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Dauin, Negros Oriental, Philippines

Open Water to Rescue Diver in 3 weeks

Always wanted to do something out of the ordinary? To take a grand leap in your life? – Why not spend 3 weeks at our professional and super cozy dive center in the Philippines! During the 3 weeks, you will go through the initial course, where you get certified to 18m. This is the PADI Open Water Course. Next, you will go through the PADI Advanced Open Water Course, slowly advancing your skills in the water, and comfortably extending your limit to 30m. Then, it is time for the PADI Rescue Diver Course… This is probably the most giving course you can take! This is the course that will teach you to become the best possible buddy in and out of the water. And with this, we don't mean it makes you cool to dive with (well that too), but it makes you safe! On the Rescue course, you will learn to recognise other divers in need of help, and it will give you the tools, to safely provide your help during the dive and on the surface. Top it all up, with the EFR course, which is an Emergency First Response course, where you will learn CPR and how to give aid in an emergency on land. In between your courses, we have added 10 fundives, where you will dive… JUST for fun!

These 4 courses will not only develop you into becoming an excellent diver and dive buddy, but they are also the initial steps towards the professional status of a Divemaster! As a Divemaster, you can work as a dive guide around the world. Which is an EXCELLENT way to travel and experience different cultures.

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/International crew

Experience level
No previous experience is needed
You must be able to swim 200m and float for 10 minutes

Minimum age for participation
15 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 day 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's 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's 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
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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During your course and on fundiving days, there will be days where the dive center heads out to Apo Island or Sumilon Island. You will have the option to join for a local fee of 30 Euro, or stay at the dive center, studying the theory of your courses.

The diving

The diving around Dauin is a brilliant mixture of cool thriving reefs (like prober, 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 from our dive boat, where the current hardly exists.

The diving is suitable for all levels of divers and it is especially good to conduct the courses, which you will see!

Between your courses, when it's time for fun diving, you can seek easy diving and pretty reefs, with 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. And this kind of dive, is especially good for practicing your buoyancy and trim in the water.

If you 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!). It is possible to do some parts of the courses here. Which means we go on a day trip to one of these beautiful places. Just let your instructor know and it will be arranged.

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 marinelife

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

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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.

So what does these 3 weeks include?
WELL - 3 weeks of fun, stuffed with 4 courses:
- PADI Open Water diver (18m), PADI Advanced Open Water Diver (30m), PADI Rescue Diver and EFR (Emergency First Response).

Besides that, you will get:
- 10 fun dives, which means that you get even more comfortable in the water, in between your courses.
- Equipment rental
- Sanctuary fees (our reefs are protected, so every time we go out in the water, we pay a fee for the continuous conservation of the area)
- And you will of course have private accommodation (shared bathroom), through the three weeks (21 nights), at our little cosy resort.

What is not included?:
- Additional fee for our fantastic day trips to Apo Island or Sumilon, 3 dives and lunch included on every trip. (Approx.: 30 euro per trip)
- Teaching material for all 4 courses + certifications fees (approx. 270 euro in total)
- Food and drinks during the 3 weeks (count on 5 - 20 Euro per day, depending on your choice of restaurant).
- Nitrox course (Approx. 180 Euro - this course is optional)
- Transfer from Airport (13 euro) or Sibulan pier (17 euro) or find your own way, it is approx. 6-7 euro for a tricycle from the airport.

Activity starts
Since you have several courses to go through, the logistics are important for your experience Therefore, please make sure you arrive on a Sunday, so you can start on a Monday morning

Regular diving days start at between 7 and 8 am 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
Scandinavian

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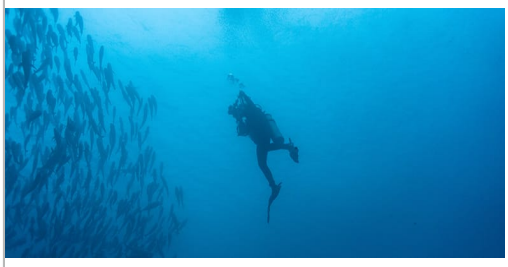
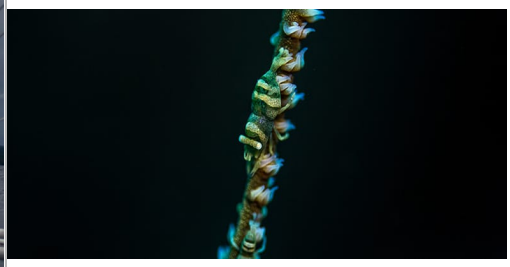
Transfer

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 hostel can also arrange a special transfer a private van for 1200 pesos. 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.

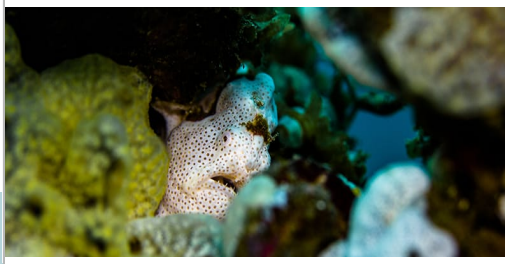
3 WEEKS - OPEN WATER TO RESCUE	
Days / Nights	3 weeks
Amount of dives	min. 23 dives
Price (incl. accommodation)	1475 EUR

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
21 nights of private accommodation
PADI Open Water Course
PADI Advanced Open Water Course
PADI Rescue Diver Course
EFR Course
All dive equipment
Marine park fees
10 local dives

Not included
Apo and Sumilon day trips (30 Euro per day)
Nitrox course (180 Euro)
Course materials (approximately 270 Euro)
Airport transfer
All meals

Also available on site
Medical Oxygen
Enriched Air Nitrox

Continuing education
Dive Master Programs
PADI Specialties

Cancellation
Terms on voucher

Dive insurance
Basic dive travel insurance required

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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

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.