



KENYA: SCUBA DIVING COURSES

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WHAT DO YOU GET?

- An internationally recognised PADI Diving Course and Certification at an award winning dive centre!
- An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into Africa; above and below its ocean
- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- Experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who'll meet you at the airport on your arrival - helps you feel safe and never alone!
- An in-depth Induction makes you feel local straight away!
- A unique insight into another culture – see it from the inside in a way you could never do as a tourist.
- An opportunity to make lifelong friends from all over the world.
- And best of all ... an unforgettable experience!



► SUMMARY FACTFILE

Start Dates	All year round - you choose your start and finish dates!
Duration	Various durations, ranging from 1 day to 5 days
Requirements	No qualifications needed
Price	For up-to-date prices, please check our website www.travellersworldwide.com
What's included	► Course fees and materials ► Certification fees where applicable ► Accommodation ► Food ► Meeting you at the Airport ► Transfer to your accommodation ► Transport to and from your project every day ► Full pre-departure support ► Local in-country team support and backup ► 24-hr emergency support.
What's not included	Flights, Insurance, Entrance into Marine Park, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Return transfer to airport.
Who can do this Project?	All our projects are open to all nationalities. Unless otherwise stated, you need to be aged between 17 and 70+

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

Learn to dive at an award-winning 5-Star PADI Dive Centre in Kenya! Certificated courses are available for every level of scuba diver, whether you're a curious beginner or an advanced diver looking to expand your skills. The ocean around Mombasa where the courses take place teems with wildlife!

The Scuba Dive Programme

Buccaneer Diving was started over twenty years ago in Mombasa by Bruce Phillips. Bruce's love of diving started as a child in 1977 encouraged by his father who was (and in fact still is) a very keen diver and one of the pioneers of diving in East Africa. Initially Buccaneer Diving was very small and had only two members, Bruce as the Instructor and Ropa (presently our head captain) as the boat captain; it operated from the bottom of Bruce's parents' garden.



An Award Winning Dive Centre...

In 1997 Buccaneer Diving was made the first PADI 5 star IDC centre in East Africa. Buccaneer Diving has also received PADI Service to Industry Awards, PADI Educational Awards and is the East Africa PADI re-distributor. In 2007 Buccaneer Diving was voted in the top 100 dive centres in the world by the readers of Unterwasser Magazine.

Becoming the biggest diving operator...

Buccaneer Diving has now had the largest certification numbers in Kenya for several years in a row and is already a significant certifier in Zanzibar - Buccaneer's latest venture. Buccaneer Diving has several dive centres in Kenya and 5 star IDC centre in Paje on the South East coast of Zanzibar.

East African PADI Instructor Development programs...

Bruce Phillips is currently East Africa's only PADI Course Director and Buccaneer Diving is the major certifier of diving instructors in the region. In fact a significant number of diving instructors in the area have completed an IDC at Buccaneer Diving. Buccaneer Diving is particularly proud of the opportunities it has afforded to local Kenyans and Tanzanians who have worked their way to becoming diving instructors and have found work not only in the East African market but as far as the Red Sea and the Caribbean.

Putting something back...

Buccaneer Diving has been involved in many environmental projects. These include amongst others, free training courses for members of the Kenya Wildlife Service, regular beach clean ups and the creation of East Africa's largest artificial reef the MV Dania. Buccaneer Diving created 'Schools to the Sea' which introduces disadvantaged children in the Mombasa area to the marine environment for the first time in their lives.



The Courses

PADI Discover Scuba Diving

Pre-requisites: Medical fitness

Duration: 1 day

Minimum age: 10

This course is designed for those that wish to get a taste of scuba diving. Basic level scuba diving theory is taught with the use of video. This is followed by a pool session where the candidate learns basic scuba skills and gains underwater confidence. The candidate then goes on a dive trip accompanied by an instructor.

After participating in the course you may continue to dive with us during your holiday to a maximum depth of 12m with one of our instructors.

PADI Scuba Diver

Pre-requisites: Medical fitness

Duration: 2-3 days

Minimum age: 10

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This course is designed for those that want to learn to dive but have insufficient time to complete the Open Water Course and those that have no wish to dive independently or below 12m.

This course takes you half way to becoming an open water diver. You will participate in three theory sessions, three pool sessions and two open water dives. After the course you may continue to dive under the supervision of an instructor or dive master.

If subsequently you decide to become an open water diver this course will be credited towards your open water qualification.

