

# Dive Shop

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## Tour List

### Alaia Belize

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Pier of Alaia Belize



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## ***DIVE SHOP TEAM***



The Dive Shop, an Authorized 5 Star PADI Dive Resort located on San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize, Central America. We strive in providing the best experience possible when planning activities for the entire family, whether snorkeling, diving or even learning to dive for the first time! With a full staff of certified PADI SCUBA Instructors and Dive Masters, we dedicate ourselves to provide a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing experiences. With a full range of boats and new equipment, we can handle any of your in-water needs. Safe, Professional and Reliable, we are committed to providing an experience like no other. At Dive Shop you will come as guests and leave as family! Join us on your next trip to Belize and turn your bubble making dreams into reality!!!

## ½ DAY SNORKELING

### Hol Chan and Shark-Ray Alley

The Hol Chan Marine Reserve is the first of its kind on Ambergris Caye. First established in 1987, it consists of four zones. Zone A - the coral reef, Zone B - the turtle grass beds, Zone C - the mangroves islands and finally Zone D - Shark and Ray Alley, which was added to the reserve in 1999. The first stop on of the tour is to Zone A of the Hol Chan Marine Reserve. Here you snorkel away from the boat around a small channel in the reef. From here there is a five-minute boat ride to the next stop known as Zone D - Shark and Ray Alley.



### Mexico Rocks

Mexico Rocks is a shallow patch reef system located North of San Pedro. Made up of boulder like corals that rise to the surface and clusters of small patch reefs, it is a haven for juvenile fish which seek protection from larger predators. The newest marine reserve around Ambergris Caye, it's becoming as popular as Hol Chan and tends to have less currents and waves, which makes for an easier snorkel, especially if it's your first time.



## FULL DAY SNORKELING

### Full Day Beach BBQ



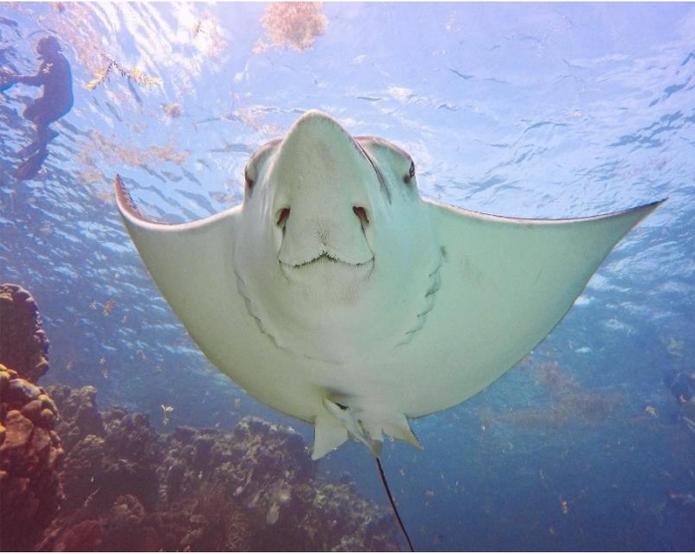
This trip is perfect for families, couples or even divers taking a break between a long week of diving. Your day starts with some reef fishing where the catch of the day becomes lunch. Small snappers and grouper, as well as lobster and conch (season permitting) are the main catch of the day. From there you head to the barrier reef where your guide will clean your catch of the day. While your catch is cleaned, you are free to snorkel around the boat which gives you a great opportunity of seeing nurse sharks and stingrays in their natural habitat

### Caye Caulker Charter

The Caye Caulker day trip is a great way to unwind at the end of your holiday with the family or friends while enjoying great snorkeling, sightseeing and food all in a day! No shoes, No Shirt, No Problem is what this island is all about. Along the way you'll visit the coral gardens and the northern channel of Caye Caulker where manatees tend to roam. Enjoy lunch on this small fishing village known for their fresh sea food, followed by a look around the island made up of 3 streets and wonderful beaches. You'll then visit the back of the island where you can see huge tarpons and occasional sea horse near the entrance of one of Belize's largest under water caves. The Caye Caulker day trip is a great way to unwind at the end of your holiday with the family or friends while enjoying great snorkeling, sightseeing and food all in a day!



