

Dauin, Negros Oriental, Philippines Fundiving in pretty Dauin

The diving

Okay, so we tend to get very enthusiastic about our dive destinations, but hands down, THIS one is topping on our list! The diving around Dauin is a brilliant mixture of cool thriving reefs (like proper, FULL ON coral reefs, just like you have seen them on TV) and funky macro life. A perfect match! Most of the diving is done from the beach or close to the coast, where the current hardly exists. The diving in general, is suitable for all levels of divers, but especially highly recommendable for the geeky diver seeking rare macro sightings! The beginner, seeking easy diving and pretty reefs will love the turtles and the pretty patches of reef, but be aware! The area is very much about diving on the black volcanic sand, looking for the strange life that can be found in this kind of habitat. It is like a treasure hunt, where weird tiny marine life is the pretty gems. If you haven't tried muck diving, THIS is the place to start!

And, if you also want to experience the full on coral reef and some bigger marine life, you can always get on a boat and head out to the world famous Apo Island and Sumilon island. (We have to say it again... the corals out there are pretty damn fine!).

If you want relaxed beach diving with rare and odd marine life, you should dive the coast of Dauin. If you want it all, dive both Dauin Coast and Apo Island and enjoy the wickedness of the Philippine waters



Area name/Island name

Dauin, Negros Oriental, Philippines

Nearest airport

Dumaguete City airport

Season

The Dauin dive season runs all year round. Best conditions exist from November to June

Center type

PADI Dive center
Friendly and experienced
Danish/Local owned

Experience level

PADI Open water diver or equivalent. Is suitable for all experience levels. The dives are easy accessible from the beach with limited current, black sand and macro makes it interesting for experienced divers, photographers and keen beginners

Minimum age for participation

10 Years

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Location

Above water Dauin is a local town just South of Dumaguete City. Dumaguete City is placed in the middle of The Visayas and is the perfect travel hub to other famous dive destinations. Siquijor, Bohol, Moalboal, Malapascua or Sipalay is less than a days travel from Dumaguete, which makes it a perfect stop on your way around the Philippines...

The diversity of the coast is truly magnificent, and the underwater scenery is as pure as it gets. With the islands cultural attractions on land, the gentle people, dramatic landscape and amazing diving opportunities, it is a combination that is spot on.

Your resort

Is very different from the rest! It is one of those places where people end up staying for weeks or even months... not kidding! It is beautiful, full of flowers and very cozy! There is a relaxed atmosphere and a homey feeling that you will love, no doubt! Cook your own food in the common kitchen, take a nap in the hammock station, put on a DVD and crash in a bean bag or grab a tank and go diving just 50 meters from the gate on the coolest housereef in the Philippines!.

Your room

Double or private room with fan and shared bathrooms (but PRETTY shared bathrooms!). The rooms are all made local style, with bamboo, nipah and mahogany wood. There is mosquito nets available on request.



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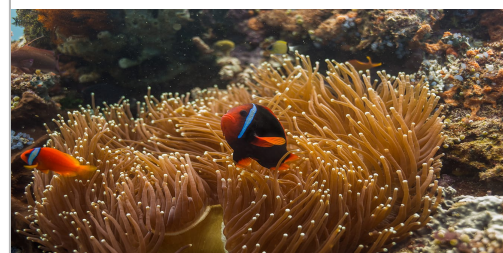
This is only a selection of the many dive sites represented on this particular destination. The diving is dictated by the safeness of the environment.

The marine sanctuaries are protected by the sea rangers who are working for the local government units. It is known to be amongst Philippines best and most successful marine protected areas, with the help of the local Universities to enhance and protect the conservation of marine life. The area has volcanic black sand which makes these dive sites unique from all the others in Philippines.

Dauin Poblacion 1: This dive site is placed at the backyard of the dive center, not more than a 50m walk. The dive site is good for all level of divers as the place has mild condition most of the year. This dive site is well known to experienced underwater photographers around the world. The reef begins only 5 meters from the shore. Keep a look-out for one of the many turtles cruising around the sanctuary. The composition of the reef makes it perfect for training purposes.

Cars, Poblacion 2: Also just a step away from the dive center, this is a deeper muck, where the main attraction is two car wrecks that sits in about 27m of water. The wrecks have loads of fish living on them like schools of Snappers, big Common Lionfish, Sweetlips and Angelfish. As time is ticking, you will need to head back up the sandy slope where many weird and wonderful critters live. Look out for Ornate, Robust and Velvet Ghost Pipefish, Devil Scorpionfish, tiny juvenile Frogfish, Crinoid Squat Lobsters and Shrimps, Sand Divers, Dragonettes and our ABSOLUTE FAVORITE Flamboyant Cuttlefish! This dive is like being on another planet, truly an experience.

