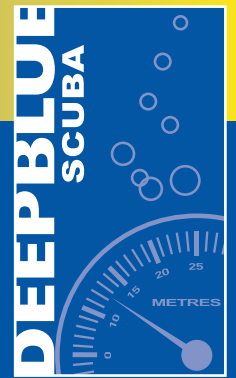


ABOUT DEEP BLUE SCUBA



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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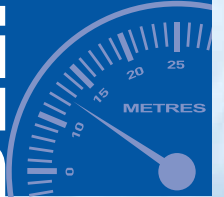
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DEEP BLUE ADVENTURES

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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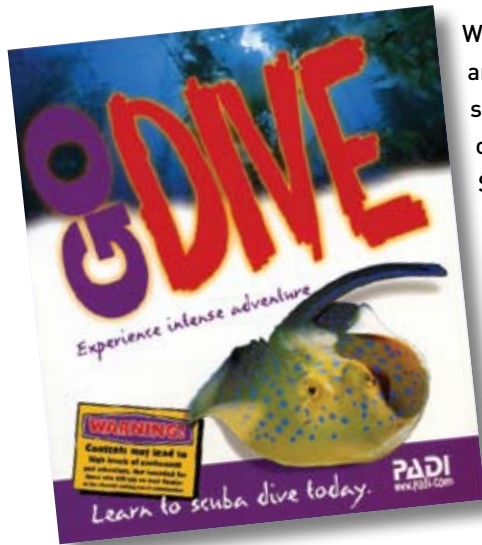
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PADI OPEN WATER DIVER COURSE INFORMATION

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PADI OPEN WATER DIVER COURSE

This is the first complete PADI SCUBA (Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus) diving course and takes you from a total beginner to a certified diver. This course can and does change lives, opening up a whole new world to you. Over 70% of our planet is covered in water so join the privileged few who get to visit the amazing underwater world. You will meet new people and share exciting new experiences.



Where do you want to go and what do you want to see? The beautiful corals or the Caribbean, Red Sea and Australia, the Amazing kelp forests and Orcas in Norway or the biggest fish in the world - Whale Sharks - in tropical waters?

Don't forget that Scotland has some of the best diving in the world: The historic WW1

and WW2 wrecks of Scapa Flow, the stunning underwater cliffs and scenery of the west coast or the majestic seals of the east coast.

When you complete your course you will receive a credit card style certification card that allows you to continue your underwater adventure. You are qualified to dive worldwide with someone of the same certification level or higher, in conditions similar or better than those experienced on your course. Your certification never expires and is accepted worldwide.

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 Advanced Open Water course and Speciality courses – to tailor your diving experience to your specific interests.

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

The course is divided into three segments:

1. Knowledge Development

There are five sections to work through. You start by working through your manual and an accompanying DVD, in your own time. This means that you can work at your own pace and fit the knowledge development around your existing schedule. In the weeks leading up to your course there are opportunities to meet with the instructors, to ask questions or work through the material and/or DVD. If you are happy working on your own you do not need to come to these sessions.

The course starts with the class meeting, with the instructors, to go over the material and discuss any queries or areas of particular interest. You will complete a 10 question multiple choice quiz, for sections 1 through 4 and at the end of section 5 you will complete a 50 question multiple choice quiz, to check that you understand the material. If you don't understand everything the instructors will work with you to explain the material. The pass mark is 75% and if you have difficulty reading the quiz it can be completed orally.

Alternatively you can complete the knowledge development online, through PADI's E-Learning System. This allows you to study with various multimedia products and receive step-by-step feedback. Throughout your study Deep Blue Scuba Staff will be available to offer support and provide any remedial assistance. After completing your E-learning you will meet with the instructors to complete a 50 question multiple-choice quiz and to check that you understand the material.

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

2. Confined Water Dives

This is where you will learn the practical skills that you need to dive safely and have fun. There are 5 confined water dives that are completed in a local swimming pool. You will complete these dives in the same equipment that you will use during the open water dives, to make sure that you are familiar with it.



3. Open Water Dives

Four open water dives are required for certification. On these dives you will demonstrate your ability to perform the skills that you have already mastered in confined water 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.

We recommend that you complete the full course here, in Scotland, as you will receive dry suit training as part of your course. This means that you have all the training necessary to dive in both warm and cooler waters. However, it is possible to complete the four open water dives overseas, either on a trip organised by Deep Blue Scuba or independently.

If you decide to complete your open water dives independently of Deep Blue Scuba you will complete the open water referral (knowledge development and confined water dives ONLY) with us.

There are PADI dive centres in over 90 countries worldwide so you will find it easy to find a centre to complete your course with. You have 12 months from completion of the knowledge development and confined dives to complete your open water dives.

Do I need to be a good swimmer?

You don't need to be a particularly good swimmer to complete the course. The most important thing is that you are relaxed and comfortable in the water. There is a swim test: you need to complete a 200 metre swim and you need to float for 10 minutes. The swim test has no time limit and you can complete this in any stroke, or combination of strokes.



How old do I need to be?

You need to be at least 10 years old. If you are under 15 you will be awarded the Junior Open Water Diver rating. The course is exactly the same as the adult course but you will be certified to 12 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 open water course cost?

Completing the **full course** with Deep Blue Scuba costs £395.

Completing the **referral option** with Deep Blue Scuba costs £275. This means that you will complete the theory and pool dives with Deep Blue Scuba and then complete the four open water dives with another dive centre.

To confirm your place on the course we will ask for a £125 deposit. At this time you will receive your materials and complete your paperwork. The balance of the course is payable by the first day of the course.

The balance on the full course is £270 and on the referral option is £150. Please note that if you complete the referral course with Deep Blue Scuba the receiving dive centre will charge you separately to complete your open water dives.

The E-learning option costs an additional \$120 (US) payable directly to PADI.

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

Can I complete the course on a one to one basis, with my own instructor?

If you would prefer to complete your course on a one to one basis, at times out with the normal schedule or at a slower pace this can be arranged. In this event please contact us with your requirements and we will be happy to tailor the course to your needs.

The price of this option will depend on your exact requirements.