working with children, young adults and those with physical restrictions. All of the staff, working with children, are Disclosure Scotland checked.

The staff are passionate divers and truly enjoy the opportunity to introduce people to the underwater world.

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DEEP BLUE ADVENTURES

Deep Blue Scuba Adventures is a PADI Diving Society affiliated dive club. Through the club you will have the opportunity to meet new people, do new things and go new places. We meet monthly and throughout the year have social events including: beach clean ups, beach BBQs, shark dives, hyperbaric chamber visits and marine mammal awareness courses. The club also organises a number of UK and Overseas dive trips, so you can put your new skills into practice and explore the various wonders of the underwater world.

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