

Dahab, Sinai, Egypt

Learn to dive in Dahab - upgraded accom.

The diving

Start the journey of a lifetime with PADI's Open Water Diver Course - the single most popular diving course in the world! Conditions in Dahab are excellent for beginners - warm water, little or absolutely no current and amazing visibility. Small groups and beautiful scenery will be your everyday experience in this special place.

The contrast between touristic Sharm El Sheikh further South and Dahab, is nothing less than extreme. Here you will find old school backpacker hippies retreating with a combination of Yoga, rock climbing and world class diving, no hassle and no stress. Just what you want your dive holiday to be.

Together with your instructor, you will have a fun, safe and different course that will be something to remember.

Area name / Island name

Dahab, Sinai, Egypt

Nearest airport

Sharm El Sheikh international airport

Season

All year round.

Center type

PADI & AIDA Freediving Center
Home of the Camel Diving Safaris
Project Awareness Award from PADI
International
Ambassadors on promoting sustainable
tourism in the Sinai

Experience level

None. You need to be able to swim 200
meters and float for 10 minutes without
assistance

Minimum age for participation

10 Years

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Location

Historically, most visitors to Dahab have been backpackers traveling independently, staying in the hostels and Bedouin camps. This has made the little fishermen town develop into an international good feel place. With its bohemian feel of hippie and Bedouin, Dahab is a beautiful mix of peace seeking travelers, creating an extraordinary atmosphere of relaxation and friendliness.

Your accommodation (3 star hotel or camp)

Most things are flexible in Dahab, and that includes your accommodation! The main option is a Bedouin Camp, popular with backpackers and yogahippies since the 70s. It is very low key and basic, with proper bedouin hangout areas just steps from the beach. And it's just 150m up the beach to your dive resort, run by one of the most inspiring women in Dahab. Tanis is a Canadian woman who settled in Dahab many years ago. Her love and care for Egypt is truly inspiring and her daily presence at the camp and dive school calls for hours of interesting conversation and adds a catching calmness and charm to the whole place. You can also upgrade to sea view rooms with a swimming pool and breakfast included, right at the dive resort itself. Either way, you're in great hands with friendly people.

Your room:

Your backpacker room at Sindbad camp is simple but clean and cozy. Twin or double beds, with A/C. Upgraded rooms are right next to the dive centre in the 3-star Dahab Hotel with swimming pool and has breakfast included.

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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 digital 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 and a wetsuit (Included in your package)

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Itinerary

We have based this dive package in Dahab on the weekly flights from Europe. Whether you only want the diving included in your PADI Open Water Course, or you chose to add extra days of diving during your booking request, we recommend that you have your accommodation booked for the week.

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 - Pick-up from airport, check in and relax, start reading the book

Day 2 - Theory and confined water sessions

Day 3 - Theory and confined water sessions

Day 4 - Theory and 2 open water dives

Day 5 - Exam and 2 open water dives

Day 6 - Relax or go fun diving!

Day 7 - Relax or go fun diving!

Day 8 – Check out & transfer to the airport.

Please note

Due to ocean and weather conditions, the itinerary can be subject to change without further notice.

Activity starts

Normally you meet at 9am in the dive shop
Check with your dive center the day prior to diving

Activity starts from

The dive center

Group Size

Max. 4 divers per instructor/guide

Language

English

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Transfer Information

A return transfer from Sharm El Sheik airport is included in your package.

Upon booking, the dive center will be notified regarding your arrival date. Please make sure you contact the dive center with your flight information in order for them to arrange your pick-up accordingly.

10 days prior to your trip, you and the dive center will receive an e-mail reminder. If you have not contacted the dive center yet, this is a good time to do so!

You can find the details for the dive center on your voucher.

PLEASE NOTE - Local environmental fee:

Environmental Protection Fee: the Egyptian Red Sea is a delicate marine environment. To limit activity on key sites, and to raise money for conservation activities, you will be asked to pay a National Park fee at some dive sites. This is paid daily and subject to change, but at the moment is \$10 per person per day for the Blue Hole and Ras Abu Galum.

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

LEARN TO DIVE - UPGRADED ACCOM.

Days / Nights	8/7
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	630 EUR

Supplements

1 night camel upgrade	128 EUR
Advanced Course - Supplemental	250 EUR
Extra day of diving (2 dives)	50 EUR
Extra night in basic (after)	18 EUR
Extra night in basic (before)	18 EUR
Extra night in upgraded (after)	31 EUR
Extra night in upgraded (before)	31 EUR
Refresher dive (added 1st dive)	25 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
PADI Course Materials
Full dive equipment
Accommodation as stated in the package
Return airport transfer
Breakfast at hotel

Not included

Daily meals (breakfast included)
Marine Park Fee

Also available on site

Continuing education
Freediving
Yoga classes
Rock Climbing
Extra days of diving

Continuing education

All continuing courses available on site

Cancellation

As in terms and conditions

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.

<http://blueventure.net/files/required/270.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.

PADI MEDICAL STATEMENT & LOGBOOK:

If you are about to enroll in a dive course (entry level only), you must fill out the PADI Medical Statement before you leave your home country. Please make sure your agent has provided you with the PADI 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.