

Gili Air Island, Lombok, Indonesia Learn to dive in Gili Air

The diving

Learn your skills in the confined water of the pool at our resort, then venture out into the blue and warm water surrounding the Gili Islands. You will find that this destination provides you the absolutely best conditions imaginable for your first experience in the great world of diving!

Indonesia is home to more than 3,000 species of marine life and you will for sure witness a great number of these species during your course. The abundance of fish found in the waters around Gili Air and Trawangan will not disappoint any diver.

Don't forget to scout the surface of the water for jumping dolphins and look up during the dive in the hope of spotting a manta ray or in the right season the weird but really amazing Mola Mola.

Trust us on this one, Indonesia is beautiful under water, and in Gili Air, you will find some amazing and easy dive sites. Together with your instructor, you will have a fun and enjoyable course!



Area name / Island name
Gili Air Island, Lombok Indonesia

Nearest airport
Lombok & Denpasar (Bali)

Season
All year round
The best season is June to October but the Gili islands offer great visibility and climate all year

Center type
SSI Diamond Instructor Training Facility

Experience level
None

Minimum age for participation
10 Years

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Location

Above water Gili Air differs quite a lot Gili Trawangan. Over the past years, Gili Air has become more popular with those wanting to escape the party atmosphere and buzz associated with Gili Trawangan. The island is tiny, but very relaxed and pretty. Like on Gili Trawangan, you will find no real roads here. Only sandy paths where the only type of transportation is horse carts and bicycles. You can find all types of restaurants and bars, but all with a really chilled atmosphere. When you are tired of hanging out in your hammock on the beach (which is what you do here) go searching for the secret little places in the back streets where the local food is cooked to perfection for cheap cheap bucks!

Your resort

Is copying the concept from our dive center on Gili Trawangan. There's a pool to cool down in, a lovely restaurant (breakfast is included) and an awesome hang-out area with hammocks. The beach is less than 10 meters away (or the water is, the resort is actually on the beach) and has a breathtaking view over Mount Rinjani and Lombok. Pure uhhmmness!

Your Room

In season, our little resort gets very booked out, and we can't guarantee you a bungalow. But all rooms are very clean, cozy and with a little private terrace. Room facilities include twin or double bed, Air Con, hot water and safety deposit.



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Introduction to course

The SSI Open Water Diver course is one of 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 SSI 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

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

SSI 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 - 5 days and 4 night

The SSI 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

Check in your room, course orientation at 5pm. This will give you a chance to meet your instructor and fellow students, fill in all the necessary paperwork, watch the first videos and discuss the course schedule for the coming days.

Day 2

Theory and confined water sessions

Day 3

Theory and confined or open water sessions

Day 4

Exam and open water dives

Day 5

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

Courses are run on a weekly basis
start dates vary by request.

Please note that start times
can vary from course to course.
You will be notified upon arrival

Activity starts from

Dive center

Please contact your dive center no later than
one week prior arrival - to confirm your
arrival and pick-up times.

Group Size

No limit
Max. 6 divers pr. Instructor/Divemaster

Language

English

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Transfer information

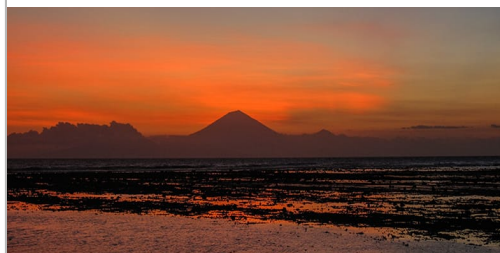
Flights - There are daily flights from Denpasar, Bali to Mataram on Lombok with several airlines. Flights run every hour from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and flight time is approximately 25 minutes.
At arrival in Mataram airport, take a taxi/transport to Bangsal Harbour where public boat sails across to the island of Gili Air.

Alternatively, a pick up can be arranged by the dive center in the airport. Whichever you choose, the trip from the airport to the dive center on Gili Trawangan is a 1.5 - 2 hour car journey and a 15 minute speedboat transfer to the island.

Boats are leaving in the mornings from two different departure points in Bali and arrive in Gili Air between 10:30 and 02:30. The pick-up from your hotel to the harbour is not included in the price.
The recommended fastboat service is the Bluewater Express. They depart from both Padang Bai (East Bali) and Serangan (South Bali) and run a super-professional service. Tickets can be booked online

You can make your way to Gili Air on your own using local travel agents, or the dive center can guide and arrange all your transfers for you.

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	
Days / Nights	5/4
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	655 EUR

Supplements	
Extra day of diving (2 dives)	80 EUR
Extra night of accom. (after)	40 EUR
Extra night of accom. (before)	40 EUR
Refresher Dive (added to 1st dive)	73 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

Accommodation
Continental breakfast
All equipment
All SSI course materials
Dive Instructor

Not included

Dinner
Lunch
Transfer to and from Gili Air
Marine park fee - IDR 150.000 per diver

Also available on site

Extra diving
Extra accommodation
Upgrade of room
Nitrox

Continuing education

Courses are available on request for all levels 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>

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.