

Koh Tao Island - Chalok Bay - Thailand Learn to dive - Chalok Bay - Private room

Learn to dive on Koh Tao in calm Chalok Bay

With calm waters and abundant aquatic life, Koh Tao is the perfect place to get certified as an Open Water Diver!

Join our top professional dive center for your PADI course - the world's most recognized dive certification.

Down in Chalok Bay, you will be diving with a small and personal PADI dive centre, where everyone knows your name from day one. You can expect guaranteed personal attention in student groups of max 4 students per instructor. As far as the dive equipment goes, you will not find better anywhere on the island. With new and perfectly maintained equipment, you will learn to dive with a dive computer taught by dive instructors that are carefully handpicked for their experience level and professionalism.

We can't get our hands down, the overall experience is nothing but fantastic.. spending time on the excellent dive boat with a spacious sundeck, 2 shower, 2 toilets, indoor and outdoor seating and a breakfast included in the morning, your days out to sea will be comfortable, easy and FUN.

Besides diving, the dive center offers 2 daily yoga sessions in their professional yoga studio. The classes are open to everyone, and the dedicated, passionate, internationally certified teachers will guide you through your practice with options to suit everyone!



Area name / Island name

Chalok Bay, Southern part of Koh Tao

Nearest airport

Koh Samui or Bangkok

Season

Dive Center is open all year round. A short rain season between October and November give limited access to some of the dive sites but diving will continue

Center type

Top ranked PADI Dive Center!

This dive center is a super smooth operation with top of the line dive equipment, experienced instructors and a very professional atmosphere

Professional Yoga studio
International instructor team

Experience level

No diving experience required
You must be able to swim 200m
and float for 10 minutes

Minimum age for participation

10 Years

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Location – Chalok Bay

The island of Koh Tao is full of different bays and beaches, who all have their own special atmosphere. Where Sairee Beach is known for the young crowd and great parties, Chalok is the super laid back and quiet bay down in the South of the island. But don't despair! Koh Tao is a small island, and easy to get around! Busy Sairee beach is only 5 minutes away by scooter or TukTuk. You can still join the party before you return to Chalok for a good night's sleep. Chalok is also famous for snorkelling with small Blacktip sharks and turtles in Shark Bay!!

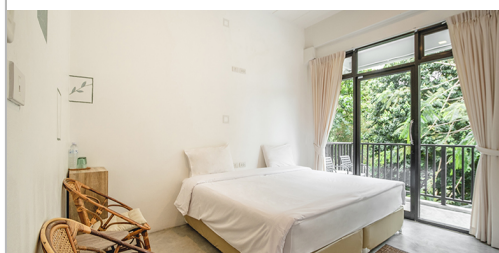
In the area of Chalok Bay, you'll find a few lovely beaches for lazy afternoon sunbathing, plenty of delicious restaurants and cozy little beach bars too. There are also SPAs, shops, tattoo parlours, laundry facilities, kayak rentals, beautiful hikes, viewpoints and plenty of other activities around to keep you occupied when you are not underwater or on your yoga mat!

Your accommodation

The luxury hostel The Dearly is located just 200m from the dive center and features quality bedding, A/C, hot water and clean modern decor. Onsite you will also find a huge swimming pool tucked into the rocks and jungle palms and a welcoming reception area great for socializing or enjoying a cappuccino. Breakfast is also included each morning. The hostel has an amazing social atmosphere every day, and even free "beach crawls" are arranged on a regular basis. Transportation is provided to take you and your new friends to some of the island's best beaches and viewpoints!

Your (lovely) private room

Private rooms come with either two twin beds or one large double bed. The spacious and comfortable room has air conditioner and access to the balcony. Bedding, fresh towels, two bottles of water, and daily housekeeping services are included. This room has plenty of shared (lovely!) bathrooms on the same floor.





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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 a self-study workbook or offline-app, completing knowledge reviews for each chapter. This process is complemented by videos accompanying each chapter to reinforce what you have learned. The instructor reviews everything with you to ensure that you have fully understood everything. The practical learning consists of confined water sessions and four open water dives. Dive one and two are conducted at a depth of maximum 12m and dive three and four are conducted at a maximum depth of 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 confined water and the open water sessions 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
(Included in your package)

Equipment you'll use during the course:

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

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Itinerary - 5 days and 4 nights - Learn to Dive

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: When you arrive with the ferry to Koh Tao, you will be picked up by your driver, and taken to the hostel. At 5pm, there will be a 90 minute orientation at the dive center. During this session, you will meet your group and your instructor, complete the paperwork, watch the first video and discuss the course schedule for the coming days. You will finish at 6:30pm.

