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Pulau Perhentian Kecil, Perhentian Islands, Malaysia

Learn to dive in the Perhentians - no. accom.

The Diving

Dive, dive, dive… then hammock time.
Experience the perfect balance of laid-back Malaysian island life and the energy of a dynamic, professional, and genuinely welcoming dive centre. From the moment you arrive, you'll be treated like family - and by the time you leave, chances are you won't want to.

Every dive centre has its own personality, just as every dive site does. But every now and then, you find somewhere special - and this is one of those places. Start your day at the dive centre, grab a coffee, and soak up the atmosphere as the day's diving adventures begin.

As a PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Centre, you'll be learning and diving alongside an experienced team whose passion for the underwater world is infectious. Whether you're building confidence, developing new skills, or simply enjoying time beneath the surface, you'll be in excellent hands.

The Perhentian Islands offer something for every level of diver and are especially ideal for those starting their underwater journey. Explore a spectacular pinnacle, discover half a dozen wrecks, drift over vibrant coral reefs, and keep an eye out for fascinating macro life. Best of all, every site is just a relaxed 15–25 minute boat ride from the dive centre - meaning more time in the water and less time getting there.

Area name/Island name
Coral Bay, Perhentian Kecil, Malaysia

Nearest airport
Kota Bharu

Season
The Perhentian dive season runs from February until October

Center type
PADI 5 Star IDC Center
Friendly and very experienced instructors and dive guides

Experience level
None. All students must be able to swim 200 m and float for 10 minutes.
A PADI medical statement must be filled in prior to the course.
(Receive it from your travel agent)

Minimum age for participation
10 years

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The Location

Explore the reefs with the dive center, trek through the jungle that covers the island, or snorkel from beach to beach. It is a green island, full of life, but no roads, no cars, and absolutely NO stress! As the sun sets, grab a seafood bbq dinner on the beach. And if you are not diving the next day, take a 10-minute walk over to Long Beach and dance barefooted in the sand till the morning arrives together with backpackers and locals alike.

You can always grab a boat taxi to a secluded beach or do the short walk through the jungle to the famous long beach for a party, but the serenity and the all-time presence of nature in Coral Bay will always drag you back in the morning! And if you are a little fresh, then jump in the ocean for an early morning snorkel on the corner reef to maximize your luck of seeing little black reef sharks buzzing around beneath you.

Your Accommodation

Not included.
The dive center is located in Coral Bay on Pulau Perhentian Kecil.

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Introduction to course

The PADI Open Water Diver course is the most popular diving certificate worldwide. After completing this three-to-four day course you will be certified to dive to 18m independently with a buddy.

The course consists of five modules of learning. You study via eLearning, 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 lagoon sessions and four open water dives. Dive one and two are conducted at a depth of maximum 12m and dives 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 three to four days, with the theoretical, the confined water lagoon 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
PADI eLearning
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 eLearning
(included in your package)

Equipment you'll use during the course
Mask, fins, snorkel, tank, regulator, buoyancy compensator, weight belt, submersible pressure gauge, dive computer and a wetsuit
(Included in your package)

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Itinerary - 5 days / 4 nights
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 three to four days depending on the students enrolled. To give you an idea of what to expect, see the itinerary below:

Day 1:
Check in and relax, and complete the eLearning, if you haven't done already.

Day 2:
Shore review of theory and confined water sessions

Day 3:
Confined water sessions and open water dive

Day 4:
Open water dives

Day 5:
Relax and check out. Or go fun diving!

If you want a longer itinerary, you can add extra days of diving 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 starts from
The dive center

Group Size
Max. four divers per instructor

Language
English

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Transfer Information
To reach the Perhentian Islands and your tropical island paradise, you will need to make your way to Kuala Besut Jetty.

From the nearest airport in Kota Bharu, the most common options are using the Grab app or taking an airport taxi.

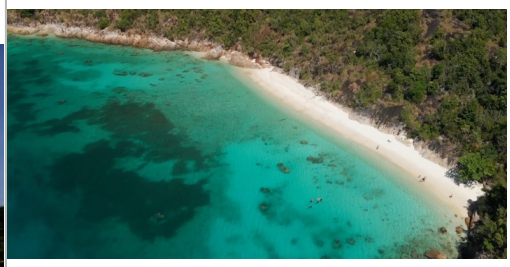
Once you arrive at the Kuala Besut jetty complex, look for the office of **Save Park Holidays**, the boat operator responsible for your transfer. Simply let them know you are a guest of our dive centre (full details will be provided on your voucher), and they will assist you with your boat transfer.

Once onboard, the boat crew will know to drop you off at Coral Bay on Perhentian Kecil.

On arrival at Coral Bay jetty, walk approximately 100 metres along the beach. The dive centre and your accommodation are located in the middle of the bay.

You need to let the dive center know your approximate arrival time at least one week in advance. You will find the details for the dive center on your voucher.

For transfer advise, feel free to reach out to the dive center who has an updated knowledge of routes and schedules.



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

LEARN TO DIVE, NO. ACCOM. (15FEB-15OCT)	
Days / Nights	5/0
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	375 EUR

Supplements	
1 extra night in dorm (after package)	16 EUR
Fundiving - 10 dives extra	218 EUR
Fundiving - 2 dives extra	53 EUR
Fundiving - 4 dives extra	120 EUR
Refresher dive	44 EUR

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

Supplements
A supplement can be chosen to be added onto your package. All supplements can also be booked on site. In high season, dorms and boats get filled fast and you might find trouble getting an extra night of accommodation or an extra day of diving. If you are booking a diving course, it is definitely recommended to book an extra day prior to your course to get settled and get up front on the studying.

Included
PADI Open Water Course
PADI eLearning
One extra dive after course completion
Wifi at the dive center
Dive Guide
Boat for diving activities
Diving equipment
Use of dive computer

Not included
Accommodation
Transfer
All meals
Soft drinks and alcohol
Boat transfer between islands

Also available on site
Extra days of diving

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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.