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Learn to Dive in Malta

Learn to dive in the Maltese Islands

Do you want to start your adventure under water in a place that gives you more than just fish and blue water?

Learn to dive where history is surrounding you at depth with historic shipwrecks, artifacts buried on the seabed and enchanting blue holes leading you from the dry land, through the earth out into the ocean… all quite amazing!

But we have to highlight the feeling of diving ships on the bottom of the ocean. It is an intriguing experience that leaves a feeling of exploration and adventure in the diver. Something you simply must experience. It is not common to dive a wreck during the Open Water course, but in Malta, the wrecks are simply everywhere and some of them are at shallow depths, giving you the chance of a truly different first experience in diving.

The Maltese Islands are a gem in the heart of the Mediterranean with eons of history and culture, all-year-round mild climate, a safe and friendly atmosphere and loads to do in just a few square kilometers. But we believe that you need to go underwater to get the islands' best kept secrets… The waters around Malta, Gozo and Comino offer some of the best diving in Europe,

Area name / Island name
Maltese Islands, Mediterranean Sea, Europe

Nearest airport
Malta International Airport

Season
All year round, water is clear and warm all year round between May and December are the warmest months.

Low season: January-March, Nov-Dec
Mid season: April-June, Sept-Oct
High season: July-August

Center type
PADI 5 Star IDC and TEC REC
BSAC Premium
CMAS, SSI

Experience level
None – this is the entry level course
All students must be able to swim 200 meters

Minimum age for participation
10 Years

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Location
The Maltese Islands also offer a lot to do before and after dives with superbly sunny weather, expansive beaches, a thriving nightlife and 7,000 years of intriguing history. Megaliths, medieval dungeons and Calypso's Cave – The Maltese Islands are positively mythic. The narrow meandering streets of their towns and villages are crowded with Renaissance cathedrals and Baroque palaces. As the countryside is dotted with the oldest known human structures in the world, the Islands have rightly been described as an open-air museum.

The Dive Centre and accommodation is located in Sliema, with plenty of restaurants serving Mediterranean cuisine and food from around the world as well as excellent nightlife just around the corner.

Accommodation
The Plaza Hotel (Also known as Plaza Regency Hotels), is located just down the road from dive center. The hotel is by the waterfront and has 2 smaller swimming pools, 2 bars a restaurant and a pizzaria The rooms and beds are comfortable, cleaned daily and with Aircon and hot water.

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Introduction to course

The PADI Open Water Diver course is the most popular diving certificate worldwide. After completing this 4-5 day course you are certified to dive to 18 m independently with a buddy. The PADI diving license is recognized worldwide.

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 required 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 PADI 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 4 to 5 days, with the theoretical, the confined and the open water part successfully passed.

WHEN TAKING THE COURSE

Diving is open to anyone in good health, but a medical form must be filled out before arrival. If you answer YES to any questions on the Medical Questionnaire, you will need medical clearance to dive. Students must also be able to swim at least 200 m and float for 10 min.

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:
PADI Open Water Crew Pack, Log Book (Not 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 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 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
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
Transfer from the airport to your hotel and return is included in all packages. Please notify the dive center of your arrival times and flight information in order for your pick-up to be arranged.

The hotel is walking distance from the dive center and so is the restaurant and bar area, you can therefore relax regarding how to get around, your legs is transportation enough. On days without diving, we highly recommend you to go and explore the island and its historic areas, local and tourist busses are an easy and cheap way of getting around!

You need to let the dive center know your arrival 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)	853 EUR

Supplements	
2 extra dives (one day)	100 EUR
Extra night (after)	42 EUR
Extra night (before)	42 EUR
Referral Course - supplemental	225 EUR
Refresher Dive (added to first dive in package)	45 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
PADI Open Water Course
All dive equipment
Certification Fee
Accommodation in twin or double room
Airport transfer
Breakfast at hotel
Road transport to dive sites

Not included
Lunch, dinner & drinks
PADI course materials (can be bought on location)
Flights to and from Malta
Insurance
Seasonal surcharges

MID season surcharges - 4 nights:
1 pax: 108 euro
2 pax per pax: 80 euro

MID season surcharges - 7 nights:
1 pax: 189 euro
2 pax per pax: 140 euro
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HIGH season surcharges - 4 nights:
1 pax: 184 euro
2 pax per pax: 132 euro

HIGH season surcharges - 7 nights:
1 pax: 322 euro
2 pax per pax: 231 euro
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Mid season surcharge - 1 night:
1 pax: 62 euro
2 pax per pax: 45 Euro

High season surcharge - 1 night:
1 pax: 81 euro
2 pax per pax: 58 euro

(High & Mid season surcharges are not included and will be charged at destination)

Also available on site

Extra days of diving if available

Continuing education

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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.