PADI Open Water Referral

Pre-requisites: Medical fitness

Duration: 2-3 days

Minimum age: 10

The PADI system for diver education is modular - so you can learn to dive a piece at a time, and if you only have time for part of the course, what you've done won't be wasted. We offer referral options for students who've already completed all pool and theory requirement.

PADI Open Water

Pre-requisites: Medical fitness

Duration: 4-5 days

Minimum age: 10

This is the PADI entry level scuba qualification. Completion of this course entitles you to dive independently with your buddy within conditions you have experienced in familiar sites.

You will participate in five theory sessions, five pool sessions and four open water dives. After the course you may continue to dive under similar or better conditions than those you have experienced independently from professional supervision to a depth of 18m. There are many exciting adventure dives, specialties and courses you may participate in after achieving this qualification.

Continuing your diver education will fine tune your skills, give you extra confidence and increase your experience

PADI Scuba Review

Pre-requisites: Medical fitness

Duration: 1/2 Day

Minimum age: 10

This course is aimed at divers who may need to brush up on their diving skills having not dived for a while. It assesses many core diving skills and theory enabling the participant to start diving again with confidence and safety.

It is often also used to assess referral students before continuation of their training.

PADI Adventure Diver

Pre-requisites: Medical fitness

Duration: 1 day course

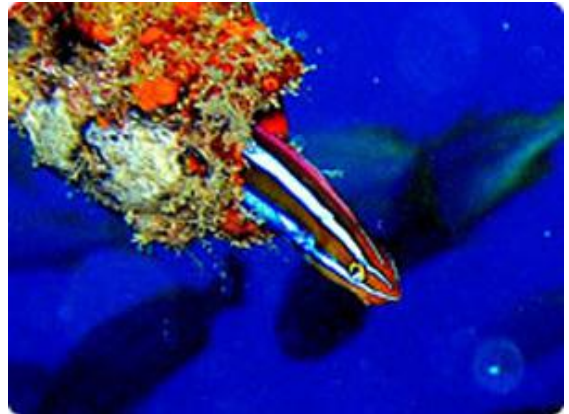
Minimum age: 10

This course gives the participant a taste in one or more of many exciting diving activities. Adventure dives add to the confidence and skill level of divers who participate as well as giving them skills to further their enjoyment of the underwater world.

A diver becomes an adventure diver when they have completed three adventure dives of their choice. An adventure dive is also the first dive of the corresponding specialty and can be counted towards that specialty and the advanced diver certification.

You'll complete 3 of the following dives:

- AWARE - Fish Identification Dive
- Boat Dive Deep Dive *



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- Drift Dive *
- Enriched Air Dive **
- Night Dive *
- Peak Performance Buoyancy Dive
- Search and Recovery Dive*
- Underwater Naturalist Dive
- Underwater Navigation Dive
- Underwater Photography Dive
- Wreck Dive*
- Multilevel Dive

* These adventure dives have a 12+ age limit

** This adventure dive has a 15+ age limit

PADI Advanced Diver

Pre-requisites: Open Water Diver Certification/ or Junior Open Water Diver Certification or equivalent

Duration: 2-3 days

Minimum age: 10

An Advanced diver is a diver that has completed three adventure dives of their choice plus the deep and navigation adventure dive. This course concentrates on skill development in the open water environment, theory is minimal and there are numerous exciting skills that can be learnt.

This is an extremely popular course not just because it is so much fun but because the Advanced Diver certification opens up to divers a whole new range of sites that would have been ruled out to them as Open Water Diver.

Dives include:

- AWARE - Fish Identification Dive
- Boat Dive
- Deep Dive (compulsory)
- Drift Dive
- Enriched Air Dive*
- Night Dive
- Peak Performance Buoyancy Dive
- Search and Recovery Dive
- Underwater Naturalist Dive
- Underwater Navigation Dive (compulsory)
- Underwater Photography Dive
- Wreck Dive

** This adventure dive has a 15+ age limit

PADI Emergency First Response

Requirements: No diving certification is required to do this course

Duration: 1-2 days

This course teaches the lay person what steps to take when they are first on the scene of a medical emergency. The skills taught are applicable to both diving and non-diving emergencies. . The course covers primary (rescue breathing and CPR) care and secondary (bandaging, splinting etc) care.

This course or an equivalent. course is required for the rescue diver course and for all professional level PADI courses.

Other Details

COST: Entry level course prices include all equipment, classroom sessions, pool sessions and boat trips. They do not include marine park fees.

