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Become a PADI Divemaster or Instructor

Course information and pricelist

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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.

Become a PADI Professional



If you want to pursue a career in diving, the College is the right address for you. The first step to become a scuba professional is the PADI Divemaster course. Once you have that certification, you can start your training to become a diving instructor. An Instructor Development Course (also called IDC) is split in three parts. The first part is the Assistant Instructor program. If you interrupt your training after completing that part, you can gain experience as an educational assistant with more duties than a Divemaster would have. Most do however continue immediately with the second part – the Open Water Scuba Instructor program. The last step is the Instructor Exam (also called IE).

People who started their diver training with another organization than PADI can also enter the training to become a PADI professional. Depending on the certification level, they can start with the Divemaster program, the Assistant Instructor part of the IDC, or even the Open Water Scuba Instructor part of the IDC. Throughout this brochure we have given information on the possibilities, but do not hesitate to contact us if you have any doubts about your certification and the options that you have. There are always options to make use of a professional certification – either as a full-time career or as a part-timer.

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 courses to become a PADI Professional (the courses in this brochure) our rates are as follows:

For participants who have their own diving equipment	
Per half day – 85 Euro	Per full day – 150 Euro
For participants who use rental equipment from the College	
Per half day – 95 Euro	Per full day – 170 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. For your courses you will need materials such as a book or other items. At the end of this brochure you find information on the materials required (and recommended) for Instructor courses (for Divemaster that info is integrated in the course information). You can order books before you arrive via our internet shop on www.instructor-training.com, or you can buy the books when you arrive at the College. For processing a Divemaster certification, PADI charges 75 Euro, for an Assistant Instructor 63 Euro, for an Instructor 150 Euro, for a Specialty Instructor rating 22 Euro and for EFR Instructor 63 Euro (these prices are excluding VAT). The Instructor Exam is a program that is run and organized by PADI. The price for the Instructor Exam is 448 Euro (excluding VAT). Any fees for processing certifications and the fee for an Instructor Exam are payable directly to PADI (unless you opt for one of our packages offered later in this brochure).

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 and have a medical statement that is no older than one year (at the date of the exam). At your level of training we expect you to have your logbook with you, as well as your certification cards. For professional courses you need a rather complete set of books and other materials. Toward the end of this brochure you find a page dedicated to that subject.

PADI Divemaster Course



The PADI Divemaster course is the first step in your development as a diving professional. The Divemaster course fulfils a dual purpose – to prepare you to organize and lead dives as well as serve as an educational assistant and to prepare you for your further development toward becoming a diving instructor. In the Divemaster course we lay the foundation for your entire professional career in diving – what better place to do such a course than a PADI Career Development Center.

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The theory of the course is split in two segments. The first part is addressing the role of a Divemaster in activities relating to training and exploration dives. This part is supported by the required “PADI Divemaster Manual” and the “PADI Divemaster video”. During your course you work intensively with the PADI Instructor Manual. You are recommended to have a personal copy of the manual. The knowledge obtained in this segment is tested in three theory exams. The other theory segment addresses your knowledge of diving theory. The subjects are physics, physiology, decompression theory and dive tables, diving equipment and diving skills and environment. This part of your training is supported by the required “Advanced Theory for Recreational Divers” manual, as well as the “PADI Diving Knowledge Workbook”, a dive table and an e-RDP.

The practical part of the course is split in three segments - a (reasonable) test of your stamina and rescue skills, development of your demonstration skills and preparation for your role as a Divemaster. For each aspect, several sessions in the pool and in the open water are conducted.

The duration of your Divemaster course depends on your level of preparation. If you studied (and completely understood) the theory before you arrive, you can probably complete all required segments in as little as five to six days. If you want to integrate the development of your theoretical knowledge with the practical aspects of the course, you should plan nine days to complete the program. However – don't forget the importance of your Divemaster course for your career in diving – it is better to take it a bit slower and develop your knowledge and skills in a thorough manner. At the College we can provide the flexibility to adapt to the course schedule of your choice.



