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Time to get to the next level?
We highly recommend the PADI Advanced course for all divers, whether you're fresh out of your Open Water certification, or if you've got some fun dives under your belt. Koh Tao is the ideal location, as the variety of dive sites give you the opportunity to advance your skills as you explore the underwater world while diving Koh Tao's best dive sites. Over 2 days and 5 dives, you'll get certified to dive to 30m, learn underwater navigation, and experience your choice of three additional adventure dives.

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.
Spending time on the excellent dive boat with a spacious sundeck, 2 showers, 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 offer 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! The yoga schedule is designed to work with the dive schedule, allowing you to make the most of your time on Koh Tao. 9AM + 6PM every day!



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
PADI Open Water Course or equivalent

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 know 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 (spacious) dorm room

Is furnished with 6 individual beds, individual lockers, personal reading light, and electrical outlet. The room is air conditioned and has a spacious balcony along with a clothing rack. Trust us, this hostel ROCKS!

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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:

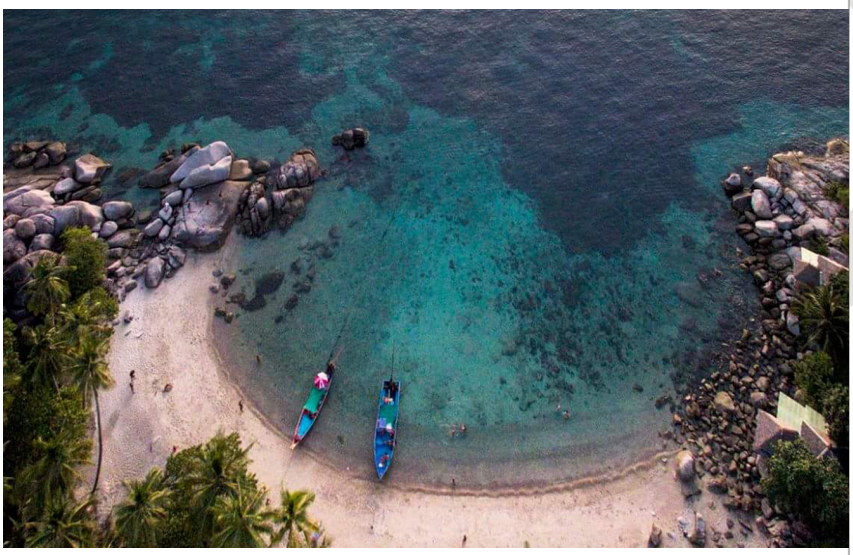
- Underwater navigation
- Deeper water diving (from 18-30 meters)
- 3 Adventure Dives of your choice

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 will make you even more comfortable in the water, and allow you to dive deeper. 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)



Activity starts
Please note that daily start times can vary from course to course

You will be notified about the specifics of your course, upon arrival

Activity starts from
All students meet at the Dive Center each morning

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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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: When you arrive with the ferry to Koh Tao, you will be picked up by your driver, and taken to the hostel. Head on over to the dive center to complete the paperwork and receive you course manual.

Day 2: You will be doing 2 dives today from the Advanced Open Water Course. The Peak Performancy Buoyancy Dive - this is where you get really good at moving effortlessly in the water, hovering in total neutral balance. DIve 2 is the Navigation Dive, where you will... learn to navigate underwater.

Day 3: Today you will finish 2 more dives of the Advanced Open Water Course, the Deep Dive and either FishID or Photo. Now you can dive safely down to 30m and you have an understand of the marine life around you / camera use underwater.

A night dive can be scheduled on either day 2 or 3. Your instructor will discuss the options with you when you check in at the dive center.

Day 4: 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 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

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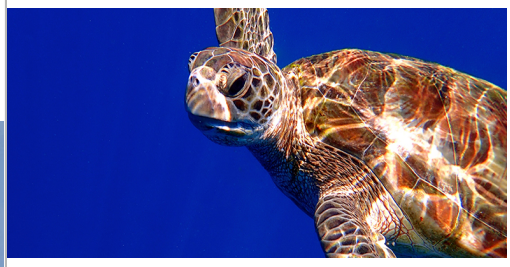
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Transfer information

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 Lomrayah 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.

ADVANCED COURSE - DORM ROOM	
Days / Nights	4/3
Amount of dives	5
Price (incl. accommodation)	364 EUR

Supplements

1 Day yoga pass	23 EUR
1 Extra day of diving (2 dives)	55 EUR
1 Extra night in dorm (after package)	22 EUR
1 Extra night in dorm (before package)	22 EUR
1 Extra night in private room (after)	25 EUR
1 Extra night in private room (before)	25 EUR
Refresher dive (added to first dive in package)	28 EUR
Upgr: Deluxe Room w. ensuite (per. night. p.p)	26 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 Advanced 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

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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

Medical statements, specifically for courses in Cairns (Australia)

Entry level (E.g. Open Water course)
https://blueventure.net/files/required/138.pdf

Continuing education (e.g. advanced course)
https://blueventure.net/files/required/139.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.