LOCATION:

Mombasa is an island connected to the mainland by bridges and ferries and the town itself overlooks a fascinating harbour of traditional sailing dhows alongside commercial shipping. To most people, Mombasa is a wonderful place, a combination of a tourist resort and a working city with a throbbing heart and laid-back attitude. This sultry area offers interesting things to see, beaches to relax on and beautiful nature reserves to visit. Mombasa is a bustling city with a history stretching back to the 12th century. There is a vibrant mixture of cultures, architecture and entertainment.

The true heart of Mombasa is the exotic old town. Here the streets are narrow and winding and filled with the heady scent of spices. Amongst the Arab architecture you'll find women wearing the traditional bui bui and busy markets that throb with life and colour, all added to by the wrap-around cloth of the traditional coastal khanga and kikoy that is worn by both men and women.

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Fort Jesus lies at the edge of the water. This is an imposing fort that stands watch over the harbour. It was built in the 16th century and has high gun turrets, battlements and underground passages. Modern Mombasa is a city of great diversity and life. This is a town where all are welcomed and quickly absorbed into this great coastal melting pot. Mosques, Hindu Temples and Christian churches surround streets that thrive with a world of cultures.

Outside Mombasa, at the Shimba Hills National Reserve, you will encounter a lovely forest setting with elephant, leopard and the rare, sable antelope. Towards the south, there are a number of beaches and resort hotels. The beaches are white and sandy with coral reefs which are heaven to scuba and skin divers. Further south, on Shimoni and Wasini islands, authentic Swahili culture survives and you can also visit the protected marine reserve. North of Mombasa there are also several beaches like Nyali, Bamburi, Shanzu, Kikambala and Vipingo.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

If you do these courses concurrent with your main Travellers placement, your accommodation is included. If you prefer to do them after you have completed your placement and you'd like to continue living with your host family during this time, there will be a surcharge to cover this additional accommodation.

Staying with a host family will give you the opportunity to experience the true African experience from the inside and not just as a "tourist" on the surface of the country. Meals will be provided with your host family.

Food: Meals will be provided by your host family.



VISAS:

You do need a visa for Kenya; this can be purchased before you arrive or upon arrival into the country. In countries where visas or immigration documents are required, we'll send you all the necessary forms and information and make the process very easy for you.

FLIGHTS:

You have the option to arrange your own flights or we can assist you with your flight arrangements. If you would like us to do this for you, we will liaise with you regarding available flights and dates to suit you. All arrangements for your flight bookings/payments will be fulfilled by [Murray Rogers Travel Limited](#), ATOL No. 6856.

INDUCTION ON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive, you will be welcomed at the airport by our Kenyan Organiser, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Mombasa and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.



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COSTS:

Please see the prices pages of our website [Full Price List](#). The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Course fees and materials
- ✓ Certification fees where applicable
- ✓ Accommodation (if concurrent with your main Travellers placement)
- ✓ Food (if concurrent with your main Travellers placement)
- ✓ Meeting you at the airport
- ✓ Transport to and from your project each day
- ✓ Local in-country team support and backup
- ✓ 24hr emergency helpline
- ✓ Full pre-departure support
- ✓ UK administration
- ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations)
- ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection
- ✓ Staff Training/Equipment
- ✓ Donations to worthwhile projects

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

For every volunteer, a donation is made by Travellers on your behalf into the [Bridge The Gap Foundation](#). This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.

COUNTRY PROFILE:

Kenya is the heart of African Safari country! But Kenya is not just about big game - it also has beautiful, unspoilt beaches, thriving coral reefs with their glorious colours, memorable mountain vistas and ancient Swahili cities.

Think of Kenya and you think of ...

- Safaris,
- Elephant, lion, zebra, giraffe ...
- The Masai Mara stretching to infinity,
- Serengeti, the Great Rift Valley
- Children barefoot in the African dust,
- Masai resting under baobab trees



"Revered by anthropologists as the 'cradle of humanity', Kenya is also the heart of African safari country, boasting the most diverse collection of wild animals on the continent. And no matter how many Tarzan movies you've seen, nothing will prepare you for the annual mass migration of wildebeests."

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Kenya is not just about big game - it also has beautiful unspoilt beaches, thriving coral reefs with their glorious colours, memorable mountain vistas and ancient Swahili cities. It is an independent republic which lies on the Indian Ocean coast and forms part of the East African Region. The capital city is Nairobi, and its' other major towns are Nakuru and Kisumu and the port of Mombasa.