To participate in a Divemaster course, you must have logged at least 20 dives (certification will have to wait until you have 60 dives logged), have a CPR and first aid diploma that is no older than 2 years and you must be certified as a Rescue Diver, or have an equivalent certification such as CMAS 2 star diver. If you are in doubt that you fulfill the entry requirements, you can contact us.

What you need to know about Instructor Courses

The training to become a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor sets the basis for becoming a diving professional. This can either be a full-time career, or the enjoyment to share your passion for diving with others, next to your regular job. Your success as a diving professional depends largely on the quality and the effectiveness of your initial training – the training toward the first Instructor level (Open Water Scuba Instructor).

No matter how your training is conducted, two things stay the same. The exam (called the IE or Instructor Examination) and the challenges you are going to be facing when you start teaching your first courses. Your training is supposed to prepare you for both aspects and it is in your personal interest that both aspects get equal attention.

Almost all facilities offering instructor courses apply the fast track format. This format assumes that all candidates are equally well prepared and sets a fixed number of days to

Why should I opt for the College for my instructor course?

Infra structure, experience, career-chances and ambiance. Classroom, pool and open water are only meters apart (no time is lost on transport). We have the largest selection of training aids and teaching tools in the industry. Daniela and Jan have certified more than 6.000 instructor level programs and on several cases were asked by PADI and manufacturers to test (and comment on) new products and courses. The College allows only very limited numbers of people on its premises, which guarantees a tranquil learning environment and last but not least – chances are good that the owner or base-leader of your preferred employer was him/herself trained at the College.





Is the instructor exam hard?

Not when you are well prepared. There is no complicated mathematics and there are no rigorous stamina tests. You are expected to know a wide variety of things and to be able to do various skills. All are expected to a reasonable level only. It is the very large variety in knowledge and skills that makes guidance during your preparations so important.

complete the training. When doing the fast track format students (you) take full responsibility for their own preparation. They then only learn the “how to teach” part in their course and present themselves to the exam in which both their preparation (75%) and the “how to teach” part (25%) are going to be tested.

What typically happens is that some of the candidates find out during the course that their preparation has not been adequate (either due to wrong information from their peers or instructors, or because of inefficient studying). This then slows down the course for themselves, but also for others. What was started and

intended as a preparation for both the exam and life after the exam becomes to a large extent an exam preparation program, setting priorities for only one of the original objectives.

To avoid such a situation, you should be able to enjoy a program adapted to your personal situation and level of preparation. Only a relaxed and thorough program can assure a preparation for both passing the exam and for life after the exam. With two full-time Course Directors on-site, the College is in the unique situation to offer such personalized training programs. Don't get us wrong – relaxed and thorough does not necessarily mean “longer” – it just means that your training schedule is adapted to your personal situation. The program is planned to assure equal attention to exam preparation and preparation for the challenges of the life of a PADI instructor. We are going to share in the responsibility for your preparation.

Some people intent a complete career-shift from an already learned and practiced profession to a career in recreational diving. In many cases such a shift has to be completed in a single course. At the end of a military career, the army normally pays for a single course only. The same is seen in companies that reduce their working force numbers. Others already know at the end of their school time that diving is what they want to do in life. For these individuals, the College offers a complete career program on www.vip-instructor.com.

Should fast track programs be avoided?

No, not necessarily. These programs have worked well in the past and will do so in the future. You only need to be aware that the full responsibility for your preparation rests with you and that most of your instructor exam will be based on that preparation. If you find yourself in a position to remediate things you are supposed to know and do, much of the intended preparation for real-life after your training will be lost. If you opt for fast track – prepare well.

Fast Track for Divemasters (or equivalent)



In order to participate in these courses you must be certified as PADI Divemaster or a qualifying certification from another organization and have proof of 100 logged dives (60 dives if you opt for the recommended schedule). If you are not yet an EFR Instructor you must reserve the day between the course and the exam as well to complete that training. You must fulfill all performance requirements before presenting yourself for the Instructor Exam. Additional days are charged at the same fee as normal training days. If more than one day of remediation is needed, you can not attend the connecting exam and must present yourself at a later date.

