

Pacific Harbour, Viti Levu, Fiji Advanced course in Pacific Harbour

The diving

A PADI Advanced Course in Pacific Harbour will be a course you will never forget. Not only is the scenery on land absolutely stunning and idyllic, but the underwater world is really kicking off in this part of the world. It is the Pacific, meaning that the visibility is usually more than brilliant, and the reefs are healthy and colorful to the max. If you are in Fiji, and have to choose where to do your course, it must be mentioned that Pacific Harbour is very famous for its educating Shark Dive. This is however reserved for divers with more experience, and what better way to get experience than doing your Advanced course? During your 5 dives of this course you should not be surprised to see friendly sharks swim past in the distance, but make sure you book the special Shark Dive upon booking your course. Qualifying as an Advanced diver will qualify you for the Shark Dive. And THAT is something you should not miss when in Fiji. For more information on the shark dive, download the fundiving brochure for Pacific Harbour.

Together with your instructor, you will have an ultimate experience in the world of diving. In a very famous area for just that!



Area name / Island name
Pacific Harbour, Viti Levu, Fiji

Nearest airport
Nadi, Viti Levu

Season
The Fiji dive season runs all year round

Center type
PADI Dive center
Friendly and experienced Pioneer in the shark dive
English owned

Experience level
PADI Open Water Course or equivalent

Minimum age for participation
12 years

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Location

Pacific Harbour is located on the picturesque Queen's Highway that follows the south coast of the main Fijian island of Viti Levu. With Nadi 2 hours west and Suva 45 min east it is easily accessible but manages to slide under the radar of the package tourism hordes that can ruin a destination. The locals are friendly and welcoming, the water's clear and warm and the atmosphere is definitely set to "island time".

Your resort

For this destination we have hand-picked the laid-back riverside boutique resort Club Oceanus. The only stress here is deciding which of the delicious meals to order each evening to restock your energy for the next shark dive. With only ten rooms, you'll be on first name terms with the staff and other guests within hours of arriving and you'll be genuinely sorry to leave your new friends behind on departure. If you want a beach resort, we recommend that you upgrade to Uprising Beach Resort during booking. That too has a fantastic atmosphere!

Your room

The big 24 bed dorm room. With air-conditioning, en-suite bathroom and a full kitchen for self-caterers.

Twin: If you want more privacy, we recommend that you upgrade on the accommodation to a twin room with ensuite bathroom, air-conditioning and kitchenette.



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Introduction to course

The PADI Advanced Open Water course will get you even more comfortable in the water by simply completing five adventure dives under the supervision of a PADI Instructor. If you're looking to build your confidence and gain more experience, this is the natural next step on the ladder. The course is designed so you can go straight into it after the Open Water Diver course. The course builds on what you've already learned and develops new capabilities by introducing you to new activities in diving.

Alter your skills by completing 5 adventure dives introducing you to:

- Underwater navigation
- Deeper water diving (from 18-30 meters)
- 3 Adventure dives of your choice

You and your instructor choose from 15 types of Adventure dives to complete your course.

Best part about the Advanced course is: there is NO exam... Just lots of good diving.

WHEN TAKING THE COURSE

The Advanced course is a sure step. To enroll, you need to be certified as PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent. A refresher dive is recommended prior to the course if you've been out of the water for more than 6 months or have little experience. (Yet)



The course in short:

Number of Dives:

- 2 mandatory dives (deep dive & Navigation dive)
- 3 Adventure dives of own choice (Please seek advice of the instructor prior to choosing dives)

Knowledge Development:

- Five theoretical modules matching the 5 dives in the course

Prerequisites:

- 10 years for Junior Advanced Open Water Diver
- 15 years for Advanced Open Water Diver

Materials you'll need:

- PADI ADvanced Open Water Crew Pack (Included in your package)

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 PADI Advanced 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 2 to 3 days depending on the students enrolled. 5 dives will be spread out on the available days. No more than 3 training dives will be conducted each day. To give you an idea of what to expect, see the itinerary below:

Day 1: Arrive and relax, start reading the chapters that apply to your course

Day 2: Reviewing of the chapters applying for the dives of the day

Day 3: Reviewing of the chapters applying for the dives of the day

Day 4: Relax & check out. Or go extend your stay and go fun diving!

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

Please note

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



Activity starts

Beginner courses are run on a daily basis, Courses on all levels can start every day.

Please note that daily pick-up and start times can vary from course to course. You will be notified upon arrival

Activity starts from

All students meet at the Dive Center each day, and usually end up hanging out there after the dives. It's a great place to relax.

Please contact your dive center no later than one week prior arrival to confirm your arrival and pickup times

Group Size

No limit
Max. 4 divers pr. Instructor/Divemaster

Language

English

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Transfer Information

Getting there is easy... and very scenic!

From Nadi:

Pacific Harbour is only a 2.5hrs drive East of Nadi International Airport. You can either hire a private taxi for around 150 FJD to take you right to the door, or you can take the local bus going down from Nadi for around 12 FJD. Whatever you choose, just ask the driver to drop you at the Pacific Harbour Police Post, the resort are two minutes walk from there. You will see the sign. If not, ask... People in Fiji are beyond friendly!

From Suva:

If you fly in to Suva, it is a short 45 minutes drive West of Suva city. You can choose between a taxi, which will cost you around 45 FJD, or the local bus which will cost you just under 5 FJD. Again, ask the driver to drop you opposite the Pacific Harbour Police Post, the resort is just two minutes walk from there.

Please note

If you fly in to Nadi and you land after 6pm; the local buses will have stopped running. Get yourself into a little hostel and wait to the next day, that will get you a cheap ride, and a full day in the resort. Also, you'll need to let the dive center know your arrival at least one week in advance. Find the dive center details on your voucher.



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

| ADVANCED COURSE | |
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| Days / Nights | 4/3 |
| Amount of dives | 5 |
| Price (incl. accommodation) | 564 EUR |

| Supplements | |
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| Extra day of diving (2 reef dives) | 140 EUR |
| Extra day of diving (2 shark dives) | 192 EUR |
| Extra night (after) | 37 EUR |
| Extra night (before) | 37 EUR |
| Refresher dive (added 1st dive) | 140 EUR |
| Upgrade to Uprising - dorm - per night | 9 EUR |
| Upgrade to Uprising - private room - per night | 59 EUR |
| Upgrade: private room Oceanus (define nights) | 28 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, bungalows 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

All PADI course materials
Shark dive fee (USD28 per day of shark diving)
All dive equipment
Instructor
Boat, soft drinks and snacks on boat
Accommodation in dorm
Towels, bed linen

Not included

All meals - available in hotel restaurant
Wireless internet
Alcoholic beverages but can be purchased in the restaurant
Marine park fee (20FJD per day of diving)
Upgrade to private room

Also available on site

Extra accommodation if available (the accommodation is popular)
Extra days of diving if available (people queue up for the shark dive)
Upgrading to private room if available

Continuing education

All continuing courses available on site

Cancellation

As written in terms and conditions

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.