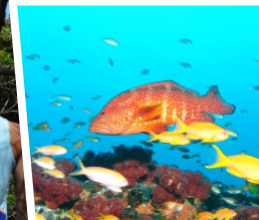
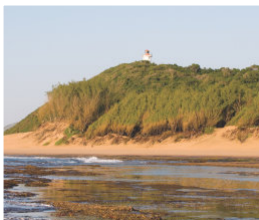


# Diving Internship & Gap Year



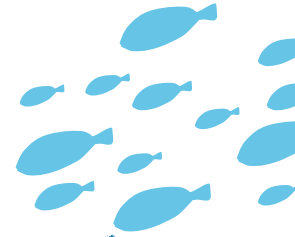
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# Enjoy the Experience of a Lifetime



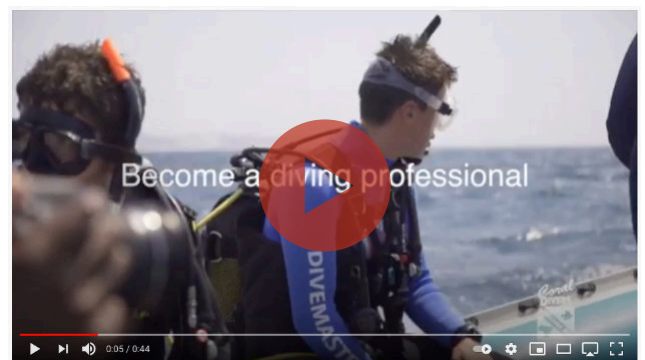
You've probably seen photos, television, and films of diving, but until you do it yourself, you can't really understand what it's like. Nothing on earth matches the sensations you experience – the thrill of breathing underwater, the freedom of "weightlessness", and all the unique sights and sounds.

## Check it out!

- watch this video and see what diving in Sodwana is like



At Coral Divers, we offer those that join us a unique experience. Based around diving, our program offers the chance to discover a new environment, meet people, and learn new skills. It's perfect if you are looking for a gap year with a difference, or to develop a career in the diving industry.



Based in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, we have a vast array of unspoiled coral reefs populated with a huge diversity of marine life. Over a year you can also experience the Marine Big 5 that includes Humpback Whales, nesting Sea Turtles, and the Ragged-tooth Sharks that seasonally visit Sodwana.

Those looking to travel the world and work as a Dive Professional can progress onto PADI Divemaster and PADI Open Water Instructor.

We produce experienced dive professionals who have a complete understanding of the industry. Not only do you get your PADI certifications, we'll also guide you through areas including customer service, dive center operations, and equipment maintenance and repair. There are many different aspects based on your interest, but as we are a PADI 5 Star Career Development Center, it all happens here. The more you put into the program the more you will learn.

Based at South Africa's premier dive resort, our program takes you to the epicenter of life as a diver. We dive 364 days a year and train more students than anyone else in the country.

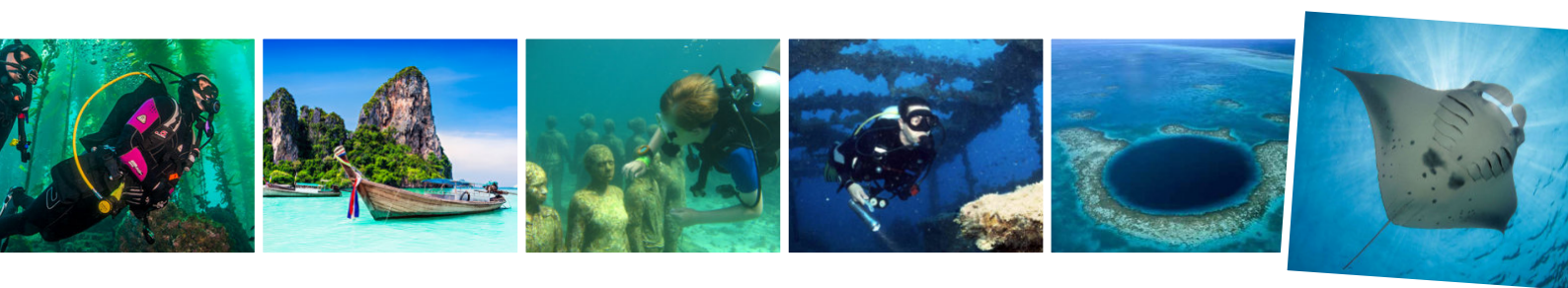
**There is no better location to develop your Dive Career!**



## Contact US NOW!

email [cdc@coraldivers.co.za](mailto:cdc@coraldivers.co.za)

visit [www.coraldivers.co.za](http://www.coraldivers.co.za)



# Career Paths and Opportunities

Scuba Diving opens up opportunities to work in all different kinds of industries all over the world. Past candidates have found work in the following fields, & countries...

