

BECOME A
PADI® OPEN WATER DIVER

LEARN TO DIVE WITH THE WORLD'S LEADING
DIVER TRAINING ORGANIZATION



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WE ARE.

EDUCATION

EXPLORATION

COMMUNITY

CONSERVATION

Learning to dive is one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. Earning your PADI certification will forever change the way you see the world, both above and below the water. As a PADI Diver, you hold the passport to visit the last frontier – our water planet offers endless opportunities for adventure and discovery.

The most sought-after dive educators on the planet, PADI Instructors have safely guided divers below the surface since 1966. Teaching the world's most popular scuba diving curriculum, they transform people into divers, and open hearts and minds to the hidden beauty of nature's creation and our obligation to protect it.

As a PADI Diver, you train with the best and become part of the world's largest, most active global community of divers, bound together by a shared passion for adventure and love for the underwater world.

Be Best. Be PADI.



// Scuba diving changed my life. I learned so much about myself and the world around me. Getting certified took me to parts of the world I never would have otherwise seen."

- Emily Krak
PADI OPEN WATER DIVER



EDUCATION

THREE STEPS TO OPEN WATER DIVER CERTIFICATION*

STEP 1: KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT

Learn the basic principles and terms you'll need to apply during your inwater training sessions. PADI's online training program is designed so you can learn the academics at your own pace and when it's convenient for you – simply complete the academics online or at your local PADI Dive Center or Resort.

STEP 2: CONFINED WATER DIVES

Develop and practice scuba skills in a pool (or body of water with pool-like conditions) under direct instructor supervision. As you learn new skills, you'll build the abilities and confidence needed for diving in open water.

STEP 3: OPEN WATER DIVES

This is what you've been waiting for – get ready to put everything you've learned into practice with the freedom of open water. PADI Open Water Diver certification is recognized worldwide, so your opportunities for diving exploration are limitless.

* To enroll in a PADI Open Water Diver course or Junior Open Water Diver course, you must be 10 years old or older.

DIVE EDUCATION OPTIMIZED FOR YOU

PROGRESS AT YOUR OWN PACE

Performance-based learning ensures competent and prepared divers.

- PADI courses are performance-based, which means you progress at your own pace as you demonstrate mastery of specific performance requirements essential to becoming a scuba diver.

LEARNING FLEXIBILITY

Superior education materials are designed for flexibility and learning preference.

- PADI materials are created with you, the student diver in mind, by a team of artists, image makers, editors, writers and international subject-matter experts.
- Independent study materials available in a variety of media – online programs, tablet-based apps, manuals, workbooks, etc. – allow you to learn in a way that works for you.
- Your PADI Instructor is there to further explain important concepts and verify understanding.

Get started today at padi.com/start-diving.





EXPLORATION

YOUR PADI OPEN WATER DIVER CERTIFICATION IS A LIFE-CHANGING PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

With 6,500 PADI Dive Centers and Resorts and 135,000 PADI Professionals who have issued in excess of 25 million certifications around the world, you'll find PADI courses and scuba diving services nearly everywhere you've ever dreamed of visiting.

Find a PADI Dive Shop or Resort in your community – or wherever your travels take you – at padi.com/diveshops.



I am often totally surprised by a rare sighting, or by the seemingly weird behavior of an animal I thought I knew. And to think, I haven't even scratched the surface of dive sites still out there to be explored."

– Andre Miller / PADI AMBASSADIVER™ / PADI FREEDIVER™ / PADI MASTER SCUBA DIVER TRAINER

WHY DIVE?

GAIN NEW PERSPECTIVES

Scuba diving will change the way you see the world, both above and below the water. Once underwater, you'll meet a dazzling array of marine life, witnessing firsthand the incredible biodiversity in our oceans.

MORE THAN 70% OF THE PLANET IS COVERED IN WATER

Imagine what is waiting for you. Experience a world many will never see, a world filled with color, shapes, textures and creatures unlike anything you've witnessed before.

EMBARK ON UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURES

Experience the history that lies beneath the water's surface. Explore wrecks that sit on the sea floor, including submarines and planes, treasure ships and retired boats purpose-sunk to create beautiful artificial reefs.



EXPERIENCE WEIGHTLESSNESS

Always wondered what it's like to go into space? Diving is the closest thing to feeling like an astronaut. Learn to dive and feel the buoyancy of weightlessness.

PERSONAL GROWTH AND SELF-DISCOVERY

Whether you're practicing skills, diving with manta rays or hovering effortlessly over a reef while you take in every detail, embracing new experiences is empowering. Just one dive can be life-changing and open your mind to personal growth, exploration and travel.

Become a PADI Diver and transform your life.
What are you waiting for?

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COMMUNITY

BE INSPIRED

Connect with PADI and millions of people worldwide through PADI's social channels.

- See stunning photos and watch videos of marine life and dive sites from around the globe.
- Discover awe-inspiring places to travel and dive.
- Find helpful articles with tips and advice from PADI Professionals to enhance your diving skills and experiences.
- Meet others with common interests and a passion for adventure, travel and the underwater world.
- Find out more information and ways you can take action as a diver to conserve and protect our blue planet, and the creatures that inhabit it.

Join the conversation.





CONSERVATION



A FORCE FOR GOOD

To be best *in* the world, we must be best *for* the world. We understand the importance of healthy oceans and the need to protect the marine life and biodiversity within. PADI supports global efforts that affect all of us as divers. Working with partners in conservation like Project AWARE® (projectaware.org), United Nations Development Programme (sustainabledevelopment.un.org) and Mission Blue™ (mission-blue.org), we amplify all our efforts to protect marine ecosystems and ensure the oceans will be preserved for generations to come.

As a PADI Diver, you join the global movement to sustain and improve the health of our blue planet.

Learn more at padi.com/conservation.

GET YOUR PADI TODAY

IF YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO EXPERIENCE UNPARALLELED ADVENTURE AND SEE THE WORLD BENEATH THE WAVES, IT ALL STARTS HERE!

1. Enroll in a PADI Open Water Diver course with your local PADI Dive Center or Resort, or at any one of the 6,500 locations around the world
2. Or start online now with **PADI eLearning**[®]

Begin your adventure by logging on to padi.com/start-diving.



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