Day 2: Today, you will spend the morning in the swimming pool, developing your skills and get comfortable with the dive equipment. After Lunch, your course continues with classroom sessions. You will be done in good time to join the Yoga Class at 6pm. (optional and to be paid locally or from home).

Day 3: This morning, you will be in the classroom for a few hours before heading out on the dive boat, to do the first 2 dives in the ocean with your instructor. These dives will be at a shallow depth and done progressively to make sure you get really comfortable with your new skills. In case you wish to book a Yoga Class to finish off the day, you will be back in time to do so!

Day 4: Early morning start! You are heading straight to the boat with your instructor and classmates this morning. Today, you will finish the course with 2 more dives in the ocean. The afternoon is left as a buffer, in case you need to practise more in the pool, do another dive, or have another classroom session.

Day 5: Join a morning yoga session at 9:00am, or relax in the pool or on the beach? Or stay for your Advanced Open Water course and get certified to dive to 30m and complete a night dive! This can be booked from home or locally at the dive center. ;)

If you want a longer itinerary, you can add extra days of diving and accommodation upon booking. For plenty of time, add an extra night to your package after the course!

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
Meet at the dive center

Please note that
your course starts on day 1 @ 5:00pm

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

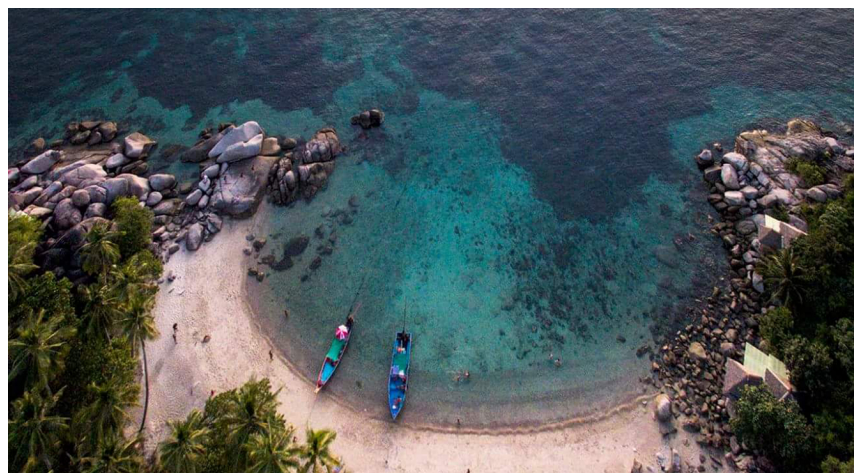
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Transfer information

The easiest way to get to Koh Tao is to take the bus from Bangkok. The bus leaves twice a day from Khaosan Road in central Bangkok to connect with the Lomprayah High Speed Catamaran in Chumphon, for a 1,5 hour crossing to Koh Tao. If travelling down to Koh Tao in the high seasons or around a full moon party it's always a good idea to book your bus ticket in advance. You can do this at <http://www.lomprayah.com>.

You can buy the ticket in most local tourist and travel agents around Bangkok.

Regardless of where you are in Thailand prior to your trip, you can always get a package deal from the local travel agent that will get you to Koh Tao. If in doubt about your arrival or how to get to Koh Tao, contact your dive center. 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 PRIVATE ROOM	
Days / Nights	5/4
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	445 EUR

Supplements	
1 day yoga pass	16 EUR
1 extra day of diving (2 dives)	54 EUR
1 extra night in dorm (after package)	15 EUR
1 extra night in dorm (before package)	15 EUR
1 extra night in private (after package)	25 EUR
1 extra night in private (before package)	25 EUR
Refresher dive (added to first dive in package)	27 EUR
Upgr: Deluxe Room w. ensuite (per. night. p.p)	17 EUR
Upgr: Superior Room w. ensuite (per. night. p.p)	10 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

PADI Open Water Course
All Course materials
Accommodation
Snacks on dive trips
High end dive equipment
Dive instructor and certification fee
Pick up/drop off service from ferry pier
Breakfast each day
Local dive insurance

Not included

All meals (besides breakfast)

Also available on site (based on availability)

Extra days of diving
Extra accommodation
Upgrading of room

Continuing education

Courses are available on request for the next level of continuing education

Cancellation

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

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.