Scuba Instruction

Marine Guide

Live-Aboard Operator

Dive Center Manager/Owner

Yachtmaster/Captain

Marine Construction / Engineer

Marine Biologist

Underwater Videographer

Eco-tourism

Police Diver / Search & Rescue



Thailand

Cambodia

United Arab Emirates

Iceland

Canada

St Lucia

Tortuga

Maldives & Seychelles

Australia

Malta

Tanzania

Egypt

Madagascar

Bahamas

United States

# Optional Courses

You will quickly realize where your interests in diving want to take you. You get out what you put into this program, so you may be interested in doing some of these optional courses. They will cost extra, & are run based on demand and availability. Please ask us for advice if any interest you.

Gear Servicing Technician

Coastal Skippers

IDC Staff Instructor

Freediver courses



# PROGRAM FLOWCHART

Whether you seek adventure, or want a platform to launch your dive career, it all happens at Coral Divers. The internship is a total of 7 and a half months of training, with the opportunity to extend to a full year, for eligible candidates. Already a qualified diver? Based on your experience, you may be able to start at another point of the program.

Our course is split up into phases as follows...

## IMMERSE YOURSELF

As an intern you will live, sleep, & breathe diving to be the best diver you can be. Complete core PADI courses to develop your skills & knowledge.

OPEN WATER DIVER

NITROX & DEEP DIVER SPECIALTIES

ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER

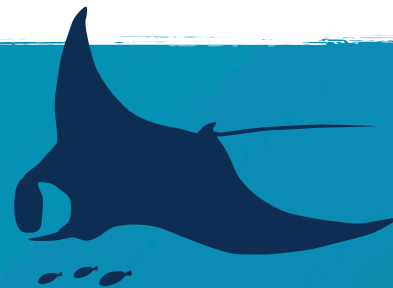
EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE

MARINE ECOLOGY COURSE

RESCUE DIVER

DURATION:  
3 MONTHS

60+ DIVES LOGGED DURING PHASE



## BE A LEADER **GoPRO**

Train as a dive professional & gain invaluable experience. Attain leadership skills & build confidence from knowing you can handle actual situations.

DIVEMASTER COURSE

DURATION:  
1 MONTH

20+ DIVES LOGGED DURING PHASE

JOIN HERE IF YOU'RE



## GAIN EXPERIENCE

Share your passion with others, while being a role model to divers everywhere. See them have as much fun diving as you do, whether close to home, or far away.

DIVE THEORY & IDC PREP

DURATION:  
3 MONTHS

99+ DIVES LOGGED DURING PHASE

## BE A TEACHER **GoPRO**

Do what you love to do as a career by completing the Instructor Course. Now you can introduce others to the incredible underwater realm.

OPEN WATER SCUBA INSTRUCTOR

EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE INSTRUCTOR

5 SPECIALTY INSTRUCTOR RATINGS

DURATION:  
2-3 WEEKS

10+ DIVES LOGGED DURING PHASE

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## Live the Dream

WORK AS A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR

Conduct courses, build up your certs, and gain priceless experience! Many get enough certifications to qualify as a **Master Scuba Diver Trainer**

DURATION:  
Up to 4 MONTHS

80+ DIVES LOGGED DURING PHASE

Further your skills with workshops and optional courses, including:

- IDC STAFF INSTRUCTOR
- GEAR SERVICING TECHNICIAN
- COMMERCIAL SKIPPER LICENSE
- CV WORKSHOP



# Program Options

Our internship has four intakes per year - 1st February, 1st May, 1st August, & 1st November when starting with the Introductory Phase or Divemaster Course. Where you start will depend on your current dive experience. Feel free to contact us for more information and advice.

## TOTAL IMMERSION • Go from Zero to Hero!

A full year and the best start to your Dive Career.



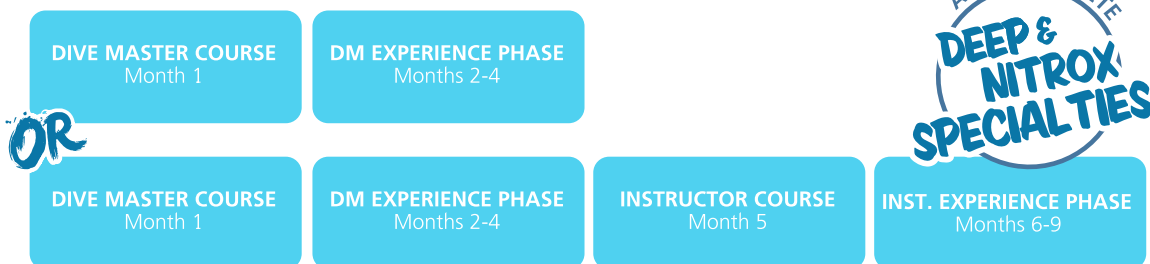
## GO PRO Option #1 • I just want to become a Divemaster

A shortened internship to become a Divemaster. For those that have little or no diving experience.



