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Pulau Perhentian Kecil, Perhentian Islands, Malaysia
Advanced Course - Perhentian Islands

The diving
The course consists of five dives; each of them explores a new area of diving, like deep diving, night diving, navigation or underwater photography. It is a playful course giving you experience and control in the water by simply diving with different purposes and goals.

It is a special course, which should be done in a special place.

Pulau Perhentian, also known as Perhentian Islands or simply, The Perhentians complies with our favourite mantra: Dive, eat, sleep, repeat… But for this place, add some great beaches, hammocks and good vibes! Combine chilled Malaysian island life with the daily dynamic life of a professional and super friendly dive center.

With sites that include a spectacular pinnacle, half a dozen wrecks and awesome reef life, you will get an unforgettable first experience in the world of diving.

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
International instructors and dive guides

Experience level
Open water diver or equivalent.
Perfect, not only for the novice diver, but has excellent dive sites and marine life for the experienced diver as well

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 in package.
The dive center is located in Coral Bay on Pulau Perhentian Kecil.

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Introduction to the Course
The PADI Advanced Open Water Course will help you become more comfortable in the water by completing five adventure dives under the supervision of a PADI Instructor. If you're looking to build confidence and gain more experience, this is the natural next step in your diving progression.

The course is designed so you can begin immediately after completing your Open Water Diver certification. It helps you increase your confidence, develop your diving skills, and become more relaxed and capable underwater. It's a great way to gain more dives while continuing to learn under the guidance of your instructor.

This course builds on what you've already learned and introduces new skills and activities, expanding the ways you can enjoy diving.

You will complete five adventure dives, which typically include:
- Underwater navigation
- Deep diving (typically 18–30 metres)
- Three additional adventure dives of your choice

WHEN TAKING THE COURSE

The Advanced course is a sure step. To enrol, you need to be certified as PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent. A refresher dive is recommended prior to the course if you've been out of the water for more than 12 months or have little experience.

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The course in short:

Number of Dives:
Two mandatory dives (deep dive & navigation dive)
Three Adventure dives of own choice
(Please seek advice of the instructor prior to choosing dives)

Knowledge Development:
Five theoretical modules matching the five dives in the course

Prerequisites:
10 years for Junior Advanced Open Water Diver
15 years for Advanced Open Water Diver

Materials you'll need:
PADI Advanced Open Water Crew Pack
(Included in your package)

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

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Itinerary
The PADI Advanced 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 two to three days depending on the students enrolled. Five dives will be spread out on the available days. No more than three training dives will be conducted each day. To give you an idea of what to expect, see the itinerary below:

Day 1:
Arrive and relax, start reading the chapters that apply to your course

Day 2:
Reviewing of the chapters applying for the dives of the day

Day 3:
Reviewing of the chapters applying for the dives of the day

Day 4:
Reviewing of the chapters applying for the dives of the day
check out.

WE HIGHLY recommend booking an extra night at your resort, so you do not have to check out on the last day of your course.
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 pick-up and start times can vary from course to course. You will be notified upon arrival

All students meet at the dive center each day, and usually end up hanging out there after the dives.
It's a great place to relax.

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

Group Size
No limit
Max. four divers pr. Instructor/Divemaster

Language
English

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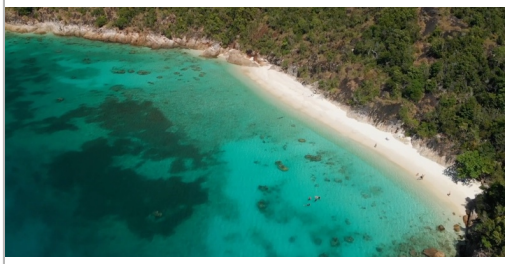

Transfer Information
To reach the Perhentian Islands and your tropical island paradise, you will need to make your way to Kuala Besut Jetty.

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.

ADVANCED COURSE, NO. ACCOMM. (15FEB-15OCT)	
Days / Nights	4/0
Amount of dives	5
Price (incl. accommodation)	348 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 Advanced Open Water Course
All Course materials
Dive instructor
Certification fee
Diving equipment rental
Dive computer rental
Boat for diving activities
Wifi at the dive center

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

Also available on site
Extra days of diving
Additional dive courses

Continuing education
Courses are available on request for all levels of continuing education.
The dive centre is PADI 5 Star Dive Resort

Cancellation
Please refer to FAQ & Terms on www.blueventure.net

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

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.