

Sharm El Sheikh, Red Sea, Egypt Sharm El Sheikh - Learn to dive

The diving

To learn how to dive in the waters of the Red Sea is a great experience. The dive center is one of the most professional in the world and the diving is easy with lots of life to encounter during your course.

Many years ago the first divers took the long trip through the Sinai Desert in order to explore some of the best diving on the planet. They found several bays on the southern tip - one named Naama Bay. Here the diving was so pristine and the animal life so rich and with such a variation that they settled down. And in the years to come a massive dive tourism industry grew up here.

Today Naama Bay has one of the highest rate of passing divers on the planet, and lots of tourists check in on one of the many hotels every day. The diving is no longer as it was in the early pioneer days, but by using a day boat, it is still possible to enjoy the splendid logistics and access really great diving. If you like to combine your diving with the delights of sun, desert and Egyptian tourism at its best, Sharm is an easy place to go to.

The diving is just around the corner so within very short time, the cosy dive boat can bring you and your friends on top of crystal clear dive sites.



Area name / Island name
Sharm el-Sheikh, The Red Sea

Nearest airport
Sharm el-Sheikh

Season
All year

High seasons:
All high season surcharges are included

Center type
SSI Center

Experience level
None

Minimum age for participation
10 years old

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Location

The dive center is situated in the heart of Sharm el-Sheikh, in Na'ama Bay. Sharm el-Sheikh, has changed greatly in the last few years, during the day it is now a mecca for water sport enthusiasts and sun worshipers but at night a place where party people congregate.

Your resort

is an oasis of calm amongst the cafes, restaurants and shops of Na'ama Bay's pedestrian area, especially if you escape to the famous bar and restaurants on the roof. The main jetty, from where daily boats depart for diving and snorkeling, is approximately five minutes walk. Built by divers, for divers, the resort has been awarded Winner of Tauchen Magazine's Best Diving Hotel Worldwide.

Your room

Twin or double room with en-suite bathroom, air conditioning, refrigerator, tea and coffee making facilities, satellite TV, and safe deposit box. Free wireless internet access is available at hotspots around the Hotel, including the balconies and terraces of some rooms.



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Introduction to course

The SSI Open Water Diver course is one of the most popular diving certificate worldwide. After completing this 3-4 day course you are certified to dive to 18 m independently with a buddy.

The course consists of five modules of learning. You study via self-study workbook and complete a knowledge review. This process is assisted by videos accompanying each chapter to reinforce what you have learned. The instructor reviews everything with you to ensure that everything are confidently understood. The practical learning consists of pool sessions and four open water dives. Dive one and two are conducted at a depth of max 12 meters and dive three and four are conducted at max 18 meters. The final stage of the SSI Open Water course is an exam, which is a multiple choice exam covering all that you have learnt. Remember that the course is performance based and not time based. The course generally takes 3 to 4 days, with the theoretical, the pool and the open water part successfully passed.

WHEN TAKING THE COURSE

Diving is available to anyone in good health but a medical form must be filled out before starting the course. Students must also be able to swim at least 200 meters and float for 10 minutes.



The course in short:

Number of Dives

Five Confined Water Sessions and Four Open Water Dives

Knowledge Development

Five theoretical modules

Prerequisites

10 years for Junior Open Water Diver

15 years for Open Water Diver.

Good health, reasonable fitness and comfort in the water

Materials you'll need

SSI crew pack - not included

On site charge: €85

Equipment you'll use during the course

Mask, fins, snorkel, tank, regulator, buoyancy compensator, weightbelt, submersible pressure gauge and a wetsuit (Included in your package)

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Itinerary

The SSI Open Water Course is performance based. That means you have to understand and pass the theory and perform the in-water skills correctly and with ease. Therefore, the itinerary can vary slightly from course to course. The course will take 4 to 5 days depending on the students enrolled. To give you an idea of what to expect, see the itinerary below:

Day 1: Arrive and relax, start reading the book

Day 2: Theory and confined water sessions

Day 3: Theory and confined water sessions

Day 4: Theory and open water dives

Day 5: Exam and open water dives

Day 6: Relax, go explore the town. Or go fun diving!

