



Recreational Diving and Education, Snorkeling and Dive Equipment

Ao Nang Divers recently published an article in the Krabi Magazine, to help to promote Scuba Diving

Learn to Scuba Dive

Everything You Need to Know About Learning to Scuba Dive

If you've just decided to learn to dive you've made an excellent decision and if you're not quite sure yet, let me help you along the way. Let's have a look at everything you need to know about learning to dive. Lets begin by looking at which course would suit you

Introductory courses can be as brief as a half day trial in a swimming pool all the way through to full certification. Courses may have slightly different names but they are generally versions of the below courses:

Discover Scuba Diving

A brief half day or more introduction to diving. This course provides a first time experience of scuba diving under the watchful eye of a scuba professional. You'll practice some basic skills in order for you to become comfortable underwater and then you'll experience the fantastic underwater marine life.

Scuba Diver Course

The Scuba Diver course is an abbreviated Open Water Course that is commonly taken by people who either don't have enough time to do a full Open Water Course or are looking for continued supervision when you dive in the future.

Open Water Diver Course

The Open Water course is the most common course and a full beginner course to scuba diving. The course takes a minimum of 3 days, or more, and once you complete it you'll be certified for life and ready to go on to further training and a future of great diving.

Where should I learn?

You can learn to dive almost anywhere in the world, so this will usually depend on where you live and where you spend your vacations. When deciding which dive center to learn at it's important to understand the differences between certification agencies but equally important is to feel comfortable with your instructor and the dive center itself. Pay particular attention to the services and dive sites on offer. REMEMBER Cheap isn't necessarily the best, this is your first step into diving so make sure that you are going to receive the best training possible.

What equipment do I need?

You won't usually need any equipment when you start to dive as it can all be rented for the duration of the course, but some dive centers may prefer you to have your own mask, snorkel, and fins. Once you're certified there are all sorts of things you can buy and many divers love the new dive gadgets nearly as much as the actual diving.

What will I learn?

If you do a Discover Scuba Diving course you'll learn the basics of dive safety and a few basic skills to make sure you're safe underwater. During the Open Water course you'll learn fundamentals of scuba diving, including dive equipment and techniques. You earn this rating by completing five pool dives and knowledge development sessions and then by making four open water dives. Once you have completed the course its time for the real fun to begin as you'll be qualified to go diving any where in the world.

What's next?

Once you've completed the Open Water Course and you're a certified diver you may like to do further courses like Advanced Open Water and Rescue Diver or even go on to become a professional Divemaster, Instructor, Technical Diver, Commercial Diver, or even Military Diver. There are also many diving specialty courses that you can study that will broaden and enhance your underwater experiences.