



## Our PADI Divemaster Course

When you take your first step as a professional diver, you want to ensure that you have the best start possible to your dive career. Where you choose to train will dictate your future dive knowledge, skills, experience and employability - here are a few answers to questions you may have:

### Why choose Sundive for your Divemaster training?

We don't believe in offering silver, gold or platinum choices with varying degrees of quality; instead we give you the best possible course as standard. Our Divemaster program will lay solid foundations for you to build upon whether you want to travel the world freelancing as a dive pro, work on livaboards guiding divers, manage a resort in a remote destination or continue your education to become an Assistant Instructor or Instructor so you can introduce people to the magic of the underwater world. Maybe you just want to improve your skills, knowledge and experience as a diver. Whatever your goal, you want the best possible course to mould you into a professional.



Every dive operation differs as to what it can offer and we can't claim to be the biggest, we wouldn't boast to be the best (we let our students decide that!), nor would we want to cut corners to be the cheapest. We can however ensure that our educational philosophies, our business principles, our attention to detail and our attitude towards standards guarantees that you will get the practical training, knowledge development and mentorship to make you the best dive professional you can be.

Our personal approach by our highly qualified staff will give you the real world training essential for succeeding in the dive industry. Nowhere else in the area will give you exposure to Instructors who are trained in Technical diving, Rebreather diving, Cave diving, Underwater Photography and Freediving, giving you a wealth of knowledge and experience at your disposal. Sundive is the only dive shop in Byron Bay that holds a PADI 5 Star status, offers Enriched Air Nitrox training, Assistant Instructor training and certain distinctive speciality training such as Self-Reliant Solo diver and Project Aware Shark Conservation diver. If that's not enough just ask to see our awards from PADI for our long term commitment to the philosophy of quality diver training and outstanding contribution to the association since 1988.

**Cost:** \$1,795 including all required PADI materials. Does not include PADI application fees. Equipment hire options available if required.

**Duration:** 2 weeks+

**Prerequisites:** certified as a PADI Advanced Open Water Diver and PADI Rescue Diver, 18 years old, 40 logged dives, completed the EFR Primary and Secondary Care training within 24 months, medically evaluated and cleared for diving by a physician within 12 months.



## Who will teach you?

Even though PADI standards stipulate that an Open Water Scuba Instructor can conduct Divemaster training, at Sundive our training is conducted by PADI Master Instructors. This means that your tuition comes from an Instructor who trains Instructors and Assistant Instructors and has demonstrated an exceptional level of experience in diver training to be awarded the level of Master Instructor.

## Why choose Byron Bay?

Firstly, there's the diving; did you know that the Lonely Planet rated Byron Bay in the top ten places in the world to learn to dive? Julian Rocks Marine Reserve, where our dive sites are located, has been likened to a 'mini Galapagos' (*Lonely Planet 2014*) and one of the best dive spots in Australia (*The Australian 2011*). Just 2.5km offshore means you won't spend hours on a boat every time you go diving, although in the 5 minutes it takes to get there, you will see Dolphins playing in the bay or Whales as they migrate past in winter. Underwater, the summer months bring in Manta Rays and Leopard Sharks, whilst the cooler winter waters attract the endangered Grey Nurse Sharks. In addition, turtles, rays, crustaceans, nudibranchs, octopuses, eels and a plethora of fish populate our dive sites.



Secondly there's the town itself; with its laid back attitude, stunning scenery, endless beaches, epic surf breaks, thriving nightlife and stunning hinterland nature reserves, Byron Bay has it all. It's no wonder that this iconic coastline is one of Australia's most popular holiday destinations. Great food and a flourishing arts, culture and live music scene means there is always somewhere to go or something to do when you're not diving.



## What does the program involve?

The course itself consists of 3 separate modules; knowledge development, waterskills development, and practical assessment training. The first module is conducted via elearning, allowing you to do this from the comfort of your own home in your own time. This covers how to supervise certified divers, student divers, risk management and your dive career. In addition you'll gain theoretical dive knowledge about physics, physiology, equipment, skills and environment and the recreational dive planner. Once this is completed, we'll work on your dive skills to get them to demonstration quality and other waterskills such as water treads and diver rescue. The practical application will involve you applying your new skills to real world situations when you assist our instructors on courses and programs and are then supervised conducting your own programs and guiding certified divers.

We hope that you will join us to start your adventure as a dive professional - where you choose to do your course should be somewhere you feel will give you the best possible opportunities and foundation for your new career. Whilst we've tried to give you an idea of what you will get as a Divemaster in training at Sundive, the care, attention, quality and service that we put into all our courses is something you can only experience for yourself. For more information please contact us on +61 (0)2 6685 7755 or [gopro@sundive.com.au](mailto:gopro@sundive.com.au). We hope to see you soon!