

AZUL UNLIMITED



YOUR DIVEMASTER COURSE

KOMODO NATIONAL PARK



THE KOMODO NATIONAL PARK IS THE BEST DIVEMASTER TRAINING PLAYGROUND IN THE WORLD

Your Divemaster Course is the first step on the path to making your hobby a real, paid profession. It is one of the few things in life that can literally change the trajectory of your career and it can be completed in 6 incredible weeks. If you are ready to take this career change seriously, you will be able to pair the Divemaster Certification with your passport and travel the world, working as you go.

QUICK POINTS:

- Course length: 6-8 weeks
- Number of dives: Unlimited
- Course fee: 21 million rupia
- Materials: \$230 USD
- Certification Fee:\$ 145 USD
- What's included:
- Unlimited diving during your course
- BCD, regs, fins, wetsuit, mask
- Meals when on the boat
- Extras: Sidemount try-out, Equipment repair workshop, Hyperbaric chamber orientation, Tech diving introduction, Discount on specialties



PREREQUISITES

- 18 years old
- Certified as an Advanced Open Water Diver, Rescue Diver and Emergency First Responder (valid within the last two years)
- 40 logged dives

A DAY IN THE OCEAN

The day will start bright and early on the boat at 6:45 to organize and set up equipment. Clients arrive at about 7:30 and we'll give our boat briefing before we head out to the National Park. Breakfast and chatting with clients will take us through the 1.5-2 hour trip to Komodo. Just as we are arriving to the park, we will go through the dive briefing and begin to kit up. Your job is to help clients into their gear and be there for them under water. Once you are comfortable with the boat and dive sites, you will be taking turns leading briefings and guiding dives. Each daily trip is either a 3 dive day or 2 dives plus the Komodo dragon tour. We finish up our dive day by joining the clients back at Azul Unlimited to sign log books and you will get a debriefing for the day from your mentor.

A DAY IN THE OFFICE

Office days start a little later than dive days so you will be expected at the shop at 10am. During these dry days, you will spend time with our office staff learning about logistics of the operation and proper client communication, both in person as well as via email. We will also take advantage of this office time to work through theory and work on equipment.

A DAY OFF IN LABUAN BAJO

Although Labuan Bajo is a small town, there are still a lot of fun things that you can do on your days off. For example...

- Take your motor bike to the outskirts of town and check out the nearby beaches.
- Enjoy an afternoon by the pool at Wae Molas and stay for a movie.
- Plan a day trip out to Rangko cave or Cunca Wulang waterfall.
- Check out the sunset and live music at La Cecile

WHO WILL BE YOUR MENTORS?:

This should be your number one question about the Divemaster Course. In order to get proper training, you need to learn from a team with experience and passion for teaching dive professionals. You also want to feel comfortable and confident with your mentors. This is why it is important to get to know them and their teaching style to see if it fits with your personality.



AITOR DIAZ

Spanish, Platinum Course Director. Experience teaching hundreds of Divemasters and over 25 IDCs in the last 4 years.



SARAH MILLER

American, IDC Staff. Sidemount Instructor and assistant in over 10 IDCs in the last 3 years.



SERGIO PALAZUELOS

Spanish, MSDT. 3 years experience teaching Divemasters

WHY IS OUR PROGRAM AND THE KOMODO NATIONAL PARK THE PERFECT COMBO?

THEORY

You will work closely with your mentors and classmates on not only the required theory, but also more in depth knowledge of physics, physiology, decompression theory, equipment and general skills/environment. This will get you prepared for the Instructor Development Course if you choose to move forward with your training!

CONFINED WATER

Although we have wonderful confined open water dive sites here in Labuan Bajo and in the Komodo National Park, we know how important it is to get quality practice in the pool. You will work on and perfect your skills with your mentors in both scenarios (pool and confined open water) so that you will be confident in all environments.

OPEN WATER

Practice, practice, practice! You will get loads of practice guiding and assisting courses. There is nothing better than being in front of clients and working directly with them to improve your skills. Every time you are guiding you will be under the direct guidance of one of your mentors and you'll get feedback for the day when logging your dives.

The Komodo National Park is also one of the best dive training locations in the world. This area is known for its incredible dive sites, but also its strong currents. The conditions will challenge you at times, but getting experience here with clients and your mentors will prepare you for your first job.

ADDED BONUS, WE ONLY ACCEPT 2 DM CANDIDATES AT A TIME!

This means you will get a personalized course.





COSTS OF STAYING IN LB

Once you are in Indonesia, the cost of living is quite low. Below, we break down what to expect to spend and what you'll need for your time here. Remember, all estimates are just that, estimates.

HOUSING

- Hostel: 6 million per month
- Room in a shared house: 2-3 million per month

FOOD/DRINKS

- A tight budget: 1 million per week
- Average: 1.75 million per week

MOTOR BIKE

- 2-2.5 million per month

DIVE INSURANCE

- \$40 USD per month with DAN. Purchase through us or look into getting an annual membership through the DAN website.

REQUIRED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- Surface Marker Buoy and reel
- Compass
- Dive computer
- Cutting device
- Reef hook

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

- Mask and Snorkel
- Fins (no split fins!)

HOW TO GET HERE

- Fly into Bali or Jakarta
- Book a national flight to the Labuan Bajo Airport (LBJ)
- Take the 5 minute drive from the airport to Azul Unlimited

THINGS TO BRING

- Any toiletries (coral safe sunscreen!) or medicines you know you'll need. Although you can get necessities in Labuan Bajo, specific brands can be hard to find.
- Power adapter (we have 230V European style outlets here)
- Reusable water bottle/thermos/tiffin

6 WEEK MOCK SCHEDULE

Apart from the course components, you will also be diving regularly and meeting with your mentors. Take advantage and dive as much as possible during your course. Every moment in the water is invaluable.

As you have probably realized by now, dive shop logistics are constantly changing due to new reservations, weather, equipment malfunction, etc. Therefore, the schedule for your day-to-day activities will depend on what is happening in the shop and with the weather during the time frame that you are in Labuan Bajo.

Part of becoming a professional is being flexible with changes, but here you have a representation for all of the components of your course spread out into a 6 week time line.

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WEEK 1						
Intern Arrival; Meet your mentors	Tour of Dive Shop; Theory Ch. 1	Equipment Orientation; Ch. 2, Ch. 3	15 Min Tread; Skills Circuit/Rescue Practice	DSD Workshop; Ch. 4	Ch. 5	
WEEK 2						
Briefing and Dive Site Setup Workshop; Assign EAP, Mapping Project	Ch. 6	Ch. 7	Ch. 8	Swims: 100m Tow	Exam 1	
WEEK 3	Assist Courses:	Open Water				
ReActivate/Skin Diver Workshops	Discover Local Diving	Equipment Workshop		Ch. 9: Physics	Rescue Practice; Lift bag, Knots and Search Pattern Workshops	
WEEK 4	Assist Courses:	DSD				
Swims: 800m snorkel		Ch. 9: Physiology		Ch. 9: Equipment		
WEEK 5	Assist Courses:	Continuing Education				
Deep Dive, Search & Recovery		Ch. 9: Deco Theory	Swims: 800m snorkel	Ch. 9: Skills and Environment	Tech Intro; Sidemount Tryouts	
WEEK 6	Assist Courses:	Certified Divers in OW				
Assessment Week: Skills Circuit/Equipment Exchange	Rescue Assessment			Exam 2	Hyperbaric Chamber Tour	