## GO PRO Option #2 • I already have my PADI Rescue with (approx.) 60 dives

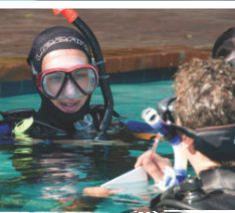
Candidates must be trained to Rescue level, have at least 40 logged dives (60 is ideal) and a valid First Aid qualification within 24 months of starting. To benefit from the non-guest rate, candidates must commit to at least the Divemaster Course and DM Experience Phases. The DM Experience Phase is important as preparation for the Instructor Course and Exam.



## GO PRO Option #3 • I'm already a dive leader, & want the best experience

For those looking to take the second step as a dive professional and become a PADI Instructor. Do the 3 month DM Experience Phase and start preparing for Instructors with our prep lectures (especially handy if you were previously qualified with another training organisation). To be eligible for Instructor Experience Phase, you must have committed and proven yourself during the DM Experience Phase.





## INTRODUCTORY PHASE - 3 months

Immerse yourself in diving with an excellent foundation to a career in the dive industry. Your active contribution to our dive operation subsidizes your training. Have a unique experience spending 3 months living and diving in a National Park based within a World Heritage Site. Personal development, team working & team building skills.

### What you do

Candidates are split into 2 teams that alternate weeks between dive training & beach operations. Dive training includes the following courses and workshops:

- PADI Open Water Diver
- PADI Advanced Open Water
- PADI Deep Diver
- PADI Enriched Air Diver

- Emergency First Response (first aid)
- PADI Rescue Diver
- ...also a learn the reefs and about the variety of marine life

You will help run the beach operation during the days of diving. Beach duties include: Set up the beach. Loading boats. Transferring equipment. Maintenance. Fueling boats and tractors for the next days diving activities. Washing and greasing tractors. Assisting in the gear room.

### Why should you do it?

Coming from the Immersion Phase, candidates will be off to a great start in their DM course because mapping projects ensure you already have an orientation of our reefs, fish presentations provide you with an understanding of the local ecology and enhance your public speaking in preparation for briefing divers and you understand our operational procedures.



# DIVEMASTER COURSE - 1 month

Become a leader, and take the first step to becoming a PADI professional - the PADI Divemaster course. This challenging and rewarding course will give you an internationally recognized certification, & can lead to employment worldwide as a Divemaster. Be a role model who follows responsible dive practices and shows care for the underwater realm.

Conducted over 1 month, you will build on problem solving skills, learn accident management, & learn to supervise students & certified divers. At this time you may also complete the Deep and Nitrox specialties if needed

## What you do

**Study:** The Knowledge Development section comprises of 9 Knowledge Reviews, the formulation of an Emergency Assistance Plan and a 2-part final exam.

**Pool Training:** The water skills and stamina section includes swim tests (400m swim, 15min tread, 800m snorkel swim, and 100m diver tow), equipment exchange, an in water rescue assessment, and demonstration of the basic 24 Scuba Skills.

**Dive:** Practical Application section includes a mapping project, Divemaster conducted program, assisting on an entire Open water Course, assisting on continued education and leading certified divers in Open Water. Organize your independent study time effectively and spend more time diving.

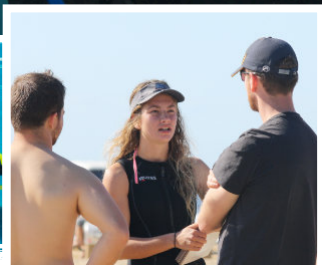


## Why should you do it?

Become a Dive Professional and open up a new career path and travel opportunities. Personal and leadership development, team working & team building skills.



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ALREADY A  
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LEADER**



## **DIVEMASTER EXPERIENCE PHASE - 3** months **What you do**

Lead dives, conduct Scuba Review programs for out of practice divers, & assist instructors with student divers. Assist with beach operations or maintenance where required. Pick up another 80-100+ dives.

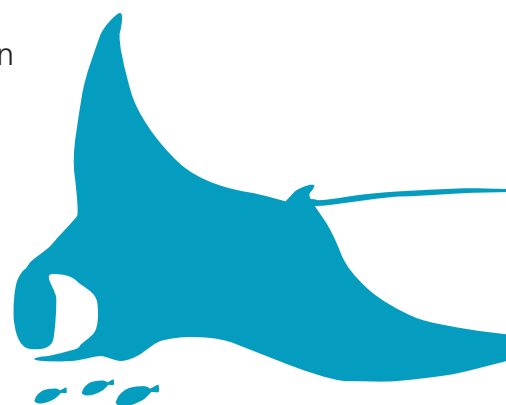
You will also have classes and workshops to develop your dive knowledge and understanding of PADI standards and procedures. Not only will they make you a more knowledgeable Divemaster, but these are vital for those going on to do the Instructor Development Course. Our preparation course aims to assist and focus your revision of key subjects that you must learn through independent study.

