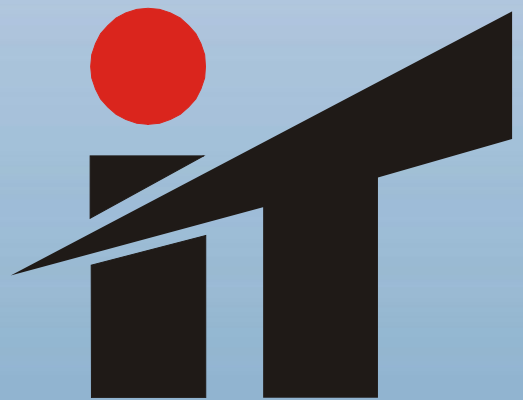


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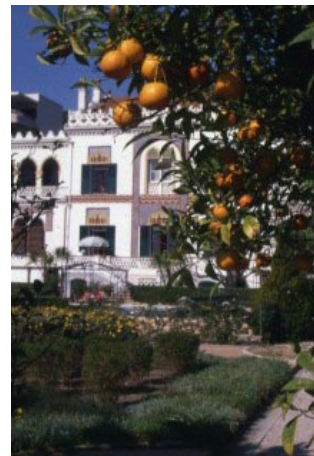
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## Welcome

Not only certified . . . but also qualified . . . We could not find any better way to express the philosophy guiding our activities. Scuba diving is a fantastic activity. There is a broad range of knowledge and skills to be learned and each of them has the potential to increase your enjoyment of the underwater realm and your confidence. Since 1986 “Villa Belle Rive” houses a diver training institution. Originally it was the pioneer instructor training center of PADI itself, but since 1994 it is the College. We teach all levels of diving courses from a first introduction up to the highest instructor levels.



Our infrastructure and our expertise are the main reasons to choose the College for your diver training. Many things which are “standard” in diver training today have been pioneered in the College and we still actively work on the innovation of both teaching and learning diving. The climate in Cannes is another plus. If you are enthusiastic about learning, we will do our best to teach you. We will invest as much effort in your training as you do yourself.

## Start Diving



Age is hardly a limiting factor for participation in Scuba Diving. You can start the Adventure when you are 10 years old (for kids from 8 and 9 we have special programs) and our oldest student so far was 72 years old. If you are in good health and are fascinated by the idea to breath under water, you can participate in our programs that allow you to start your Underwater Adventure.

If you just want to try diving, the Discover Scuba Diving program is for you. The program is often offered as a gift for friends, but you can obviously invest yourself in an underwater adventure. If you want to achieve an internationally recognized certification, you can opt for a certification course. The first step is called the Scuba Diver course and gives you the right to dive all over the world under the guidance of a

Scuba Professional. If you want to become an autonomous diver, you continue your training for a few days and become an Open Water Diver.

## Course Hours

For courses you can opt for a morning or an afternoon session. The morning session starts at 09.00 and finishes at 12.30. The afternoon session starts at 14.00 and runs until 17.30. Most of our students take full days of training. Time absent from sessions (when you arrive late, or have to leave early) can not be credited toward future session. Morning and afternoon sessions are always charged in full, also if the participant opts to be absent for part of that session.





## Course Prices

For your convenience, the College does not charge a course fee, but a daily fee for your training. The price varies slightly depending on the level of your course. There are four groups: beginner courses, consumer courses (advanced divers, specialties and rescue), professional courses (Divemaster and Instructor) and professional continuing education courses (further training for those who are already instructor).

For entry level courses (the courses in this brochure) our rates are as follows:

<b>For participants who have their own diving equipment</b>	
Per half day – 60 Euro	Per full day – 100 Euro
<b>For participants who use rental equipment from the College</b>	
Per half day – 70 Euro	Per full day – 120 Euro

The number of days needed for a course depends on your progress and preferences. In the information on specific courses, you will find an indication of the number of days needed by most of our students. If you are well prepared, you might finish faster, but when you prefer to progress step-by-step and take your time, we are happy to accommodate that wish. For some courses you will need materials such as a book or other items. This is indicated in the specific information on that course. You can order books before you arrive via our internet shop on [www.scuba-courses.com](http://www.scuba-courses.com), or you can buy the books when you arrive at the College. If your course gives you the right to an official certification, the fee for your card and certificate is 35 Euro.

## What do you need?

Every time you come to the College, you need to bring a towel and bathing cloths. If you have your own diving equipment, please bring that as well. For certification courses, we need a passport photo which will be printed on your card. You need to be fit for diving. The preferred option is to visit a Medical Doctor before you arrive at the College and ask for an attestation that you are fit for scuba diving. For diving introductions we can also accept a medical form completed by yourself, but if that form leaves any doubt about your health in relation to scuba diving, we need you to visit an MD before we can start any in-water activities. If you do not find time to do your medical before you arrive, we can arrangements for you to visit a Doctor around the College.

