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The Diving.

Once you have learned to dive... other divers will ask you where you did your course. Now, where there is water, you can dive. But, in some places, the diving is better than average, for various reasons! But DAUIN is better for a very SPECIFIC reason. It has a great mixture of healthy reef diving and weird funky macro diving. Macro diving, defines the little critters, the smaller fish, the strange bottom crawlers in the sand, and the shy animals hiding on the corals. These little crittes are often ridiculously pretty, but also quite hard to spot. Around Dauin, the sand on the reef banks is black, and a mecca for these little gems. So be prepared to go treasure hunting (spotting) for weird little animals, it is so cool once you figure out what to look for! But, besides macro diving, critter diving, muck diving (call it what you like) the diving around Dauin is really easy and jaw-dropping pretty. The reefs are in good condition and you will get to see most of the colourful fish that you would see in a picture perfect Aquarium!

Starting from the beach, your course will be easy, fun and slowly progressing. The bay is calm, the water clear and the instructor is highly professional. A perfect way to start your underwater adventure!

After your course, step up your experience with some extra days of diving around the world famous Apo island. We highly recommend, that you reserve the extra nights of accommodation from home, this place is popular!



Area name / Island name

Dauin (Dumaguete), Negros Oriental,
Philippines

Nearest airport

Dumaguete City

Season

The Dauin dive season runs all year round
Best conditions exist from November to June

Center type

Padi courses
Friendly and experienced
Danish/Local owned

Experience level

None
Students must be able to swim 200m
and tread water for 10 min

Minimum age for participation

10 years



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Location

Above water Dauin is a local town just South of Dumaguete City. Dumaguete City is placed in the middle of The Visayas and is the perfect travel hub to other famous dive destinations. Siquijor, Bohol, Moalboal, Malapascua or Sipalay is less than a days travel from Dumaguete, which makes it a perfect stop on your way around the Philippines...

The diversity of the coast is truly magnificent, and the underwater scenery is as pure as it gets. With the islands cultural attractions on land, the gentle people, dramatic landscape and amazing diving opportunities, it is a combination that is spot on.

Your resort

Is very different from the rest! It is one of those places where people end up staying for weeks or even months... not kidding! It is beautiful, full of flowers and very cozy! There is a relaxed atmosphere and a homey feeling that you will love, no doubt! Cook your own food in the common kitchen, take a nap in the hammock station, put on a DVD and crash in a bean bag or grab a tank and go diving just 50 meters from the gate on the coolest housereef in the Philippines!.

Your room

Double or private room with fan and shared bathrooms (but PRETTY shared bathrooms!). The rooms are all made local style, with bamboo, nipah and mahogany wood. There is mosquito nets available on request.



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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 18m 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 12m and dive three and four are conducted at max 18m. 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 will need

PADI Open Water Crew Pack, Log Book (included in your package)

Equipment you will 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 - 5 days and 4 night

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

Upon arrival, have a walk around the area and get checked in. From there, you will be shown to your room and 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 or open water sessions

Day 4

Exam and open water dives

Day 5

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

Every morning at 8.30.

Please note that start times can vary from trip to trip if any changes, you will be notified upon arrival.

Activity starts from

Dive center

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

Group Size

Max. 4 divers pr. instructor
(Bigger groups can be arranged)

Language

English, Danish, Filipino

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Transfer

There are several ways to get to Dauin, depending where your arrival is from. Easiest way is to take a local tricycle direct to the hostel/dive center. Usually the price from Dumaguete airport/pier is no more than 300 pesos. The hostel can also arrange a special transfer a private van for 1200 pesos. However, we do recommend the tricycle ride, which is both a lot of fun and really comfortable (if not too many people and luggage is loaded on the same bike). Tricycles is the local way to get around and this method is a brilliant way to see and experience the country.

If you are in doubt of how to get to the dive center, please do use the contact details on your voucher. They have an extended knowledge of local bus, ferries and minivan services and can guide you too the best route.

You need to let the dive center know your arrival time 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	5/4
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	485 EUR

Supplements	
1 extra day of diving (2 dives)	52 EUR
1 Extra night of accom. (after)	7 EUR
1 Extra night of accom. (before)	7 EUR
A/C upgrade per night	11 EUR
EFR + Rescue course + 4 nights in private room	442 EUR
Refresher Dive (added to 1st dive)	52 EUR
Transfer Dumaguete to Dauin or vice versa	22 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 and you might find trouble getting an extra night in your resort or an extra day of diving. It is recommended to book an extra day prior your course to get settled and get up front on the studying.

Included
All PADI materials
Equipment during the course
Certification Fees
Sanctuary fees
Beach Entry Dives
Accommodation in twin or double room

Not included
Boat dives
Daytrips
All meals

Also available on site
Divecomputer Rentals
Medical Oxygen
Enriched Air Nitrox

Continuing education
Rescue diver
Dive Master Programs
PADI Specialties

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.