

Training Centre – Byron Bay Dive Centre

Training Location - Earn your certification in the temperate crystal blue waters of **Byron Bay, NSW, Australia.**

This PADI-accredited Divemaster program, offered through Byron Bay Dive Centre, takes participants from beginner to expert in five steps:

- ✓ Open Water Diver
- ✓ Advanced Diver
- ✓ Rescue Diver
- ✓ First Aid & O2 Provider
- ✓ **DiveMaster**

You will reach the leadership level of Divemaster through structured pool, open water, and classroom instruction. While the primary goal of the program is to prepare you for a career with the diving community, you will also develop self-confidence, public speaking, and social skills essential to any career you may ultimately choose.

Of course, you will also have time to immerse yourself in the brilliant location: Byron Bay, Australia! A playground for everyone from backpackers to the rich & famous, Byron Bay offers a vast array of land and sea based activities and the opportunity to meet like-minded active travellers! Whether you are traveling in a gap year, career gap, or just for the fun of it, there is no better place in Australia to gain your divemaster qualifications. [SEP]

Programs commence – 1st Monday of February, April, June, August, October and December each year and take up to 10 weeks to complete.

Included in the Australian DiveMaster Academy Program

- ✓ Airport transfers to/from Brisbane International Airport
- ✓ PADI-accredited Dive Courses from Open Water to DiveMaster, including instruction & all classroom materials
- ✓ Dive medical
- ✓ All dives
- ✓ Divemaster Manual & Registration
- ✓ First Aid & O2 Administration Course
- ✓ First Aid & O2 Manuals and Maintenance Certificate
- ✓ Equipment Service Technician course
- ✓ Nautical Knowledge and Vessel Handling Certificate
- ✓ Compressed Air Cylinder Filling qualification
- ✓ Accommodation in a spacious self-contained Diver's Lodge – Twin Share rooms
- ✓ Evening meals (Monday – Friday)
- ✓ 10 hours FREE internet each week
- ✓ Weekly BBQ every Sunday night

What's not included:

- ✓ Breakfast/lunch
- ✓ Evening Meals on Saturday
- ✓ Any costs incurred en route to and from the destination, alcoholic beverages, telephone calls, items of a personal nature, insurance.

Extras

- ✓ PADI Insurance Fees and Charges ^[1]_[SEP]
 - ✓ Personal Expenses ^[1]_[SEP]
 - ✓ Once you become a Divemaster, you are required to be a member of PADI, which has ^[1]_[SEP] a joining fee and annual membership and insurance costs. These are expenses from now on, to maintain your Professional level. PADI fees and charges are approximately - membership fee of \$148 per year, and Divemaster indemnity insurance is \$248 per year (Subject to change)
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FAQ

From our experience we have found that this information should start to answer the most frequently asked questions regarding The Australian Divemaster Academy. We look forward to receiving your application!

Is there a minimum age requirement?

Yes, the minimum age is 18.

What are the Australian Visa requirements?

The minimum visa you will be required to hold is the 3 month Tourist Visa. However, if you wish to continue your travels around Australia with the opportunity to supplement your travel funds through incidental employment you will be required to hold a valid Australian Working Visa. For more information ask your agent or visit the Department of Immigration and Citizenship website at www.immi.gov.au

Do I need any form of dive certification?

No form of dive certification is required to start the course. However, if you are joining the program already holding an Open Water/ Advance or Rescue ticket, the relevant paper work, card and log book will be needed

You are required to complete the application form included in this pack. It is also necessary for you to be able to swim at least 400m in under 20 mins.

Are any medical checks necessary?

We advise you to have a medical check for diving before departing for the course. You will still be required to have an Australian Standards Dive Medical on arrival which ADA will arrange on your behalf.

Who is responsible for my travel arrangements?

It is your responsibility to make your way to Brisbane, Coolangatta (Gold Coast) or Ballina Airport where a member of the ADA team to transfer you to Byron Bay will meet you. There are many international flights direct to Brisbane or Sydney. There are connecting domestic flights from Brisbane to Coolangatta, and from Sydney to Ballina, which is the closest airport to Byron Bay.

Is accommodation provided?

You will be staying above the Byron Bay Dive Centres in its self-contained, on site lodge. All linen, kitchen ware and laundry facilities are provided. You'll be able to watch the sunset sitting in the hammocks enjoying your BBQ!

What is the cost of living like in Australia?

Your main outgoings will be food and entertainment. We understand everyone varies in terms of tastes, requirements, social life and spending habits. Although the ADA expects your primary commitment to be the course Byron offers plenty of entertainment from having a schooner at the local pub with live music to surfing the breaks at The Pass.

Do I need my own dive equipment?

Full diving equipment will be provided for you and is included in the cost of the course. All you are required to bring is your swimmers and a

towel.

Is insurance required?

We suggest you talk to your booking agent or travel agent regarding insurance. You will be required to have a policy that covers diving to 30 meters. **DO NOT TAKE THE RISK OF TRAVELLING WITHOUT INSURANCE.**

Do I need to make a booking deposit?

Deposits are non-refundable. Payment of a 20% deposit enables the booking agent to hold a reservation for you. Full payment must be received 60 days prior to the start of the course.

What are your cancellation policies?

If you cancel your placement you may be entitled to a refund. The cancellation conditions which apply are set out in the Terms and Conditions of booking.