## Discover Scuba Diving



For people who want to try diving, we provide a program that assures a positive experience. We spent about one hour to introduce you to the equipment you are going to be using and explain what awaits you once you are in the water. As soon as this is done, we take you in our pool. The experience in the pool is important for you to get used to the sensation of breathing underwater as well as the feeling of being completely weightless – without this experience in the pool, you will not be able to enjoy a dive in the sea, which would be a pity.



You can take the experience as far as you want to go. If you are content with breathing underwater in a pool and experiencing what it is to be a diver, you should plan half a day. If you want to dive in the open water as well, a full day is the most appropriate planning and if you want to go in the sea more than once, you just add half a day for each dive you want to make.

The minimum age for participation is 10, but for kids of 8 and 9 we have a similar experience available. As long as you are in good health, there is no upper age limit.

## Scuba Diver & Open Water Diver



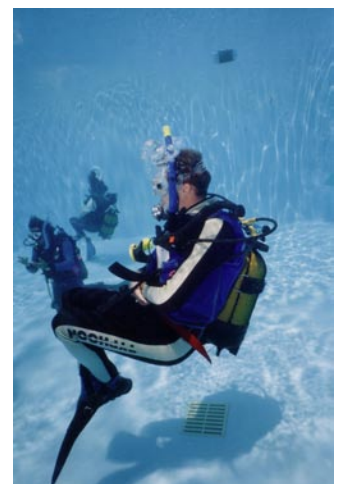
Learning by doing – that is how a diver course works. You need to be introduced in the theoretical aspects of diving as well. Depending on your wishes – do you want to participate in supervised dives only, or do you want to become an autonomous diver – there is a certain number of sessions to complete. Some of the sessions concern theory, but most are what you came for – diving in a pool or in the sea.

The Scuba Diver course is a sub-course of the open water diver course. If you stop your training at this level, you can always continue (without repeating what you already did) to become an Open Water Diver later on. The Scuba Diver course consists of three theory sessions, three dives in the pool and two dives in the sea. For each session there are performance requirements that you must fulfill. If that does not work immediately, there is no problem – we just repeat the session until you are comfortable with what we are asking of you. If you are a fast learner, we could complete your training in as little as two days (if you already read the theory before your arrive), but investing three days in your training is more reasonable.

The Open Water Diver Course has five theory sessions, five dives in the pool and four dives in the sea. For each, the first sessions are the same as for the Scuba Diver certification. Fast learners could finish in as little as four days, but you should plan for the possibility of adding one or two days in case sessions must be repeated.

Many students just plan to stay at the College for a week and then see how far they get – if they completed their Open Water Diver Course sooner than expected, they take benefit of the additional time to continue the Adventure with one or two continuing education courses. Also there the motto of learning by doing, combined with theory applies.

If you want to take maximum benefit of the time you are at the College, you can consider reading the theory before you arrive. The first option is to do the theory online via the webpage from PADI. This is a payable option that is available in several languages. Another option would be to order the course materials from our shop. You can opt for a separate Open Water Diver Manual and a logbook, or for a student kit which contains both, as well as a DVD which repeats key elements covered in the course book.





## For Kids



If you are 8 or 9 years old, you can become a diver. The Bubblemaker program is an introduction to diving. The program takes half a day. Your instructor will introduce you to the equipment you are going to use in the pool and will agree with you on some rules that you have to follow once you are in the water – and then you go diving. You start in the shallow end of the pool to get used to breathing underwater and do some games with the instructor. When you feel comfortable as a diver, you will be asked if you want to make a tour through the deep end of the pool – it is your choice to do that or not.

If you like diving, you can become a PADI Seal Team Member. You complete five AquaMissions in our pool – in each mission you learn and do different diver skills. Once you completed all five sessions, you receive a Seal Team Member Card and certificate. Seal Team participants have a Seal Team Kit, which includes a book explaining all the missions and a Seal Team Log in which your instructor writes how well you did on each of your AquaMissions. For each mission you should plan half a day.

Master Seal Team Member requires another 10 AquaMissions. Since you already know how to dive, each mission for the Master Seal Team status is dedicated to special activities divers do. Missions include underwater photography, moving like an astronaut, environmental awareness, diver safety and other interesting and challenging subjects. An AquaMission takes half a day.

## Planning your Course

The College has its own pool and direct access to the sea. We also have several classrooms and an adequate number of instructors. We can offer you flexibility. Just let us know the date of your choice and chances are good that we can accommodate you. The registration for your course can be done via [www.scuba-courses.com](http://www.scuba-courses.com) – at the bottom of each course information page you will find a link that leads you to the registration page. You can also send us an email on [info@instructor-training.com](mailto:info@instructor-training.com). We will then get back to you with any information you need to complete your course registration.

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