### **Why should you do it?**

Not only is this phase a great experience it's also an excellent opportunity to gain invaluable knowledge, & provides the best possible preparation for becoming an Instructor. Ask any Course Director (Instructor Trainer) and they'll confirm that the caliber of Instructor candidates who have real Divemaster experience is far above those who have just done the required training alone.

Attain real leadership skills and confidence from the knowledge you can handle real responsibility.

Take the extra time to continue your education by completing other courses including skippers, gear servicing, etc...





# INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE - 16 days

The PADI Instructor Development Course (IDC) is the heart of the instructor training process. Candidates build on their instructor-level dive theory knowledge, role-model watermanship and rescue skills, and leadership abilities by learning how to teach in confined water, in the classroom and in open water. During the IDC, instructor candidates gain a complete understanding of PADI's educational goals and philosophies.

## What you do

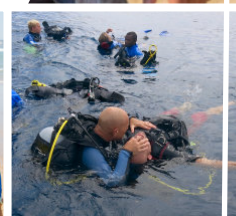
You will sit an intensive 14-day course, run by our in-house PADI Course Director. Build on your instructor-level dive knowledge, role-model watermanship & rescue skills, and leadership abilities by learning how to teach in confined water, classroom and open water. Instructor candidates gain a complete understanding of PADI's educational standards and philosophies, including the following subjects:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Knowledge Development Presentations | Teaching in Confined Water       |
| Conducting Open Water Dives         | General Standards and Procedures |
| Risk Management                     | PADI core courses                |

Everything so far has led to this point. Upon completion of the course, you will have the choice to progress onto the 2 day Instructor Exam. This is conducted by an independent examiner - this is your opportunity to demonstrate what you have learnt.

## Why should you do it?

Become a PADI Open Water Instructor (OWSI) who can teach PADI core courses from Open Water up to Divemaster. You will also be able to teach Emergency First Response (EFR), and five specialties of your choice (some will not be available based on our location and your experience).





## INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE PHASE - up to 4 months

This phase is available free of charge to those that have come through the entire internship and have, throughout their training, shown commitment to service excellence, professionalism, and both the Coral Divers and PADI Code of Conduct, at the discretion of our Course Director and managing staff.

### What you do

At this point, you are now the instructor, with the responsibility of teaching others according to PADI standards and their philosophy of teaching.

You will have the opportunity to stay on with us for several months gaining valuable experience teaching various PADI courses. The duration will depend on suitability of the candidate and demand.

During busy periods, you may still be needed to assist on the beach, or lead dives. Pick up plenty more dives as well as student certifications.

### Why should you do it?

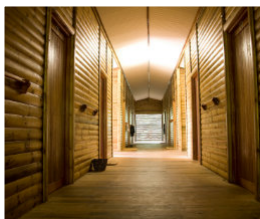
You get practical, hands on, real experience as an instructor in South Africa's biggest Dive Resort. We start you off team teaching with a more experienced Instructor until we feel you are ready to go solo.

The aim of this phase is to obtain 25 certifications, allowing you to apply for PADI's sought after Master Scuba Diver Trainer (MSDT) rating. This rating is beneficial when applying for jobs, as it proves your experience.

You will then also be eligible to do your Staff Instructor course on another IDC (extra charges apply).

We can offer advice on job opportunities in other parts of the world, and help you to market yourself with a well written CV.





# Important Information

The program is split up into phases, starting with developing a good foundation in diving (skills, knowledge, and experience), before moving onto development as a professional diver. As well as being a good dive role model, we also look at other transferable skills important for any line of work, such as professional manner, customer service, time-keeping, and self-organization. We look at these from the very beginning of the program. You may also have your own goals in mind already, and so we continually check up on progress and provide feedback to the student.

## Accommodation and Facilities

Our interns stay on the property, inside the national park. Each person will have their own room (single bed, desk, chair, bedside table). Bathrooms are shared. Bringing a fan is recommended for those hot summer months. Meals are also provided - 3 meals a day. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements (extra charges may apply).

Onsite laundry facilities are available. You will need to bring your own laundry detergent. Tokens can be purchased to operate the machines.

Being in a remote area, there is no free wi-fi, but cellular data plans work well on 4G (Vodacom works best).

## Materials & Learning

Many stages of PADI learning and our program require successful completion and study of previous stages. Candidates must commit to independent study, and the courses and lectures as scheduled. PADI learning materials, and revision materials for the Instructors course are now published online. Therefore, your own laptop or tablet is strongly highly recommended to be able to complete the required work.

