

10 Reasons to Learn to Dive!

1. **Escape to a different world.** Scuba takes you to a different world with new colours, shapes, textures and creatures – a world where the roles you play – husband, wife, mother, father, friend – take on a new dimension. Become a scuba diver and escape to a peaceful place to renew your energy and excite your senses.
2. **Explore new places.** Scuba diving frees you to explore the underwater world – from historic shipwrecks and pristine reefs to the mysteries of your local quarry. Become a scuba diver and explore what you've been missing.
3. **Experience a connection with nature; a feeling of freedom, and a transformation.** Diving connects you with nature. It immerses you in new sensations and experiences. It transforms your perception of life forever. Become a diver and transform yourself.
4. **Inexpensive compared with getting started in other popular adventure sports** and outdoor activities learning to dive isn't expensive. For example, you can expect to pay about the same as you would for:
 - a full day of surfing lessons
 - a weekend of rock climbing lessons
 - a weekend of kayaking lessons
 - a weekend of fly-fishing lessons
 - about three hours of private golf lessons
 - about three hours of private water skiing lessons
 - one amazing night out at the pub!
5. **Great value** - learning to dive is great value when you consider that your PADI Instructor is a highly trained and experienced professional. Invest in scuba diving lessons and learn something you'll enjoy the rest of your life. From the first day, diving starts transforming your life with new experiences you share with friends. And, you can do it almost anywhere there is water.
6. **Dive anywhere there's water** – from a swimming pool to the ocean and all points in between, including quarries, lakes, rivers and springs. Your experience level, site accessibility, conditions and your interests determine where you can dive. For example, if you've just finished your PADI Open Water Diver course, you probably won't be diving under the Antarctic ice on your next dive. But, don't limit your thinking to the warm, clear water you see in travel magazines. Some of the best diving is closer than you think, and more unusual than you think.



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7. **Dive Local** - Diving your own back yard has more to offer than you might first think. They may be a ship-wreck, manmade reservoir or a fossil-filled river. It's not all about great visibility because what you see is more important than how far you see.
8. **PADI training** - The only truly important thing about where you dive is that you have the training and experience appropriate for diving there and that you have a dive buddy to go with you. Your local PADI Dive Centre or Resort can help you organize great local diving or a dive vacation. Visit today to get started.
9. **Dive Now!** You'll be diving in less time than you think. Typically, you complete the PADI Open Water Diver course over anywhere from three or four days to six weeks, depending upon how frequently you meet with your instructor. PADI courses are performance-based, which means your instructor's interested in you learning to dive, not in how long you sit in a class. This means that you progress at your own pace – faster or slower depending upon the time you need to become a confident diver who dives regularly.
10. **It's fun!** You will find your social life really takes off when you start diving. The contacts you make through this sport can potentially last a lifetime. The fun you have outside of the water can equal the enjoyment you have in it. What have you got to lose?

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