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The fastest option

The fastest option is a 9 day course, followed by a 2 day exam. Note that the day before the exam is not part of the schedule. This day is reserved for the required EFR Instructor Course and remedial training for those who did not yet fulfill the requirements that allows them to present themselves for the Instructor Examination.

The first day of the course is the instructor course orientation. It is a recommended option to do this day several weeks ahead of the remainder of the course (although that is not required). This is a good opportunity to already obtain the course materials (not included in the price of the course).

Dates for the fastest option for Divemaster	
Course dates	Exam dates
03.02 – 11.02.2010	13.02 – 14.02.2010
30.03 – 08.04.2010	10.04 – 11.04.2010
28.04 – 06.05.2010	08.05 – 09.05.2010
09.06 – 17.06.2010	19.06 – 20.06.2010
21.07 – 29.07.2010	31.07 – 01.08.2010
25.08 – 02.09.2010	04.09 – 05.09.2010
29.09 – 07.10.2010	09.10 – 10.10.2010
03.11 – 11.11.2010	13.11 – 14.11.2010
08.12 – 16.12.2010	18.12 – 19.12.2010

The recommended option

We have a package available that consists of two additional days of preparation, the EFR Instructor Course (required to become a PADI Instructor), the Oxygen First Aid for Divers and Nitrox Instructor Courses, as well as the 9 day instructor course. The price for the package includes your PADI membership for the current year and the instructor exam, but not the processing fee for the additional certifications. By taking this option you will not only have a higher certification level (the qualifications to teach Nitrox, Oxygen First Aid and EFR) but you have also added some extra time for remediation of problems with skills or knowledge.

The first day of the course is the instructor course orientation. It is a recommended option to do this day several weeks ahead of the remainder of the course (although that is not required). This is a good opportunity to already obtain the course materials (not included in the price of the course).

Recommended for Divemaster	
Course dates	Exam dates
30.01 – 12.02.2010	13.02 – 14.02.2010
27.03 – 09.04.2010	10.04 – 11.04.2010
24.04 – 07.05.2010	08.05 – 09.05.2010
05.06 – 18.06.2010	19.06 – 20.06.2010
17.07 – 30.07.2010	31.07 – 01.08.2010
21.08 – 03.09.2010	04.09 – 05.09.2010
25.09 – 08.10.2010	09.10 – 10.10.2010
30.10 – 12.11.2010	13.11 – 14.11.2010
04.12 – 17.12.2010	18.12 – 19.12.2010

If you follow our recommendation for a package, we want you to benefit from your choice as a thank-you for following our advice

Course fee for 14 days of training, including preparation, your Instructor Course, Nitrox Instructor, EFR Instructor and Oxygen First Aid Instructor	2.100,00
PADI Exam and Instructor Processing Fee (150 + 448 including VAT)	685,81
PADI Registration fee for EFR, Nitrox Instructor and Oxygen First Aid including VAT	127,97
Total	2.913,78
Our offer for you for this package	€ 2.750,00

The package includes your training and the fees to be paid to PADI, but not the books and other course materials. It is hard to include these in a package, because many candidates already have a big part of the required books, and others do not. Equipment rental is not included in the package.

Fast Track for Instructors and Assistant Instructors

In order to participate in this course you must be certified as PADI Assistant Instructor or an Instructor from another diving organization and have proof of 100 logged dives. If you are not yet an EFR Instructor you must reserve the day between the course and the exam as well to complete that training.



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You must fulfill all performance requirements before presenting yourself for the Instructor Exam. Additional days are charged at the same fee as normal training days. If more than one day of remediation is needed, you can not attend the connecting exam and must present yourself at a later date.