## Course Schedule & Hours

The diving industry is similar to other areas of tourism and service - our busiest times are often when other people have their holidays and relax. Candidates can expect long hours requiring a lot of effort and team work in the holiday season, which is typical of the diving industry.

## Course Prerequisites

- Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years old
- Be in possession of a full drivers license (those with learners license will still be considered)
- Must be reasonably fit for beach work
- Must be medically fit for diving without restrictions (a link to forms will be made available when your place is confirmed)



- DAN Insurance is available at [www.dansa.org](http://www.dansa.org) for SA citizens. It must include personal medical cover for diving incidents, and you may wish to consider third party liability coverage which is included on higher tier packages.
- Proof of any previous dive certifications/experience will need to be supplied to confirm it meets with any dive course prerequisites.

## Code of Conduct

We want our interns to be as professional as possible. Dress code, appearance, and manners must always be at the highest level. English is the main spoken language.

When on course or on duty, interns are required to wear the provided uniform at all times. Gentlemen must be clean shaven, with short hair cuts. For ladies, minimal jewelry is allowed. Trousers, shorts, and shoes must be sensible, and plain-colored (khaki).

Smoking and vaping is not allowed in any rooms, around the resort buildings or in front of guests at any times. A designated smoking area is available.

All candidates will sign a learning agreement upon their arrival. Knowledge reviews and assignments must be completed in a timely manner for courses to run smoothly. Failure to attend classes, or be on time may result in a warning.

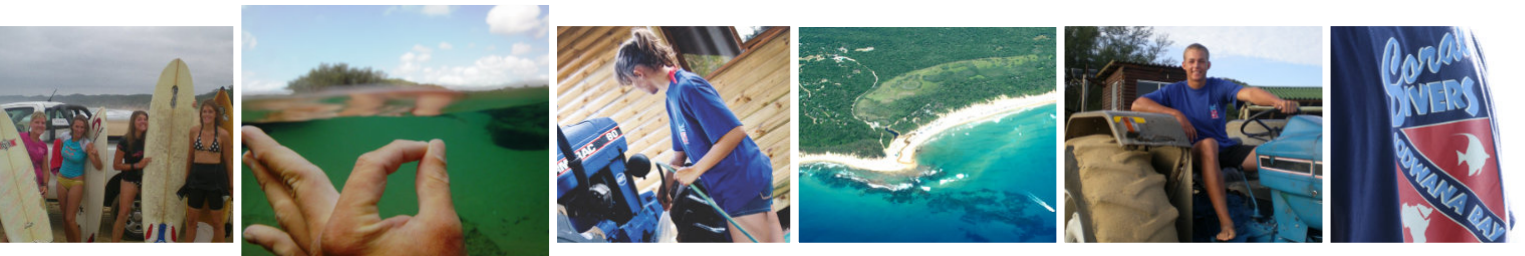
## Evaluation & Dismissal Policy

Candidates are continuously evaluated in terms of performance, as well as through their course assessments. If something is not up to standard, then we will sit them down for a coaching session, to see how any issues may be addressed. If at any time, a student is struggling with some aspect of the program, they can seek the assistance of the management team.

Any violation of our rules and procedures will result in a written warning. Three warnings will result in a final warning. Any further violations will result in termination from the program.

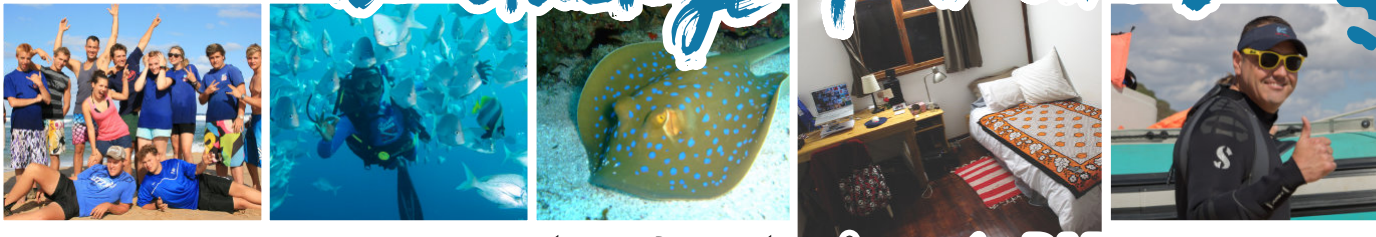
Immediate removal from the program will result, if:

- By your actions, you put yourself, others, or our guests at risk.
- You are under the influence of alcohol or drugs) while on duty.
- You are found to be in the possession of illegal substances.
- You initiate violent behavior towards any colleague or guest.
- You are found guilty of theft or vandalism of any company pr colleagues property/belongings, or public property/belongings



# What will it cost to change your life?

# 2025



Join us in paradise, from beginner to PADI Instructor!

