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Moalboal, Cebu Island, Philippines
PADI Open Water Course



The Diving
If you want to learn how to dive, taking the first step in the warm waters around Moalboal is a pretty solid choice! Besides the island being awesome and pretty, the diving is great!

Good tropical diving is defined by several things like, amounts of marine life, the health of the reef and visibility. But it is also down to personal interest. Some people like to search for the rare (and often tiny) marine life, others are in to personal encounters with the larger animals, others prefer to float through the reefs, taking in the full scenery. But really, most people enjoy the combination of all these things. Moalboal is one of the few places where all is combined. SO, besides learning to dive, this is one of our destinations where you will be spoiled with good diving.

you will train on the housereef just outside the dive shop. Starting from 0-6m, slowly learning the important skills and gear handling. Then you will start swimming around in the calm bay… and finally, when you hit the wall of living reef, you will meet the resident turtles and an incredible swarm of millions of sardines. These Sardines, running around in a massive bulk, are a very rare and special sight, and we promise you will LOVE their show! As the days go by, you will start diving off a boat around the island, where the corals and marine life are showing from their best side.

Area name / Island name
Panagsama Beach, Moalboal, Cebu, Philippines

Nearest airport
Cebu City (CEB)

Season
All year round

Center type
PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Center

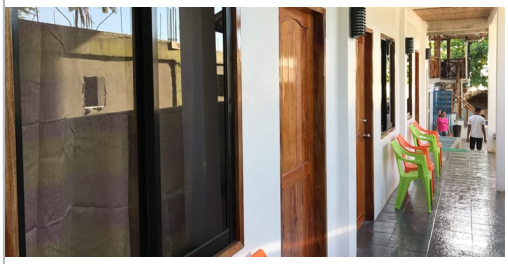
Experience level
None
Students must be able to swim 200 meters and thread water for 10 minutes

Minimum age for participation
10 Years



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Location
Moalboal is a small town on the South-West side of Cebu Island. It is mostly known for the diving found on the reefs of its coastline. But, if you look a bit further, there are many more natural wonders to explore. The mountains inland offer spectacular trip for canoeing, hiking, jungle treks, mountain biking and waterfall visits. All covered by the dense tropical rain forests divided by rivers and canyons. It is SO beautiful!
The diveshop area is mixed with bars and restaurants. We recommend Lantaw Restaurant, Last Filling Station and Chili Bar!

Your resort
The Neptune Diving Adventure Resort is featuring a smaller garden with comfy rooms, conveniently located just behind the dive center. It makes it dead easy between diving, when you are just a few steps from your room. The atmosphere is super chilled and friendly, with a special attention to the needs divers (no night noise). It is located just 40 meters from the sea, where the calm warm water offers brilliant snorkeling and swimming. The restaurant offers a fantastic view and delicious food with great atmosphere from morning to evening.

Your room
All rooms have private bathroom and air-condition, WIFI and a safety box for your valuables. Each room has a small balcony arranged like a little seating area. The rooms are very clean and the beds are comfy. It is no big fancy resort, but we have found it perfect as a base for a dive trip!



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Introduction to course

The PADI Open Water Diver course is 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 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 3 to 4 days, with the theoretical, the pool 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
5 Confined Water Sessions and 4 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 (included in your package)

Equipment you'll use during the course
Mask, fins, snorkel, tank, regulator, buoyancy compensator, weight belt, 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 3 to 4 days depending on the students enrolled. To give you an idea of what to expect, see the itinerary below:

Day 1: Arrive with bus/taxi, walk down to the resort and check in. From there, you will be shown to your room and directed to the dive center. Once you've settled, you'll return to the dive center to fill in all the necessary paperwork, watch the first videos and discuss the course schedule for the coming days.

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
Relax & check out. Or 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 start times can vary from course to course. You will be notified upon arrival.

Activity start from
The dive center

Group Size
No limit Max. 4 divers pr. Instructor

Language
English

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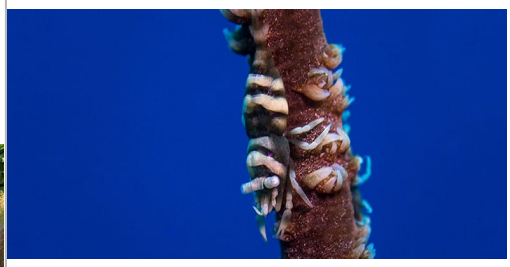


Transfer Information
Moalboal is easy accessible either by bus, van or taxi from Cebu City. Taking the bus from Cebu city is the cheapest and what we recommend. It is a beautiful 4 hour trip across the Visayian mountains and local cities, with a 15min stop half way.
There is a spacious phillipino aircon bus (Ceres Liner) approx. every hour between Cebu City and Moalboal, departing from Cebu City Southern Bus Terminal. You buy the ticket in the bus. A One Way ticket is approx. 150-200php.

You can also go local, and save a few more pesos, by taking the standard public bus. It is only approx 120php but without the aircon and including chickens, sheeps and a bunch of friendly locals!



Please note:
If you tour Visays, you can make it from Malapascua in the North, to Moalboal by bus, in less than a day's travel.
If you want to grab a taxi or van, from Cebu airport directly to Moalboal, you must be ready to pay approx. 3000php for this 3 hr trip.
Taxi from airport to bus terminal in Cebu City is approx. 300php.



Please Note
You need to contact the dive center with any questions, doubts and needs at least one week in advance. You will find the contact 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	5/4
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	522 EUR

Supplements	
1 extra day of diving (2 dives)	48 EUR
1 night accom. (after)	17 EUR
1 night accom. (before)	17 EUR
Refresher Dive (only certified divers)	32 EUR

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

Supplements
A supplement can be choosen to add on your package. All supplements can also be booked on site. In high season, rooms 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 accomodation prior your course, to get settled and get up front on the studying.



Included
PADI Open Water Course
All Course materials
Accommodation
WIFI at resort
Bed linens and towels
Snacks, on dive trips
Equipment
Dive instructor and certification fee

Not included
Dinner
Lunch
Breakfast (cheap and good at resort!)
Transfer to/from Moalboal

Also available on site
Extra diving
Extra accommodation
Upgrading of room

Continuing education
Courses are available on request for all levels of continuing education.
The dive center is a and PADI Dive Resort

Cancellation
Please refer to FAQ & Terms on www.blueventure.net

Dive insurance
Basic dive travel insurance required

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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.