Terms and Conditions of Booking

Booking: Initial enquires may be made by writing, telephone or e-mail with your agent.

The booking must be made by completing an official A.D.A Booking Form including the Medical Questionnaire.

Confirmation:

Deposits: Payment of a 20% deposit enables the A.D.A and/or D.I.A. to hold a reservation for you. Full payment must be received 90 days prior to the start of the course. Deposits are non- refundable.

Final Payment: Final payment is due 90 days prior to the start of the course. No enrolments will be issued or confirmed until our office and/or the booking agent receive final payment. If the D.I.A does not receive the deposit or the balance of the payment for the A.D.A program

on or before the given dates this will be deemed as a cancellation of participation by you.

Medical: If you are unable to continue with the course through omission of any known medical condition that is later confirmed through the Dive Medical AS 4005.1, A.D.A cannot refund the loss incurred or refund the cost of the program. Therefore, we advise you have a medical check for diving before final payment is made.

Cancellations: The amount of refund in the event of a cancellation depends on when the A.D.A receives notification of the cancellation. 90 days prior to the course start date full refund less the deposit 30 days prior to the course start date 50% refund less the deposit 14 days prior to the course start date 25% refund less the deposit 7 days prior to the course start date no refund

Cancellations by the A.D.A: We reserve the right to make minor changes to the A.D.A Program but if the A.D.A cancels or makes significant changes to the for any reasons after we have confirmed a place the A.D.A will offer the you the choice of the altered A.D.A Program or a full refund of money. A.D.A reserves the right to cancel the program after it has started due to serious and unforeseeable circumstances. In such a case the amount of any refund will be considered depending on the circumstances of the cancellation. The A.D.As liability in the event of cancellation at any time for any reason will not extend to the consequential losses, costs, and expenses as a result of a cancellation.

Insurance: We suggest you talk to your booking agent or travel agent regarding insurance. You will be required to have a policy that covers diving to 30 meters. We will require proof of appropriate insurance. **DO NOT TAKE THE RISK OF TRAVELLING WITHOUT INSURANCE.**

Program Itinerary

Stage 1: OPEN WATER DIVER

Step into the Spectacular Underwater World!

In this first stage of the program, you will learn recreational diving theory through classroom & pool instruction on campus, and then apply this knowledge in 6 open water dives conducted in the company of Julian Rocks' vast array of marine life!

In just five days you will be fully certified to explore the awesome underwater world of fish, coral reefs, shipwrecks, caves, and more. You will also learn essential procedures for diving safely and responsibly while experiencing this totally new and exciting world!

Duration: 5 Days, 6 Dives **YOU CAN: Dive up to 18m.**

Stage 2: ADVANCED OPEN WATER

Improve Your Diving Abilities

In the second stage of the program, you will learn the skills you need to take on more challenging diving situations, including deep dives, night dives, underwater navigation, search and recovery, and more!

This course consists of at least 30 hours of instruction using the latest study guides and DVD programs, and multiple dives suited to your interests within the categories of:

- Underwater photography
- Boat diving
- Night diving
- Drift diving
- Underwater navigation
- Low visibility diving

- Search & salvage diving
- Shore diving
- Deep diving
- Buoyancy diving
- Computer diving
- Marine identification

Duration: 5 Days, 10 dives **YOU CAN: Dive up to 30m & Plan Dives**

Stage 3: RESCUE DIVER

Essential skills for Dive Leadership

In this stage of the program you will learn the skills to effectively manage many dive emergencies, a benefit to you and to everyone you will dive with throughout the rest of your life!

Diver stress and the resulting panic are the leading causes of diving accidents and emergencies; through this course you will be equipped to prevent such emergencies when possible and handle any emergencies that may occur. You will learn the theory behind recognizing stress and effectively dealing with it and then put that theory to practice in real- life scenarios.

This is a highly interactive course emphasizing teamwork. You will benefit firsthand from the 20+ years of experience that Byron Bay Dive Centre and its instructors have in recognizing and handling diving emergencies - this is one area where the skills that you learn must be second-to-none!

Duration: 5 Days, 6 Dives **YOU CAN: Effectively manage potentially life-threatening dive emergencies.**

Stage 4: FIRST AID & O2 PROVIDER

Essential skills for Life

A prerequisite for the completion of Rescue Diver certification, this internationally recognised and Australian Workcover approved First Aid course will provide you with invaluable emergency response knowledge. You will learn skills to approach, assess, treat conditions, and administer O2 when necessary - essential skills for diving rescue as well as other first aid situations you may encounter in any walk of life!

Duration: 5 Days, 4 Dives YOU CAN: Perform Basic Life Support and first aid response procedures at home and the workplace (necessary for Rescue Diver certification).

Stage 5: DIVEMASTER

Transforming the Adventure into a Career

In the final stage of the program, you will receive a wealth of practical experience and knowledge in the dive industry. Through a finely tuned blend of academic sessions mixed with practical application you will achieve the status of Dive Master, the first step in turning your diving interest into a rewarding career! At this point your presentation and instruction skills will be honed, you will have individual and group assignments, and you will take the Dive Master examination at the end of the course.

CONGRATS! You're ready to start your New Diving Career!

The program emphasizes flexibility in its teachings, so that you will be able to easily adapt your theoretical and practical knowledge to any dive operation anywhere in the world. You will have the required experience to confidently enter the diving industry and to lead dives, work on dive boats, and teach qualified courses.