

PADI Referral Open Water Course

You can already start your PADI Open Water Course from home, and take the pool and theory component with your local dive school. Once completed, you will need to bring a referral letter from your PADI instructor. You also need to take the dive medical in Cairns.

You then start with "day 3" of the course by joining one of the 3 day/2 night liveaboard cruises where you make your 4 training dives together with the other students. You then also get your free dives for the rest of the trip once certified.

Day 1: Pick-up at 6am from your accommodation in Cairns. Today you make two training dives which form the start of the practical part of the education. This is the best way to "dive" into the wonders of diving. The first four dives will be your training dives for your open water certification where you will practice all the skills already learned in the pool.

Day 2: Two more training dives, then after successful completion, you receive your Open Water certification. You are now free to make your first dive without your instructor. Last dive of the day will be a night dive (weather permitting). Because this is your first night dive, an instructor will be leading the group of divers.

Day 3: Three more dives with your buddy before the boat heads back towards Cairns. Arrive into Cairns at approximately 3.00pm.

Australian law requires that a dive medical has to be undertaken by a qualified Australian physician. This will be taken in the dive school during the first day. However, it's a good idea to get your diving fitness tested before you travel to avoid disappointment. Definite contradictions to diving are Diabetes I or II, Asthma, Pneumothorax (Scarred lung), Epilepsy, Tuberculosis, Heart diseases and Pregnancy.