The topography and scenic beauty in Kenya is breath taking, ranging from: the vast rift Valley to the rolling savannas, the isolation of the desert regions in the north, the magnificence of the highlands, with its central piece - the world famous glaciated peaks of Mt. Kenya. Mt Kenya, situated in the Laikipia district, is one of the greatest sites in Africa. There are many tours which will allow you to climb this magnificent natural site, and it is only one of the things you will not want to miss out on!

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The transport and open markets are chaotic and summarise Kenya in a word. They will have you wondering where you are, but also glad to be in one of the most intriguing and amazing places available to travel to.

THINGS TO DO IN: KENYA

- **The Masai Mara** is Kenya's finest wildlife sanctuary. Everything about this reserve is outstanding. The wildlife is abundant and the gentle rolling grassland ensures that animals are never out of sight. Birds too are prolific, including migrant birds and 57 species of birds of prey. The first sight of this park is breathtaking. Here the great herds of shuffling elephants browse among the rich tree-studded grasslands with an occasional sighting of a solitary and ill-tempered rhino, Thompson's and Grant's gazelle, topi and eland and many more species of plains' game offer a rich choice of food for the dominant predators; lion, leopard and cheetah which hunt in this pristine wilderness.
- **The Wildebeest Migration** Kenya's most spectacular annual event is staged by wildebeests. Literally millions of these ungainly antelopes (about 2 million) move en masse in July and August from the Serengeti in search of fresh grasslands. They head south again around October. The animals spend the rainy season (March – April) widely scattered in the area around Ngorongoro in the southern part of the Serengeti Park (Tanzania). By March this area usually dries up and huge herds form and the animals start moving north towards Masai Mara in Kenya. The herds arrive in Masai Mara around August – September and stay there until November. The best place to see this migration is at the Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya.
- **Tsavo National Park** is set on nearly 22,000 sq km Tsavo is the largest national park in Kenya, and for administration purposes is has been split into Tsavo east and Tsavo west. The most developed area is in the northern area of Tsavo which has some beautiful scenery, especially in the wet season when the countryside is green. With the animals ranging from ostriches to elephants.
- **Safaris** are the obvious Kenya activity, but there are many ways to safari. For something different, Camel safaris - in the Samburu and Turkana tribal areas between Isiolo and Lake Turkana - must rate as the most unforgettable. The countries most talked about wildlife park is the quintessential Masai Mara National Reserve west of Nairobi. Other highly rated parks include the Amboseli for its backdrop of Mt Kilimanjaro, the dense Kakamega with its 330-plus species of birds and the equally fecund soda lakes of Baringo or Nakuru.

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- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK:

"I have been very impressed with Travellers staff who are always interested in how I am getting on and willing to help if I need it."

Jess Corbett

"First impressions are great! Made some friends quickly and the organisers here are also very professional."

Jitesh Parikh

"I'm having a really wonderful time! I feel that I'm independent and free whilst still having a safety net to fall back on if anything goes wrong. It's very nice to know that there are also people from the company out

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here to help if there are any problems. I thought 1 month would be more than enough time but as soon as I arrived I realised I wanted to stay so much longer!"

Zahra Al-Nugaidi

"In my spare time I'm to be found mainly at the beach or in the public pool nearby. I've been going jogging on the beach in the early mornings (watching the sunrise here is amazing) before going to work each day. I went down all the craft shop lanes, down to the very seaweedy and rocky beach near Fort Jesus. I also travelled down to the bottom of the island to see the baobab forest, here I sat down for a while drawing and the amount of hellos I got was astounding. For the first week I was working with the children, everyday I came up with something new for us to do in the form of art. It was great fun as I got to act like a kid again and throw paint around, we managed to make chainmen, paper mache, cards, and envelopes. I mixed up two bowls of paint and got everyone to dip their hands in and leave a handprint on the poster - even the adults joined in and now they're proudly displaying their work."

Kayshani Gibbon

"My family were fantastic and went beyond their duties to make me welcome"

Caroline Chadwick

HOW TO BOOK:

Please complete a [booking form](#) online or you can send a postal booking from our free brochure. When we receive this, we'll telephone you to discuss the details and then start the exciting process of planning your trip!

We do hope you'll join us and are confident that you'll find this an incredible experience. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions - we'll be happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!

You may also be interested in other courses with Travellers – please visit our [website](#) for details of all our projects. In fact you can choose from over 300 projects in 19 countries!

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