The fastest option

The fastest option is a 5 day course, followed by a 2 day exam. Note that the day before the exam is not part of the schedule. This day is reserved for the required EFR Instructor Course and remedial training for those who did not yet fulfill the requirements that allows them to present themselves for the Instructor Examination.

The first day of the course is the instructor course orientation. It is a recommended option to do this day several weeks ahead of the remainder of the course (although that is not required). This is a good opportunity to already obtain the course materials (not included in the price of the course).

Dates for the fastest option for Instructors	
Course dates	Exam dates
07.02 – 11.02.2010	13.02 – 14.02.2010
04.04 – 08.04.2010	10.04 – 11.04.2010
02.05 – 06.05.2010	08.05 – 09.05.2010
13.06 – 17.06.2010	19.06 – 20.06.2010
25.07 – 29.07.2010	31.07 – 01.08.2010
29.08 – 02.09.2010	04.09 – 05.09.2010
03.10 – 07.10.2010	09.10 – 10.10.2010
07.11 – 11.11.2010	13.11 – 14.11.2010
12.12 – 16.12.2010	18.12 – 19.12.2010

The recommended option

We have a package available that consists of one additional day of preparation, the EFR Instructor Course (required to become a PADI Instructor) and the Oxygen First Aid for Divers Instructor Course, as well as the 5 day instructor course and an extra day of preparation. The price for the package includes your PADI membership for the current year and the instructor exam, but not the processing fee for the additional certifications. By taking this option you will not only have a higher certification level (the qualifications to teach Oxygen First Aid and EFR) but you have also added some extra time for remediation of problems with skills or knowledge.

The first day of the course is the instructor course orientation. It is a recommended option to do this day several weeks ahead of the remainder of the course (although that is not required). This is a good opportunity to already obtain the course materials (not included in the price of the course).

Recommended for Instructors	
Course dates	Exam dates
05.02 – 12.02.2010	13.02 – 14.02.2010
02.04 – 09.04.2010	10.04 – 11.04.2010
30.04 – 07.05.2010	08.05 – 09.05.2010
11.06 – 18.06.2010	19.06 – 20.06.2010
23.07 – 30.07.2010	31.07 – 01.08.2010
27.08 – 03.09.2010	04.09 – 05.09.2010
01.10 – 08.10.2010	09.10 – 10.10.2010
05.11 – 12.11.2010	13.11 – 14.11.2010
10.12 – 17.12.2010	18.12 – 19.12.2010

If you follow our recommendation for a package, we want you to benefit from your choice as a thank-you for following our advice

Course fee for 8 days of training, including preparation, your Instructor Course, EFR Instructor and Oxygen First Aid Instructor	1.200,00
PADI Exam and Instructor Processing Fee (150 + 448 including VAT)	685,81
PADI Registration fee for EFR and Oxygen First Aid including VAT	101,66
Total	1.987,47

Our offer for you for this package € 1.850,00

The package includes your training and the fees to be paid to PADI, but not the books and other course materials. It is hard to include these in a package, because many candidates already have a big part of the required books, and others do not. Equipment rental is not included in the package.





Personalized Instructor Courses

The College is in the unique position that we have two full-time Course Directors on staff. This allows you to offer personalized programs adapted to your needs. Below you find some option you can take into consideration, but if you have a different plan in mind, do not hesitate to contact us to establish your personal schedule. No matter what schedule you choose, you have to keep the dates for the Instructor Examination in mind.

Option 1 - Extended period

The core lessons of an instructor course take 4 days for the Assistant Instructor Course, 5 days for the Open Water Scuba Instructor Course and 2 days for the Instructor Examination. This schedule leaves no time for remediation of problems you may experience – the schedule is set from the beginning to the end.