Apo Island: Apo Island has 11 unique dive sites around the whole island, it has it all, beautiful thriving reefs, easy diving for the beginners, and dives with stronger current for the more experienced or adventure seeking diver... Apo Island is well known around the world as being one of the top dive destinations in the world and this is not to miss out... Apo Island consists of some amazing underwater scenes with dramatical rock formations with healthy corals growing on the walls all the way down to 45-50 meters! It is like being in a real aquarium, with tons of turtles, banded sea snakes, bump heads and big schools of jack fish swimming amongst hundreds of different corals. We think that THIS is truly a small underwater heaven on earth.



Conditions:

Visibility

Usually the visibility is really good around Dauin/Apo Island 10-25 meters Depends on the seasons, but there is no outgoing rivers which makes the visibilities good all year round

Water Temperature

25-29 degrees

Current

Most dive sites are without any current and is easy diving. Then there is a few good drifts on Apo Island and Dauin Coast with stronger currents for the more experienced diver

Required certification level

PADI Open water diver or equivalent
Perfect not only for the novice diver, but has a lot to offer for the experienced diver and underwater photographer

Special marinelif

Everything considered like special marinelif... Dauin has got it! Apo has the untouched coral reefs, do not miss out!

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Itinerary

On the day of arrival, your equipment will be fitted and packed for the following days of diving. The rest of the day is left for exploring on land and settling in. The days while living, consist of diving until afternoon, on the local and offshore sites. All dives will be done from shore, except for day trip dives on Apo Island. Apo Island is dived from a boat.

There will be no refund on dives not used. Check out is at noon.

Itinerary 1.

Fundiving Dauin: 4 days & 3 nights, 4 dives

We recommend this Package if you have limited time but still want to see Dauin/Apo Island. You will be able to do some of the local dive sites, and depending on the schedule in the shop and the weather, you might also be able to make it out to Apo Island. But it is not a guarantee!

Itinerary 2.

Fundiving Dauin Extended: 6 days & 5 nights, 8 dives

If you have more time on your hand, THIS is your right choice. With this package, you will have sufficient time to discover Apo Island and Dauin's many dive sites. However, we really recommend that you book an extra few nights in the accommodation. The place is so relaxed and lovely, most people hang out for longer periods, and takes a well deserved break from the backpacking life.

Please note:

Trips to Apo Island has an extra fee that has to be paid locally. This fee is **not** included in the packages above. The dive center schedules several trips to Apo Island every week and you can easily upgrade the diving days you want to an Apo Island dive trip by paying the extra fee at the dive center. (the fee will vary during the seasons).

If you want a longer itinerary, you can add extra days of diving and accommodation upon booking.



Activity starts

8am - 8pm depending upon dive site

Activity starts from

The dive center, right next to the accommodation

Group Size

Small group sizes with max. 5 divers

Language

English

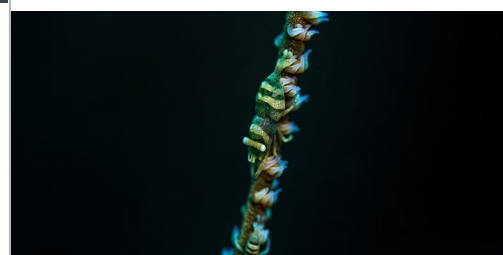
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Transfer

There are several ways to get to Dauin, depending where your arrival is from. Easiest way is to take a local tricycle direct to the hostel/dive center. Usually the price from Dumaguete airport/pier is no more than 300 pesos. The accommodation can also arrange a special transfer a private van. However, we do recommend the tricycle ride, which is both a lot of fun and really comfortable (if not too many people and luggage is loaded on the same bike). Tricycles is the local way to get around and this method is a brilliant way to see and experience the country.

If you are in doubt of how to get to the dive center, please do use the contact details on your voucher. They have an extended knowledge of local bus, ferries and minivan services and can guide you too the best route.

You need to let the dive center know your arrival time 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.

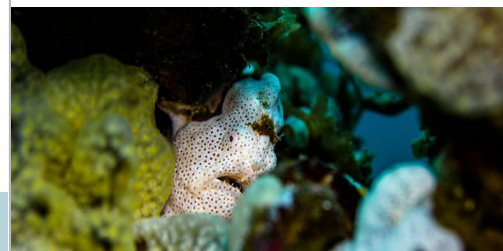
FUNDIVING EXTENDED	
Days / Nights	6/5
Amount of dives	8
Price (incl. accommodation)	293 EUR

Supplements	
1 extra day of diving (2 dives)	52 EUR
1 Extra night of accom. (after)	7 EUR
1 Extra night of accom. (before)	7 EUR
A/C upgrade per night	11 EUR
EFR + Rescue course + 4 nights in private room	442 EUR
Refresher Dive (added to 1st dive)	52 EUR
Transfer Dumaguete to Dauin or vice versa	22 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
All dive equipment
Beach Entry Dives
Accommodation in twin or double room

Not included
Boat dives
Apo Island Fee
Daytrips
All meals

Also available on site
Divecomputer Rentals
Medical Oxygen
Enriched Air Nitrox

Continuing education
Rescue diver
Dive Master Programs
PADI Specialties

Cancellation
Terms on voucher

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>

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.