

National Geographic Diver

The PADI National Geographic Diver Course

Join an elite group of divers who are more than tourists, but explorers, adventurers and conservationists.

The Fun Part

The fun part about the PADI National Geographic Diver certification is the opportunity to participate in an exploration project. You'll learn to observe and explore like an underwater scientist.



What You Learn

The insight and training you gain during this program will broaden your awareness and take your diving skills to a new level. You will complete a minimum of two dives during this certification.

As part of the National Geographic Diver Specialty course, you fine-tune your [buoyancy](#), then set off on your exploration project. Whether it's a survey of plant life or a study of water temperature variation, this project is your chance to think, observe and document like those who dive for science and discovery. On your next dive you'll hone your [navigation](#) skills, then dive into an aquatic life exercise – which may also be part of your exploration project.



You learn:

- How to observe your surroundings to get the best experience from each dive
- Practical experience by gathering information and [collecting images](#) to create a visual representation of a dive site, detailing what you've discovered through your observations
- Improved [underwater navigation skills](#) and ability to find your way around underwater by using a compass as well as natural references
- You'll be introduced to a multitude of aquatic species and be able to [identify local plants](#) and [animals](#).



The Scuba Gear You Use

You will use the basic [scuba diving equipment](#) with some [accessories](#) for your exploration project.

Check with us about gear rentals and packages offered with this course. You can find most everything here at NOVA Dive Center.

The Learning Materials You Need

New to Scuba Diving?

Your quest for adventure can't begin without the knowledge to navigate through the waters. The National Geographic Diver Crew-Pak is an all-encompassing tool kit including everything you'll need to complete PADI's Open Water Diver certification program. Additionally you'll receive a bonus DVD giving you an in-depth perspective on the underwater world from international National Geographic explorers. The National Geographic crewpak also includes a deluxe

logbook including a durable National Geographic binder and full-size pages for dynamic logbook entries.



Already a diver?

Looking to add some new adventure and fun to your dive résumé? Enhance your love of diving and fine-tune your underwater skills with the National Geographic Portal-Pak. The Portal-Pak includes the National Geographic Almanac plus a DVD featuring international National Geographic explorers giving you an in-depth perspective on the underwater world.

To purchase these products, contact your local PADI Instructor, [dive shop or resort](#).

Prerequisites

This program is open to beginners as well as the experienced diving enthusiast. Experienced divers can become National Geographic Divers by enrolling in the National Geographic Portal.

You must be

- A PADI [Open Water Diver](#) or Junior Open Water Diver (or qualifying certification from another training organization)
- At least 10 years old.

Your Next Adventure

During the PADI National Geographic Diver course you'll learn about [Peak Performance Buoyancy](#), [Underwater Navigation](#), [Coral Reef Conservation](#), [Fish Identification](#), [underwater photography](#) —all of which are PADI specialty courses for you to delve deeper.