We can offer you the possibility of an extended time frame. You could for example plan a total of three weeks before one of the Instructor Examination dates. In that case we will work with you at a reduced speed and take the time to remediate all problems you experience, give you personal guidance to improve your skill level or theory knowledge or allow more practice on presentations in the classroom, pool or open water. A proven approach could be to remediate an insufficient knowledge of diving equipment by integrating the Equipment Specialty Instructor course in your schedule and take similar approaches for other challenges we encounter. An added advantage is that all approaches we take to help you toward your goal of becoming a PADI

Instructor are charged at the rate for instructor training (which is lower than the rate for Instructor Continuing Education) and that you possibly leave the instructor course with additional qualifications.

Option 2 – Step-by-step

If traveling to Cannes more than once is an option for you (or if you live close), we can split your training in several smaller parts. This allows you to become an instructor without blocking a longer vacation period and it gives the possibility of remediation of difficulties you experience in one step before progressing to the next. When you opt for this possibility, you need to consult us for the dates – for certain sessions the presence of other candidates is required. A good way to assure this is to plan the last three days before an Instructor Examination as part of your schedule.

A good option for all (even if you do the rest of the Instructor Course in one go) is to take the one day IDC orientation day several weeks ahead of the program. This allows us to explain exactly what you are going to be confronted with and do a verification of your level of skill and knowledge. The day is completed with a personal session in which we explain you the steps to take to prepare yourself – based on your personal level and situation.





Option 3 – Shortening the time you have to be present in Cannes

For certain aspects of your training, we can provide the possibility to work at home via eLearning. We can provide the needed guidance to assure an adequate result. By making use of this possibility, we can shorten the time you have to be present during course activities, which might make it easier to fit an Instructor Course in your schedule.

A second option would be to do part of your training with a local Course Director and then do the remainder of your course at the College. Depending on what you already did, the schedule can vary substantially – for any referral procedures you will have to contact us to set-up your personal schedule.

Instructor Examination dates

Dates for Instructor Examinations in the College		
13.02 through 14.02.2010	19.06 through 20.06.2010	09.10 through 10.10.2010
10.04 through 11.04.2010	31.07 through 01.08.2010	13.11 through 14.11.2010
08.05 through 09.05.2010	04.09 through 05.09.2010	18.12 through 19.12.2010

Materials for Instructor Courses

Required materials for each individual candidate.

- IDC Candidate Workbook – this book contains text for all presentations in your Instructor Course and provides additional space to take notes.
- Instructor Manual – the main tool for PADI Instructors to do their job. The manual is available in digital format or as a paper version. We recommend that you opt for the paper version!
- Cue Cards for pool and open water – extracts of the Instructor Manual on plastic slates that help you to do your work in the water.
- Cue Cards for the Rescue Diver Course
- Quizzes & Exams for the Open Water Diver Course
- Rescue Diver Exam
- Divemaster Exam

If you have none of the above materials, you can opt for the BASIC OWSI Kit, which contains the above mentioned materials (Instructor Manual in paper version) along with a PADI backpack and a CD-Rom with available Specialty Instructor Outlines.

- Electronic RDP
- Diving Knowledge Workbook
- PADI Dive Table (RDP) (is part of the Open Water Diver Manual)

Required materials to have easy access to.

- Open Water Diver Manual
- Advanced Open Water Diver Manual
- Rescue Diver Manual





- Divemaster Manual

The Complete OWSI Kit contains the above materials together with the content of the Basic OWSI Kit. To reduce the weight of your luggage, you are not required to have a personal copy of each of these books with you. If you come to do the Instructor Course with a group of friends, one copy for two or three candidates is enough.

You also need the following Specialty Outlines in an accessible format – if you have a computer, it is OK to work with the Specialty Instructor Outline on CD-Rom, if you do not have a computer with you, you need paper versions.

- Peak Performance Buoyancy Instructor Guide
- Project AWARE Instructor Guide
- DUP Instructor Guide

Recommended materials

- Advanced Theory for Recreational Divers – the main source of information to achieve a high level of theory knowledge to prepare for that aspect of the exam.
- The Encyclopedia of recreational Diving – only for candidates in German or in English.

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.instructor-training.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. We will then get back to you with any information you need to complete your course registration.

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