Pay for the full program in advance and get **R6500** cash back towards dive gear @ our beach shop

<b>FULL PROGRAM</b> <i>ZERO TO HERO</i>	Course Price From	+	PADI Registration Total
	<b>R141 600.00</b> <b>or R151 100.00</b> <small>(February Intake)</small>		<b>£ 1310.00</b>

Or, you can break it down and pay per phase:

<b>INTRODUCTORY PHASE</b>	Course Price <b>R49 200.00</b> <b>or R58 700.00</b> <small>(February Intake)</small>	PADI Registration <b>N/A</b>
<b>DIVEMASTER COURSE</b>	Course Price <b>R24 500.00</b>	PADI Registration <b>£110.00</b>
<b>DIVEMASTER EXPERIENCE PHASE</b>	Total From <b>R22 600.00</b>	<b>3 MONTHS</b> Includes food, accommodation, Coral uniform and lots of diving.
<b>INSTRUCTOR COURSE</b> (OWSI, EFRI & 5 Specialties)	Course Price <b>R45 300,00</b>	PADI Registration & Examination Fee <b>£ 1175.00</b>
<b>INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE PHASE</b>	Total From <b>free of charge</b>	<b>3-4 MONTHS</b> Available to selected candidates who have progressed through our internship.

<b>BOLT ON COURSES</b>	Follow your passions, while expanding your skills. The following courses may be available at extra cost, based on demand & availability. IDC Staff Instructor                      Commercial Skipper License Gear Technician Course
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## Dive Equipment

Purchase SCUBA gear at our Beach Shop or online at [coraldiveshop.co.za](http://coraldiveshop.co.za)

### Set Specials Available

BCD, Regulator, & Computer  
Mask, Snorkel, Fins, & Wetsuits





# Additional Expenses

## DAN Dive Insurance

The Divers Alert Network ([www.dansa.org](http://www.dansa.org)) offers coverage for the cost of hospitalization, medical and hyperbaric treatment, and certain other costs associated with diving-related accidents. Treatment for a diving accident can be specialized and therefore expensive. We require all candidates to purchase their own cover for peace of mind. Various coverage levels are available, and can be paid for annually or monthly. Some levels also offer third party liability cover.

## Dive Equipment

In the Introductory Phase, candidates need to invest in their own "soft gear" - wetsuit, mask & snorkel, fins, weight system, & kit bag. Average price for a set would be around R10000. These can be purchased through our beach shop or online at [www.coraldiveshop.co.za](http://www.coraldiveshop.co.za).

Moving onto Divemaster and Instructor, you are required to own the tools of your trade. Candidates will need to purchase their own BCD and Regulator, as well as a Dive Computer by the start of their Divemaster course. Styles and prices vary greatly, so it is best to ask others what they use, looking at the pro's & con's. Average price for a BCD & Reg set would be around R19-35000. Dive Computers vary between R7-15,000 or more.



Those candidates who pay for the whole program up front will receive a voucher worth R6500 to put towards gear purchases in our Beach Shop

## PADI Professional Application Fees

Upon completing the PADI Divemaster and Instructor courses, candidates will need to pay application fees. These are usually paid by credit card. Your details are written on the course application forms. These are once-off payments processed by PADI EMEA, based in the UK. The approximate fees for 2024 can be broken down as follows & are subject to change (2025 are to be confirmed).

**PADI Divemaster Application**                      **GBP 110.00**

**PADI Instructor Exam**                              **GBP 655.00** - payable before candidate can sit the exam

**PADI Instructor Applications**                      **GBP 520.00** - payable after candidate completes exam

Payments are processed separately as the following:

Instructor Application                              *GBP 187.00*

Emergency First Response Application        *GBP 117.00*

Five Specialty Instructor Ratings                *GBP 220.00 (or 5 x GBP 44.00)*

Candidates may choose to register for more specialty ratings, and therefore will pay extra to the Course Director and to PADI.

## PADI Membership Renewal

To be eligible to offer & teach PADI courses, & continue to receive support from PADI, Divemasters or Instructors must renew their membership each year. Renewal is always due 1st January of each year. Payments can be done online, & early automatic renewal earns a discount.

# Deposits & Payments

Payment can be done prior to the start of each phase as per below, or payable for the full course upfront. If you are looking at other payment options please speak to us when enquiring:

## Paying by phase

<b>Introductory Phase</b> starts	1st Feb	1st May	1st August	1st Nov
Course paid in full by	26th Jan	26th April	26th July	26th October
<b>Divemaster Course</b> starts	1st May	1st August	1st Nov	1st Feb
Course paid in full by	26th April	26th July	26th Oct	26th Jan
<b>DM Experience</b> starts	1st June	1st Sept	1st Dec	1st March
Course paid in full by	26th May	26th August	26th Nov	26th Feb
<b>IDC</b> starts	August	Nov	Feb	May
Course paid in full by	26th July	26th Oct	26th Jan	26th April

## Paying for **Zero to Hero** (Full Course) upfront

Intake starts	1st Feb	1st May	1st August	1st Nov
Pay in full by	26th Jan	26th April	26th July	26th October

When making payments, please send a proof of payment to [cdc@coraldivers.co.za](mailto:cdc@coraldivers.co.za). Statements will be updated and issued when each payment is received.