## LOCAL DIVING



### Local 1/2 Tank Dive

Directly in front of BPDC we have over 30 dive sites within a 8-15 minute boat ride. Explore spur and groove canyons which go from east to west along the second largest barrier reef in the world! With a much different topography than Hol Chan, these dive sites begin at 30-40ft/9-12m and gently slope down the edges of the canyons which average 60ft/18m. Dive sites are chosen by your dive master on the day depending on weather conditions and if you've been to a particular dive site before

After your first dive, we make our way back to the dock for our surface interval where you can enjoy fresh fruit and snacks while you prepare for your next dive and talk about all the great things you saw on your last. You then make your way back on board and head out for another dive or can choose to do a 1 tank dive. Our local reef dives average 60ft/18m and perfect for all levels of diver (weather dependent) and offers a large variety of coral, macro and pelagic marine life.

### Hol Chan Combo

This is perfect for families or groups who have a mix of snorkelers and divers but want to do a trip together. This dive is at Zone A. It's a shallow dive, with a max depth of 28ft. It's perfect for a first dive after a break from diving or for an introduction to diving in Belize. This trip is called a combo and consists of one dive at Zone A and then a snorkel at Zone D. Night dives are done here upon request with a minimum of 4!



## OFFSHORE DIVING

### The Great Blue Hole



The Great Blue Hole, located in the Lighthouse Reef Atoll, is one of Belize's best kept secret. You have an early start at 5:30am and a 2.5 hours boat ride to the first stop. It makes it all worth it when you plunge into the hole 130ft and dive between 30ft stalactites while mystical sharks cruise by.

You then make your way over to Halfmoon Caye Wall which offers a vast amount of marine life along the deep walls off the island of Half Moon Caye where lunch is served and trails lead you to the only red footed boobie bird sanctuary in the world! The last dive of the day is over at the "Aquarium" on the walls of Long Caye, the name speaks for itself as you will see when you descend in a school of bermudan chubs and sergeant majors. After you make your way back home in 2.5 hours enjoying the view of the sun setting.

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# PADI INSTRUCTIONS

## Discover Scuba Diving

Have you always wondered what it's like to breathe underwater? If you want to try scuba diving, but aren't quite ready to take the plunge into a dive certification course, Discover Scuba Diving is for you. You'll have one of our PADI SCUBA instructors guiding you every step of the way, from familiarizing yourself with scuba equipment for the first time in shallow water to taking your first breathe in open water. While not a scuba certification course, Discover Scuba Diving is a quick and easy introduction to what it takes to explore the underwater world.



## Refresher Course

Haven't been diving lately and want a quick scuba refresher? The Refresher Course is the perfect way to update your dive skills and knowledge from the PADI Open Water Diver Course before jumping back into the water. Whether you want a few reminders or need to go over the basics, the Refresher Course is personalized for you, conveniently review scuba concepts, equipment set up and safety procedures with your instructor and head to confined water or shallow water. Once you're feeling comfortable, your instructor then takes you on a shallow dive between 30-40ft. It's quick and easy, and a good way to prepare for your next dive and the rest of your dive vacation!



# PADI Open Water Certification

If you've always wanted to learn how to scuba dive, discover new adventures or simply see the wondrous world beneath the waves, this is where your adventure begins. Get your scuba diving certification with the PADI Open Water Diver course - the world's most popular and widely recognized scuba course. The PADI

## Academics

PADI's open water diver manual is designed so that you can learn the academics at your own pace when it is convenient for you. Broken down into 5 chapters that cover all of the theory you'll need to know, each chapter has a knowledge review to prepare you for your final exam.



## Equipment

In the PADI Open Water Diver course, you learn to use basic scuba gear, including a mask, snorkel, fins, regulator, buoyancy control device and a tank. At the end of your course you will be able to assemble and disassemble your scuba equipment properly and learn the importance of familiarizing yourself with the type of equipment you'll be using.

## Pool Training

Once fitted and familiarized with your equipment, your instructor will assist you into the pool where you'll get hands on training and practicing skills such as equalizing, clearing your mask, sharing air and much more.



## Open Water Training

Experience the reefs of Belize while you learn to scuba dive over four open water dives. The PADI Open Water Diver certification is recognized worldwide so your diving experiences will be limitless!

To enroll in a PADI Open Water Diver course or Junior Open Water Diver course, you must be 10 years old or older. No prior experience with scuba diving is required.

