PAOI DIVEMASTER INTERNSHIP 2024



Sodwana Bay, South Africa





Join a PADI Diving Internship like no other... Don't pay to work, pay for the adventure of a lifetime! We don't believe in pay-to-work internships, we want to offer you the opportunity to become a PADI Divemaster while still being able to relax, recharge and explore South Africa's best-kept secret, the tropical paradise of Sodwana Bay.



This all-inclusive internship means you don't need to worry about anything!
Simply send us an email to book your internship and we'll sort out the rest!
From food, accommodation, dives, entertainment and everything in between, we've got you covered!

Our internship is located in one of the best dive locations in the world,
Sodwana Bay. The wild Indian Ocean gives us a little bit of everything so you'll be one of the most well-rounded
Divemasters. You'll experience everything from calm, clear waters to the wildest and most fun boat launch through the surf.



CONTACT US NOW!

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Travel the World

There are many opportunities to work as a diversater in some of the most incredible and beautiful spots in the world! Get paid to work as a diversater as you hop from one amazing destination to the next!



Do what you love

Do what you love and you'll never work a day in your life! Get paid to work on a beautiful beach, dive every day, and explore some of the most incredible dive spots in the world.



Experience diving with marine life

Sink beneath the waves, feel weightless and spend your days swimming with some of the most amazing marine creatures! No dive and experiences with marine life are ever the same!



Spend your work days sharing your passion and knowledge with other divers and like-minded people!





INTERNSHIP OPTIONS

PADI Open Water to Divemaster (16 weeks)

Requirements: 18 years old.

Week 1
PADI Open Water Course

Week 3 / 4
PADI Advanced Open
Water Course

Week 7 / 8
PADI Rescue &
EFR Course

Week 11 - 16
PADI Divemaster Course

PADI Advanced Open Water to Divemaster (12 weeks)

Requirements: 18 years old, PADI Open Water or equivalent dive qualification.

Week 1 / 2
PADI Advanced Open
Water Course

Week 4 / 5
PADI Rescue &
EFR Course

Week 7 - 12
PADI Divemaster Course

PADI Rescue to Divemaster (10 weeks)

Requirements: 18 years old, PADI Advanced Open Water or equivalent dive qualification.

Week 2 / 3
PADI Rescue &
EFR Course

Week 5 - 10
PADI Divemaster Course







PADI Rescue to Divemaster (8 weeks)

Requirements: 18 years old, PADI Advanced Open Water or equivalent dive qualification, minimum 10 logged dives.

Week 2
PADI Rescue &
EFR Course

Week 3 - 8
PADI Divemaster Course





PADI Divemaster (8 weeks)

Requirements: 18 years old, PADI Rescue and EFR or equivalent qualifications, minimum 10 logged dives.

Week 1 & 2
Complete required dives needed to start

Week 3 - 8
PADI Divemaster Course





PADI Divemaster (6 weeks)

Requirements: 18 years old, PADI Rescue and EFR or equivalent qualifications, minimum 25 logged dives.

Week 1 - 6
PADI Divemaster Course



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE INTERNSHIP COST

Airport Transfers

The transfer from the King Shaka Airport in Durban to the camp as well as the return transfer to the airport at the end of the internship.



South African interns are welcome to drive to the camp if they would like to.

Accommodation

You will be staying in our new volunteer and interns house located on the Sodwana Bay main road.











Food

Groceries are included, meals are then prepared together in the communal kitchen.

PADI Dive Courses

PADI Open Water, Advanced Open Water, EFR, Rescue & Divemaster courses.





Dives and Gear

1-2 dives a day, five days a week. Hard gear rental (BCD, regulator, weight belt,

and cylinder).



Casual and relaxed lectures and discussions given by a local zoologist on the ocean and marine life



Transport to and from the beach as well as around the town for excursions and nights out.

Beach Gate Fees

Gate fees into the iSimangaliso Wetland Park for dives, as it is a marine protected area.

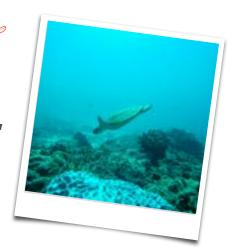
Weekly Excursions

We want to make sure you get the most out of your trip! We offer weekly excursions which include beach days, sundowners at local viewpoints, braais (barbeques) at Lake Sibaya while watching hippos in the water, sandboarding days at the beach, etc.











PAOI COURSES

PADI Open Water

- Day 1 Pool skill sessions.
- Day 2 Two ocean dives to complete skills.
- Day 3 One ocean dive to complete skills and one fun dive.