Day 7: Relax, go explore the town. Or go fun diving!

Day 8: Check out

If you want a longer diving itinerary, you can add extra days of diving upon booking.

Please note

Due to ocean and weather conditions, the itinerary can be subject to change.



Activity starts

Courses are run on a daily basis Please note that daily start times can vary from course to course. You will be notified upon arrival

Activity starts from

The dive center, mornings
Please contact the dive center no later than one week prior arrival to confirm your arrival and possible pickup times.

Group Size

No limit Max. 6-8 divers pr.
Instructor/Divemaster

Language

English

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Transfer Information

Sharm El Sheikh International Airport has direct flights from most European countries. Transfer to the hotels is by bus and is easily arranged with the dive center for 20 Euro return for 1 person. This price goes down as the number of passengers for the bus goes up.

If needed: regular taxis and tourist taxis (which charge double the fare, do not be scared to argue the price down!) operate from the airport. Minibuses also go to Sharm El Sheikh. They wait outside the airport and only leave once full. The fare to Sharm will take approx 20 minutes and you must remember to bring the address for the hotel and agree with the taxi driver where he will take you. Make sure you have proper petty cash in Euro notes ready.

Once you arrive in Egypt you must purchase a tourist visa. Unless it is part of your flight ticket the price is typically 15-20 US. Be aware that you might be asked for this amount in Euro on cheeky days.

You need to confirm your arrival with the dive center at least one week in advance. You will find the details for the dive center on your voucher.



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Prices below are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

LEARN TO DIVE	
Days / Nights	8/7
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	832 EUR

Supplements	
Extra night of accom. (after)	33 EUR
Extra night of accom. (before)	33 EUR
Refresher Dive (added to 1st dive)	25 EUR

Prices for supplementary accommodation are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

Supplements

A supplement can be chosen to add on your package. All supplements can also be booked on site. In high season, hotels and boats get filled fast - you might find trouble getting an extra night in your resort or an extra day of diving. If you are booking a course, it is recommended to book an extra night of accommodation prior your course, to get settled and get up front on the studying.



Included

Accommodation in twin or double room
Airport transfers
Breakfast at hotel
All dive equipment
Dive Instructor
Dayboat for open water training

Not included

Course materials (SSI) approx €70
Lunch on boat (Euro 8,-)
Marine park fees
Local prices can be subject to change without notice lunch, dinner

Also available on site

Extra days of diving if available

Continuing education

All continuing courses available on site

Cancellation

Terms on voucher

Dive insurance

Basic dive travel insurance required

General terms and conditions

GENERAL CONDITIONS

CHANGES OF BOOKINGS:

You can change your booking request or start date free of charge.

If you need to change your booking you must contact the **dive center** directly by e-mail or phone. You will find the contact details on your voucher. For verification purpose, please remember to mention your name and booking ID.

If you want to change your start date, we recommend that you do so minimum 10 days before the beginning of your dive package. Later than this, might cause the accommodation to be fully booked for alternative dates. During high seasons, 10 days might not be sufficient time, please allow extra time for changes in the high season. As a reminder, you will receive an email with general information and contact information of your dive center 10 days prior to your start date.

CANCELLATION RULES:

Any customer has the right to cancel their booking with Blue Venture Diving. In order to do so, you must contact your selling agent. The cancellation fees and rules of your selling agent will apply for your cancellation.

Blue Venture is not liable for any cancellations done by the customer of personal reason such as/or in the same category as sickness, family, missed flights etc, or other circumstances that is beyond reasonable control such as force majeure.