## PADI Scuba Diver

This course is an introduction into scuba diving and certifies you to dive to 40ft while accompanied by a professional. This course can take a day and a half to complete and involves some academic work. From here, it's time to move on to the practical part of the course, where you become familiar with the equipment and will teach you how to assemble and disassemble your gear. After, you enter confined water, and the instructor will get you accustomed to breathing from the equipment as well as underwater. This session will also include some buoyancy work to ensure that you fully understand the use of the equipment. Once the confined water session is completed, you then partake in two open water dives.



## PADI Open Water Referral

This involves students who have completed all academic work as well as the confined water sessions either at home, or an uncompleted certification. We complete the four dives on a schedule that suits you. The first two dives are in shallow water, where the conditions suit a beginner diver. From here it's on to the final two dives. These are conducted in deeper water. This course lasts approximately two days.



## PADI Advance Open Water

Whether you're looking for new dive adventures, to improve your scuba skills, or both at once, taking the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver course will help you gain more confidence and improve your dive experiences.

You do five different dives all under the expert guidance of your PADI Instructor. No formal classroom session, just a lot of diving and a few knowledge reviews.

Navigation and Deep dives are **mandatory** in order to obtain your Advanced Open Water certification, your other 3 dives can be chosen from:

- Peak Performance Buoyancy
- Discover Nitrox
- Multi Level Dive (Dive computer)
- Night Dive
- Underwater Naturalist
- Fish Identification
- Underwater Photography
- Drift Dive
- Boat Dive
- Search and Recovery



## Rescue Diver

Being more confident in the water is what every diver desires and the PADI Rescue Diver Course will help you get there. You learn how to deal with many situations that could arise while diving or even on the surface, from towing a tired diver to surfacing an unresponsive diver. During the course, you learn how to spot potential problems and quickly deal with them before they become big issues. The Rescue Diver course involves confined water and open water sessions before a final scenario practice.



## PADI Dive Master Course

.The PADI Dive master course is your first level of professional training. Working closely with a PADI Instructor, you will fine-tune your dive skills, like perfecting the effortless hover, and refine your rescue skills so you anticipate and easily solve common problems. You'll gain dive knowledge, management and supervision abilities so you become a role model to divers everywhere. As a PADI Dive master, you'll lead others as you supervise



scuba diving activities and assist with diver training. The course involves skill improvement and a final assessment, to demonstrate that you can perform skills required to an instructor's standard. A boatmanship exercise, which involves learning how to secure a boat, ensuring the boat is prepared for a dive trip and giving a briefing to a group of divers will also be a crucial part of your Dive Master Training. There are also a series of tasks to ensure you are comfortable in water, including timed free swim, snorkel, and tread water.

## PADI DIVE SPECIALTIES

### PADI Enriched Air Diver

You'll learn why diving with air that has higher oxygen and lower nitrogen content gives you more bottom time, along with enriched air equipment considerations. During a practical session, and two optional (or required) scuba dives, you'll:

- Discuss managing oxygen exposure.
- Practice analyzing oxygen content in your scuba tank.
- Set your dive computer for diving with enriched air nitrox



## Peak Performance Buoyancy



Excellent buoyancy control is what defines skilled scuba divers. Divers who conduct the Peak Performance Specialty course can easily observe aquatic life without disturbing their surroundings. In this course, you will learn how buoyancy and weighting correlate. You will be able to determine the exact weight you need, so you're not too light or too heavy. Trim your weight system and scuba gear so you're perfectly balanced in the water and learn how to streamline to save energy, use air more efficiently, and move more smoothly through the water.

## Night Diver

The thought of going under the surface at night seems mysterious, yet so alluring. No matter how often you dive a site during the day, diving the same site at night changes as day creatures retire and nocturnal organisms emerge. Learn to prepare, plan and execute night dives safely and explore this fascinating side to the undersea world.



## Underwater Navigator

Know where you are and where you're going with the PADI Under Water Navigator Course. This course helps you to fine-tune your observation skills while accurately use your compass underwater.

You will learn navigation using natural clues and by following compass headings.