PADI Advanced Open Water

Five Adventure Dives:

- Deep Dive (30m).
- Fish Identification Dive.
- Underwater Naturalist Dive.
- Peak Performance Buoyancy Dive.
- Underwater Navigation Dive.





PADI Rescue and Emergency First Responder

- Online learning, pool sessions, and ocean dives.
- Emergency First Responder Primary and Secondary care training.

PADI Divemaster

Theory Topics:

- Role and Characteristics of a PADI Professional.
- Supervising Qualified or Student Divers.
- PADI Standards
- Divemaster-led courses.
- Basic theory in Marine Biology and Oceanography.
- Human Biology and Diving.
- Emergency Assistance Plans.

Practical:

- Swim and stamina tests: 400m swim, 15min float, 800m snorkel and a 100m swimming tow.
- In-water rescue assessment.
- Demonstrate basic 18 scuba skills in a professional manner.
- Mapping project.
- Underwater equipment exchange.
- Assist on an entire open water course and continuing education.
- · Leading certified divers in open water



INTERNSHIP PRICES





PAOI OPEN WATER TO DIVEMASTER (16 WEEKS) EUR 11 500.00 USD 12 740.00 ZAR 176 890.00

PAOI ADVANCED OPEN WATER TO OIVEMASTER (12 WEEKS) EUR 8 820.00 USD 9 770.00 ZAR 135 730.00

PAOI RESCUE TO DIVEMASTER (10 WEEKS)

EUR 7 320.00 USD 8 110.00 ZAR 112 680.00

PAOIRESCUE TO DIVEMASTER (8 WEEKS)

EUR 6 330.00 USD 7 010.00 ZAR 97 380.00

PADI DIVEMASTER (8 WEEKS) EUR 6 080.00 USD 6 740.00 ZAR 93 550.00

PAOI OIVEMASTER
(6 WEEKS)

EUR 4 890.00 USD 5 410.00 ZAR 75 200.00

EXTRA EXPENSES

Travel Expenses

- Plane Tickets.
- Visas.
- Travel Insurance and Diving Insurance (Diving Insurance can be organised through Divers Alert Network, www.dansa.org).
- Comprehensive Medical Insurance.

Soft Gear Rental

Interns are recommended to bring soft gear with them; this includes a wetsuit, mask, and fins. If this is not possible, the gear can be rented during your stay. If you need advice on purchasing soft gear, please email us!

Extra Diving Courses

- Freediving Course (ZAR 3 200)
- Nitrox Course (ZAR 3 500)

Extra Excursions

- Safari Trip (ZAR 1 650 includes food).
- Kosi Bay Trip (ZAR 1900 includes food).
- Surf Lessons.
- Sand Boarding.





PADI Fees

Once the Diverseter course is completed, an application fee of GBP 118 needs to be paid directly to PADI.



APPITIONAL INFORMATION

Program Season

January to November.

Deep Blue doesn't operate during December.

Arrival and Departure

- Arrival and departure airport: Richards Bay airport.
- Arrival date and time: The first Friday of the month, between 9 am and 2 pm.
- Departure date and time: Friday, after 11 am.
- All flights must be booked by interns and interns must hold a valid return ticket at all times.
- Exact dates and times for flights can be confirmed with project coordinators via email to ensure accuracy.
- Visas are the responsibility of interns to organise.
- International interns must book their return flight out of South Africa within 90 days of their arrival date to comply with tourist visa regulations.
- Please also check the validity of your passport as some countries are required to have a passport valid for at least 6 months after the end of your stay in South Africa.
- South African interns are welcome to drive to the camp directly.

What to bring with you...

- Shorts and t-shirts.
- Warmer clothes for evenings and early mornings.
- Rain jacket.
- Cap/hat and sunglasses.
- Swimming costume.
- Beach and bathroom towel.
- Wetsuit (5mm in summer months and 7mm in winter months).
- Soft dive gear (as gear rental may be expensive it is best to at least bring your own mask and fins).
- It is suggested that interns bring their own dive computer.
- Open and closed shoes.
- Mosquito spray and sunscreen.
- Flash light.
- Personal medication (the nearest pharmacy is a 2-hour drive from the camp).
- USB (to take photos and videos home with you).
- Stationery.
- Games, books, series, etc. for rainy days.
- Waterproof camera / Go Pro if you have







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Email us and let us know what your current dive qualification is, as well as your number of logged dives. Please also feel free to ask any questions you have or book a video chat with us to discuss the internship options!

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