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PADI DIVE MASTER COURSE INFORMATION

Thank you for your enquiry into the PADI Dive Master Course with Coral Divers. The Dive Master course is a challenging and rewarding course that is your first step to becoming a PADI professional. This is an internationally recognised certification and can lead to employment worldwide as a Dive Master. The Dive Master course is run over 3 weeks and you will receive hands on training gaining valuable experience in the working field of a Dive Master. Here are a few facts regarding the course for your interest.

Philosophy of the Dive Master Course

The PADI Dive Master course builds on the problem solving skills developed in the PADI Rescue Diver program, and extends their application from accident management and prevention to supervisory situations with students and certified divers. You will expand your dive knowledge, develop your leadership abilities, and hone your skills to the professional level. As a Dive master, you will be able to supervise dive activities and assist instructors with student divers. You will become role models who follow responsible dive practices and demonstrate care for the aquatic environment. Your knowledge, skill and enthusiasm for diving helps people have fun within their interest and skill levels.

Course Structure

The PADI Dive Master course is divided into Knowledge Development, Water skills development and Stamina, and Practical Application Sections. Independent study is a must and can begin before your arrival at Coral Divers, if you would like to get ahead start. Supporting products would be the PADI Dive Master Manual, Encyclopaedia of Recreational Diving and Knowledge Workbook. These can be purchases at your local PADI Dive Centre or ordered through Coral Divers.

The Knowledge Development section includes Nine chapters covering topics such as the Role and Characteristics of a PADI Dive Master, assisting with student divers, awareness of the dive environment, and dive theory review. You will also formulate an Emergency Assistance Plan and conduct a two-part final exam covering what you have learnt in the PADI Dive Master manual.

The Waterskills development and Stamina training will take place in our training pool. The instructor will conduct dive skill workshops to help you develop demonstration-quality skills. Remember, you will be demonstrating to students so you must be able to do the skills for them to copy! Your fitness will be tested with a 400-meter swim, 15-minute float/tread, 800-meter snorkel swim, a 100-meter tired diver tow, and equipment exchange exercise.

The Practical Application section includes a mapping project, dive briefing, search and recovery scenario, and a deep dive scenario. You will assist an instructor with real students on an entire Open water Course, assisting on another higher level course and leading certified divers in Open Water. The final practical experience phase prepares the dive master candidate with valuable experience in one of southern Africa's largest Dive Resorts.



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Course Prerequisites

To qualify for acceptance into the PADI Dive Master course, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Be certified as a PADI Advanced Open water Diver or have an equivalent rating. "Equivalent" is defined as proof of certification beyond entry level, and proof of 40 or more logged dives documenting experience in deep diving and underwater navigation.
2. Be certified as a PADI Rescue Diver or have an equivalent rating. "Equivalent" is defined as proof of certification in diving rescue from a training organisation other than PADI.
3. Have completed EFR Primary and Secondary Training within the past 24 months.
4. Have completed and logged at least 40 dives as documented by their personal logbook.
5. Be at least 18 years old at the start of the PADI Dive Master training.
6. Complete the PADI Medical statement. If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, you must acquire clearance for diving by a physician attesting that you are fit to dive. The medical clearance must be signed, and current within the previous 12 months. The physician signing the form cannot be the individual.

Course Breakdown

The Dive Master Course includes 21 nights accommodation in a safari tent. Our safari tents are basic budget accommodation and you are required to provide all necessary linen. You may upgrade if you wish to a standard cabin, standard private cabin or an Ensuite cabin. Please see the course rate sheet for the upgrade fees.

As a PADI Professional, you need to start own the tools of your trade. Students will be required to have all their own dive equipment (BCD, Regulator, Wetsuit, Mask, Fins, and Weights with belt). A tank is not required. As a PADI professional, you should also own a compass, and SMB.

You will be required to purchase the DM Crew pack. This includes: DM Manual, Encyclopaedia, Instructor Manual, Slates, Scuba tune-up workbook, and eRDPml (required).

Students need 60 logged dives to be certified as a PADI Divemaster. Course dives will be when students assist on courses and do their underwater workshops.

Once you have completed your course you will be required to register with PADI and these fees are payable directly to PADI. Please see the course rate sheet for the Course Materials Price and the PADI registration fees.

Catering is not included but can be provided on a Dinner and Breakfast basis.

Laundry can be arranged at an additional cost.

Please note that our cost does not include the Kwazulu – Natal Conservation Service fees consisting of a once off entry fee, a once off levy and a daily park fee.