## Deposits

A 30% deposit is required to secure your place on the course due to limited space. Once deposit is received an updated invoice will be emailed.

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellations will be refunded on deposit as follows:

More than 2 months before course start date: 100% deposit refund

2 months or less before course start date: 50% desposit refund

28 days or less prior to course start date: No refund

Course invoice must be paid in full prior to arrival



# What to bring checklist

Apart from the dive gear previously mentioned, the following is a list of items you will need to bring with you, or that previous interns have found most useful:

- Shorts to work on the beach in, they will get dirty and sometimes wet. Winter months are cold, despite being at the coast, especially early mornings so be prepared.
- Slops/Flip flops & Running/comfy pair of walking shoes.
- Personal set of cutlery, plates, bowl, and drinking glass/mug etc. Candidates will be able to wash-up in the staff dining area. Bring a drying cloth.
- Linen for a single bed (pillows, duvet, covers an extra blanket is good for winter)
- Laundry detergent & basket or bag. Tokens for the machines can be purchased on-site
- Basic medication is very handy. (Multi vitamin, sinus, nausea, diarrhea, flu, antihistamine)
- A fan is very important in summer months but will probably be used through the duration of your stay
- A few hangers and a key-padlock for your room
- Basic stationery (Pens, pencil, exam pad, highlighters, sticky notes etc)
- Casual clothes, for relaxing in or going out (when not on course/working beach).
- Swimsuit at least 2 pairs (You're at the beach!)
- Sunglasses & suntan lotion are a must, especially in the summer
- Towels (swimming and bath)
- Toiletries – bring a months supply, there is a small shop to buy the basics but it can be pricey.
- Mosquito/Insect repellent, not essential in the winter.
- Rooms have one plug point in them, bring an adapter and extension for any extra plugs.
- A desk lamp can be handy when studying in the evenings. All rooms have a desk and chair in them.
- Laptops or tablets are important for completing the digital learning materials. It's also great for downtime - catching up on a movie or editing a video of your latest dive!

The following is not essential but can be useful to have:

- During winter months a chicken vest and hoodie with 5mm wetsuit should provide enough warmth.
- Pocket money/allowance is only needed for going out or any extra bits you may want to buy.
- Cars - students are not required to bring cars, however we do have safe staff parking but not covered.
- Camera with underwater housing or Go pro to capture all your awesome memories.
- Beach bag/backpack to take any personal belongings to the beach.
- A water bottle to take refreshments to the beach. Keeping hydrated when diving is very important.
- Entertainment - Many people like to bring their surfboards and bicycles. Other activities like sand boarding, kites, kite boarding, and fishing can all be enjoyed in Sodwana. Bring board games and cards for those quiet evenings.

## PLEASE NOTE

Being in a remote area, we are prone to power surges and outages as well as load shedding. Appliances such as fridges, heaters and portable aircons are not allowed. Devices such as computers should have a surge protector plug.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is expected of me?

From the very beginning of the CDC program you will start to develop a professional attitude and work ethic. This involves being prompt and on time, being polite to guests and work colleagues, and have a willingness to help and participate with guests and Coral staff. We like our staff to look clean and tidy while on duty with no excessive jewelry. Guys must be clean shaven with neat short hair. You can sit with guests in the evening, but remember you still represent Coral Divers. Any loud, drunken or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

## Where is Coral Divers?

Coral Divers is situated within the iSimangaliso Wetlands Park in northern KwaZulu Natal. We are approximately a 4hr drive north of Durban, and a 9hr drive from Johannesburg. Maps and directions are on our website at [www.coraldivers.co.za](http://www.coraldivers.co.za).

## Do we get time off?

Yes. In the Introductory phase, the interns will get 1 week off roughly half way through the 3 months. After completing the Divemaster course, it will then roughly be on a 4-week on and 1-week off basis. Interns will need to be flexible based on our busy periods. If anyone wants to take up to 2 weeks off, they can save leave but it cannot be guaranteed without prior discussion.

## Do I need bedding?

Bedding is not included, so you will need to bring sheets, pillows, and a duvet suitable for a single bed. Extra blankets will be useful for winter months.

## What is the food menu like?

Diving or working everyday can leave you with an appetite. Breakfast may consist of toast, porridge or eggs. Lunch and dinners are often a cooked affair, including veg, rice, potato, and various meats. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements before you arrive.