During three scuba dives, you'll practice:

- Methods to estimate distance underwater
- Compass navigation while making at least five turns
- Marking or relocating a submerged object or position from the surface
- Underwater map making



## Deep Diver

Whether you're planning on diving the Great Blue Hole here in Belize, or a deep wreck, the PADI Deep Diver specialty is ideal for divers who want to explore dive sites at depths beyond the normal range for normal divers. You will learn how to plan and execute dives in the range of 60-100ft, perform emergency decompression stops, and how to deal with gas narcosis and safety considerations under professional supervision.

## Drift Diver

The PADI Drift Diver Specialty course teaches you how to scuba dive down rivers and use ocean currents to glide along. Drift diving can be relaxing and exhilarating at the same time. Along with drift diving techniques and procedures, you'll:

- Receive an introduction to drift diving equipment - floats, lines and reels
- Get an overview of aquatic currents - causes and effects
- Practice with buoyancy control, navigation, and communication during two drift dives
- Learn techniques for staying close to a buddy or together as a group as you float with the current



## Boat Diver

The world's best diving almost always takes place from boats. Boats can get you to reefs and wrecks that simply aren't accessible from shore. The PADI Boat Diver course will expand your knowledge about boats from small inflatables to large liveaboards. You'll gain experience scuba diving by completing two dives from a boat in your local area and learn:

- Boat terminology
- Boat diving procedures at etiquette, including how to enter and exit, and where to stow your gear.
- Boat safety, including how to locate safety equipment.



## Oxygen Provider

The PADI Emergency Oxygen for Scuba Diving Injuries course is designed to train and educate interested individuals in the techniques of using oxygen as first aid for a suspected dive injury. You'll learn about the fundamentals of recognizing diving injury, warning signs, response, and management.



Then you'll practice:

- Assembling and disassembling emergency oxygen equipment
- Deploying a non-rebreather mask and a demand inhalator valve on a breathing diver
- Using a pocket mask on a non-breathing dive



## Search and Recovery

Lost your GoPro in the water and want to go find it? Then this PADI Search and Recovery Diver Specialty course is for you. Using effective techniques to search for objects underwater will increase your chances of success. And there are good and better methods to bring up small, large, or just awkward items. Search and recovery can be challenging, but a whole lot of fun.

## Self-Reliant Diver

During the Self-Reliant Diver course, you learn about potential risks of diving alone and the value of equipment redundancy and necessary back-up gear. This course helps student divers develop the skill, knowledge and techniques necessary to rely on themselves first, whether they are diving with or without a partner, including:

- The values and application of the buddy system
- The philosophy of, and motivation for diving without a partner
- Potential risks of diving alone, and how to manage those risks
- The values of equipment redundancy and what back-up equipment is need
- Dive planning and gas management



## Shark Conservation



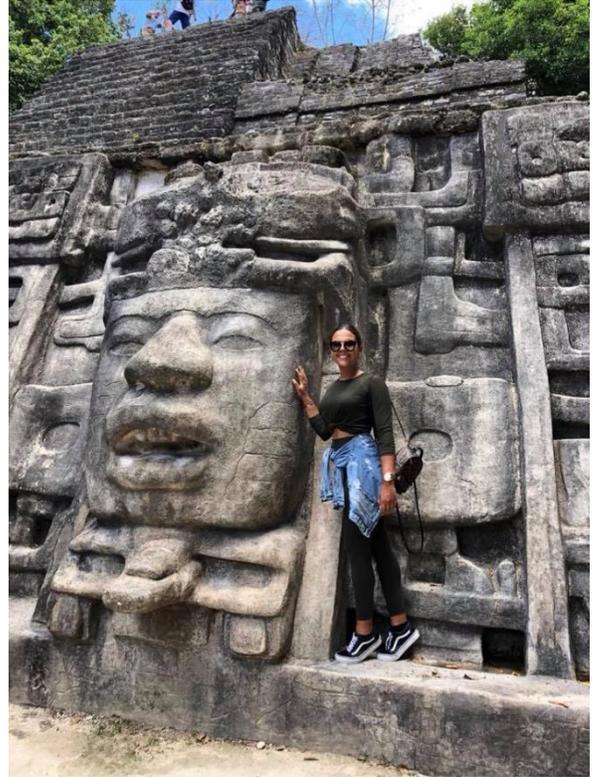
Love sharks? Scared of sharks? Or do you want to know more about them? Enroll in an AWARE Shark Conservation Specialty Course and discover the value of sharks to marine ecosystems and economies. You will learn more about the causes of declining shark populations and the actions you can take to become a knowledgeable

and passionate shark defender. By being informed, you can dispel misconceptions and act to protect sharks. Sharks need you!