Blue Venture booking cancellation

In the unlikely event that Blue Venture is forced to cancel a booking, the customer will get direct notice. A cancellation will only happen if Blue Venture finds that the contracted dive center can't perform the needed service of the booked package or if the dive standards can't be fulfilled accordingly. Minor changes in the itinerary will not be defined as a valid cancellation reason, as diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity.

Blue Venture will always do their best to find another operator of same or higher standard, but it is up to the customer to decide whether they want to accept the change or get a refund.

INSURANCE:

A cancellation insurance is not included. It is highly advised recommended that you obtain adequate travel insurance prior to your departure from your home country.

REFUNDS:

Medical Statement

To enroll in an Open Water Course, all students **MUST** fill in the Medical Statement. Please ensure that you have received the medical statement from your travel agent. If any questions are replied with a "Yes", the medical statement must be signed by a doctor. Failing the medical statement at the destination, and therefore not being able to enroll in the diving course, you will not be entitled to a refund.

If you have not received your Medical Statement, please make sure to print it from this link.

<https://blueventure.net/files/information/12.pdf>

Restricted dives

Diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity. All diving is performance based. It is up to the discretion of the dive guide/instructor to restrict divers from entering activities that goes beyond their experience level. All guides strive to reach the expectations of the customers. However, if they find that the safety of the group or an individual is jeopardized or at risk by one or several individuals, it is up to the dive guide/instructor to restrict any divers from entering the water.

In this event the dive center or Blue Venture is not obliged to give a refund.

Dives not completed

There is no refund for dives not carried out.

Refund for dives not done for any reason is up to the discretion of the dive center. Most dive centers do not give refunds for dives not done with personal causes such as seasickness, low on air situations or a failure in mastering the equipment etc. All log books will be checked prior to the dive and the dive sites will be chosen accordingly to the experience level. It is however expected that certified divers keep within their limits and do not cross their comfort zone. Blue Venture and your travel agent is never responsible to pay a refund for dives not done.

Courses not completed

There is no refund for courses not completed! All courses are performance based, but it is up to the instructor to pass the student. If a customer can not complete a course with success they will receive their course documents for an optional referral, but the contracted dive center, your travel agent and Blue Venture is not responsible to pay a refund.

Boats or dives not departing

If boats or dives are cancelled due to bad weather or sea conditions, it is up to the dive center to re-schedule and compensate with a similar dive trip when conditions allow. If the customer does not have adequate time to enroll in another trip/course it is up to the customer to make sure the dive center notify Blue Venture of this in order to secure a refund via the sales agent who completed the sale with the customer. There will only be refund on the diving and not the accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION:

Unless mentioned in the destination information folder the accommodation is always part of the package.

If the dive center by any means can't deliver the agreed accommodation, it is up to their discretion to supply immediate accommodation of the same or higher standard. (the destination information folder is found on the Blue Venture website.)

If the accommodation somehow does not live up to satisfactory standards of the customer, the customer must contact Blue Venture by phone or email as soon as possible (preferably while still on site) in order to solve the problem.

DIVE INSTRUCTORS & DIVE GUIDES:

All contracted dive centers has been handpicked based on their level of professionalism and expertise. Blue Venture ensures that all guides and instructors have the correct education and experience. In the unlikely event that a customer suffers a bad experience with any guide, instructor or dive center facilities, Blue Venture is entitled to know, but can't by any means be held liable.

At the end of you dive experience as questionnaire will be sent out to you, that we would like you to answer. By doing this, you help securing a high level of professionalism towards all customers.

MEDICAL STATEMENT & LOGBOOK:

If you are about to enroll in a dive course (entry level only), you must fill out the RSTC Medical Statement before you leave your home country. Please make sure your agent has provided you with the RSTC Medical Statement. You can also print the medical statement from the link, further up on this page. If you need the medical statement reviewed by a doctor, you have 10 days from the date of the booking with the option of cancelling for free.

If you are already certified as a diver and about to go fundiving, you must remember your current dive certificate and your personal logbook or dive computer.