



World Organisation of Scuba Diving



General information

IF YOU CAN BREATHE, YOU CAN DIVE

So imagine, instead of sitting behind a computer you are hovering over one of the best tropical reefs on this planet.... Diving is fantastic and adds a new dimension to your life!

Diving is relaxing and when you are accompanied by the sound of your own bubbles you head out for new adventures. Here on Curacao at the Animal Encounter Dive Center starts a new adventure on a Island with more than 60 dive sites. The water is about 28 degrees Celsius, and almost all reefs can be visited from shore. But Boat trips are also common.

The Animal Encounters Dive Center is happy to make your reservations for **PADI**, **WOSD** and **IAHD** diving courses and offers diving with stingrays, dolphins and the possibility to feed sharks and sea turtles. Because of limitation of places it's recommended to make reservations in advance.



All dive courses are held at the Animal Encounters, each day you will dive and see a big variety of fish and corals. We offer the opportunity to enjoy both dolphin dives as well as dives at the best diving sites in Curacao. These diving sites include dives on the coral reefs, wrecks and boat dives.

The Animal Encounters Dive Center has internationally recognized instructors, the most up to date dive equipment, and the latest video teaching aids.

Our private beach offers easy entrance to natural pool-like

conditions for beginner divers.

The dive shop can supply all your diving needs and our photo shop offers underwater videos of your first diving experiences. Most courses are available in Dutch, English and Spanish. Classes are small (maximum 4 students per course) to provide individual attention. All students enjoy full use of our top grade facilities and careful instruction from our excellent instructors.

Bubblemaker Course



The Bubblemaker program is a gentle introduction to the art of breathing underwater. A qualified instructor will introduce your children under close supervision to the coral reefs and fish life in the shallow waters of the Curacao Sea-Aquarium, at a maximum depth of 2 metres. This way the children experience the underwater world and can try out scuba diving in shallow, confined water - just playing.

Seal Team



The Seal Team is a program for children eight years of age and older that keeps kids diving until they turn 10 and can take the PADI Junior Scuba Diver or Junior Open Water Diver program. Your kids can jump straight into the PADI Seal Team program or start after experiencing our Bubblemaker program.

The PADI Seal Team provides a structured learning environment combined with enjoyable scuba activities. This stimulating program appeals to kids who crave adventure, seek the challenge of learning new skills and want to gain an appreciation for preserving the aquatic realm. They also earn credit towards their Jr. Open Water Diver certification.

Master Seal Team



The PADI Master Seal Team is a program for children eight years or older who are PADI Seal Team Members or PADI Junior Open Water Divers. The PADI Seal Team provides a structured learning environment combined with enjoyable scuba activities. This stimulating program appeals to kids who crave adventure, seek the challenge of learning new skills and want to gain an appreciation for preserving the aquatic realm.

Discover Scuba Diving

The Discover Scuba Diving program introduces people to scuba diving in a highly supervised and relaxed manner. It dispels common misconceptions about scuba by letting individuals try it for themselves. Under the guidance and supervision of a professional, you will learn basic safety concepts, put on equipment and experience scuba diving in a closely supervised environment.

Scuba Review (Refreshment)

Are you a certified diver, but haven't been in the water lately? Refreshment is there to refresh your dive skills and knowledge. Are you looking to refresh? Are you a PADI Scuba Diver or referral student diver and want to earn your PADI Open Water Diver certification? If you answered yes to any of these questions then PADI Scuba Review is for you.

Open Water Course

An Open Water diving course has duration of minimum 5 half-days. Each day begins at 09:00 and usually finishes at 13:00. Half of your day is in the classroom. The Padi Open Water theory is divided into 5 modules, which will be presented by your instructor and teaching aids like videos. On the last day of your course, you will do a written exam with a minimum pass rate of 70%. The best part of the course will be spent in the water. During this time you will learn basic skills for safe and enjoyable diving. The first confined water sessions will be done in pool-like conditions in the relaxed atmosphere and tropical waters of the Animal Encounters. Eventually you will continue to open water where you will learn how to dive safely to a maximum depth of 18 meters. Your dives will be amongst dolphins, a variety of fish and corals.

Advance Open Water Course

The Advance Open Water course takes a minimum of 2 days to complete. The course consists of 5 specialty dives, 2 are compulsory and the remaining 3 dives can be chosen by the candidate according to the environment where the course is held.

Rescue Diver Course

The PADI Rescue Diver program prepares you to help prevent, and if necessary, manage dive emergencies, minor and major, with a variety of techniques. Your skills and confidence as a diver will be enhanced. Most certified Rescue Divers look back on their rescue training as one of the most challenging – sometimes demanding – and therefore most rewarding programs. The subject is serious but the training is fun.



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Dive master Course

Be a certified PADI Rescue Diver or have an equivalent rating. (If equivalent candidate must submit proof of CPR and first aid training within the past 24 months.)

Have completed and logged at least 20 dives as documented by the individual's personal logbook.

Note: at least 60 dives are required to complete the program.

Be at least **18 years old** at the start of training.

Submit medical clearance for diving signed by a physician, attesting to fitness to dive.

EFR (Emergency First Response) Course



Emergency First Response Primary Care (CPR) teaches participants how to respond to life-threatening emergencies. The course focuses on primary care through a combination of knowledge development, skill development and realistic scenario practice to make sure participants have the confidence in their ability to provide care when emergency situations arise. If a friend or neighbour collapsed, would you be able to help or would you have to stand by and wait for the ambulance? Emergency First Response 'gives you the confidence to care' and may just save the life of a family member or friend. That's got to be worth thinking about!

Specialty Diver Course

Choose from a variety of Specialty Diver ratings and Improve Your Scuba! Accumulate 5 Specialties and a Rescue Diver certification and attain the highest non-professional rating in the PADI system :- MASTER SCUBA DIVER. Or, collect Specialties as you progress through Professional PADI membership levels and teach them to others.