# MAINLAND TOURS

## Lamanai Jungle River

This full day adventure takes around the island over to the mainland of Belize into the old Northern River into the village of Bomba where our ride awaits along the unspoiled Pan American highway. We then board the riverboat for a leisurely tour on the unblemished wonderland of bird life, crocodiles, turtles, bats, and orchids. Arriving on the shore of the New River Lagoon and once ancient capital of Lamanai (submerged crocodile), surrounded by pristine rainforest of the area, Lunch is served by the beach.



The exploration afterwards takes you along nature paths to various plazas with temples reaching to the heavens - again, a reminder of the cosmological religion of this ancient civilization, which saw the creation of both the short (260 days) and the long count (365 days) calendars a couple thousand years ago by sacred shaman priest/scientists living and working in the rainforests of Meso America. As you stroll on the tour listen to the howls of the majestic Black Howler Monkey.

## Cave Tubing and The Belize Zoo

Enjoy the morning breeze as you travel along the different cays. Have a delightful breakfast as you cruise under the green canopy provided by the trees as you travel towards the Haulover River. There your private van awaits to transport you to the magnificent Belize Zoo for a fully guided tour. Here you'll enjoy over one hundred different species of wildlife that Belize has to offer. Next you are off the Jaguar Paw Jungle Resort for lunch; after lunch you set off for an unforgettable adventure into the dense forest of the Sibun Caves Branch Area. Tube through the sacred Maya caves and explore streams and rainforest to your hearts content. After a day of fun filled adventure you head back to the beautiful Island of San Pedro.



## Cave Tubing and Ziplining

Enjoy the morning breeze as you travel along and make your way to the Haulover River. There your private van awaits to transport you to your unforgettable adventure into the dense forest of the Caves Branch area. Your Zip Line adventure begins with a five minute walk in this amazing natural rain forest. There you will be assisted by their guides as you fly through the air surrounded by nature to the eight different platforms that are strategically located within the rainforest canopy. After lunch it is off to the second part of your adventure where you will tube through the Sacred Caves and enjoy the tranquility of the rainforest to your hearts content.

## Cave Tubing and Altun Ha

As with any excursion, part of the excitement lies within the journey itself, meander up the river and experience the flora and fauna. Visit our Maya ruin “Altun Ha” situated in the heart of the rural Belize

District. The majestic ruins serve as a reminder of the elaborate ceremonial centers constructed by the Classic Maya civilization.

From the central plaza visitors are invited to explore some of the most prominent of Altun Ha’s five hundred visible structures and mounds including the towering temple A1 or Temple of The Green Tomb from which the revered jade head of sun god Kinich Ahua along with over three hundred dazzling jade objects were excavated.

Other key areas of interest include the mysterious Temple of The Masonry Alters which is laden with shadowy passageways, narrow stairways, and a series of enclosed chambers once used by high priests in religious rituals.

After a breathtaking and historic tour have an exotic lunch of inland cuisine which consist of fish and wild game at the incredible, world famous Maruba Jungle Spa, enjoy swimming in their fresh water pool and horseback riding or perhaps indulge yourself with a massage or mud bath.



## Cave Tubing and Xunantunich



Enjoy the morning breeze as you travel along the different cays as you make your way to the Haul Over River just outside of Belize City. There, your private van awaits to transport you to an unforgettable adventure into the dense forest of the Sibun Caves Branch Area. Along the winding Western Highway you will travel to the Cayo District enjoying all the sights of village life. Arriving along the Mopan River where your Xunantunich Mayan exploration begins by first crossing the river in your van in a hand cranked ferry! Xunantunich contains one of the tallest Mayan structures found in Belize, built on grandiose hilltops overlooking the Mopan River. Additionally, the sculptures found here at Xunantunich are the most detailed and intricate of those found in Belize. This site provides panoramic views of the hilly Cayo district and is situated just 2-miles from the Guatemala border. Then it is off to Benny's Kitchen where you will have lunch and then tube through the Sacred Caves and explore streams and rain forest to your heart's content.