## What is the accommodation like?

Every candidate gets a single room equipped with a bed, desk with chair, bedside table, and cupboard, with communal toilet and shower facilities. Accommodation changes as you move through the internship. Please note that nothing can be fixed to the walls. You must bring your own key lock.

## What Shops are in the area?

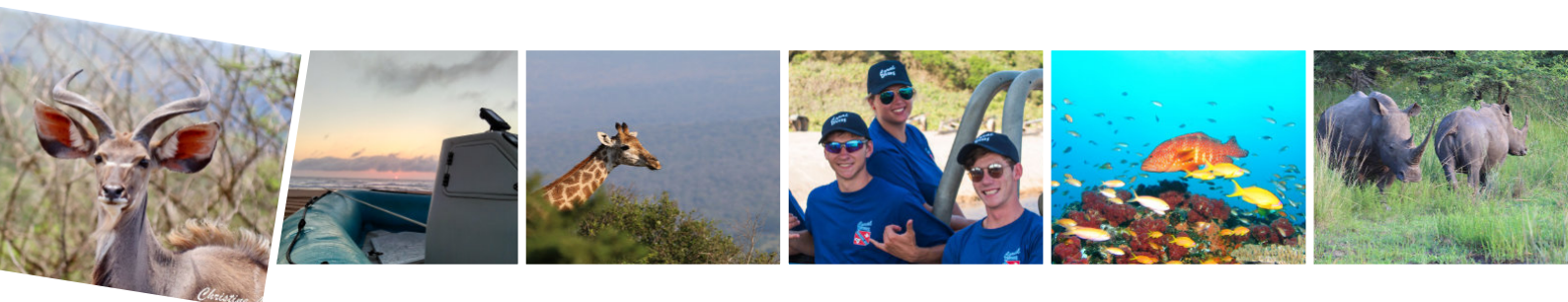
There is a small spar shop within the park (1km from Coral) where you can buy groceries, snacks, and most amenities. There is an ATM to draw money. Alternatively, Mbazwana (15km from Coral) has a large Spar, PEP, and chinese stores. There is also a couple of doctor's rooms, small pharmacy, and post office. Courier companies can easily deliver here.

## Can I bring my car?

Most cars can make it to Sodwana (from a 4x4 to an Uno). However, please note that you are in a marine reserve with sandy roads. Cars with low suspension or hard tires will struggle. Motorbikes and beach buggies are not allowed in the park.

## How old must I be to join?

Candidates must be 18 years of age by the start of the CDC course.





### **When can I arrive?**

You can arrive one full day before the start of the Intro Phase so you can settle in. You will need to arrive latest by 2p.m. on the day before the start of the course, for orientation.

### **What qualifications do I need?**

You need to have a learner's driving license (full license is ideal), and medical certificate showing you are fit to dive.

### **Is there malaria in the area?**

There is very little risk of malaria in Sodwana, however do bring mosquito repellent to avoid bites!

### **So how do I apply to join the next intake?**

If you wish to apply you can email us on [cdc@coraldivers.co.za](mailto:cdc@coraldivers.co.za). Simply state which intake you would like to join and our helpful team will take it from there .

### **I'm already a qualified diver. Do I pay less?**

Yes. There will be a deduction of R600 per certification already held, although you must have proof of this. You may be required to join the others on course - think of it as a refresher and team building opportunity.

### **How can I order SCUBA gear from Coral Divers?**

If you cannot buy soft SCUBA gear before you arrive or if you also want to purchase everything else, then please email [beachshop@coraldivers.co.za](mailto:beachshop@coraldivers.co.za). We can give you prices and information on what can be ordered, and we do our best to price-match should you find it cheaper elsewhere. Interns also get discount on non-diving items bought in our Beach Shop!

### **Why are PADI fees not included in the price of the course, and how do I pay them?**

You only pay PADI fees upon successful completion of the various courses and so don't need to be paid in advance with the course fees. PADI fees change yearly and fluctuate with the exchange rate. The easiest payment method is to provide card details on the application for. International fund transfers are possible, but are more complicated and costly, and so can delay the application process.

### **What is there to do in Sodwana?**

Apart from diving, you can go surfing, body boarding, or snorkelling. Bring your rod and go fishing. Many also enjoy various running, walking, and cycling routes. An afternoon trip to Mgoboseleni and other nearby reserves can also be a great way to finish the day.

# SIGN ME UP!

## How to join our internship program

1. Email us and let us know if you wish to do the full internship, or one of our options if you are previously certified and meet the prerequisites.
2. We can send you a quote/invoice for the program.
3. Payment of a deposit will secure your spot.
4. Complete our online registration form, and attach copies of your documents (ID/Passport, Medical, DAN Insurance, previous dive qualifications).

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