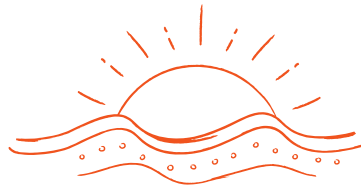


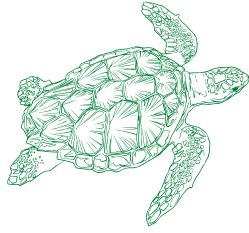
# PADI DIVEMASTER INTERNSHIP 2026



Sodwana Bay, South Africa



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# YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS HERE



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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# WHY BECOME A PADI DIVEMASTER

## Travel the World

There are many opportunities to work as a divemaster in some of the most incredible and beautiful spots in the world! Get paid to work as a divemaster 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.



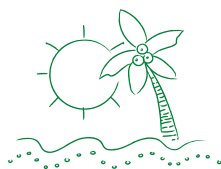
## Experience diving with marine life

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!



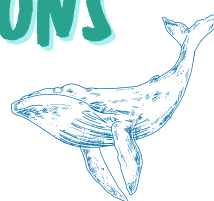
## Share your passion

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



  
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## 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

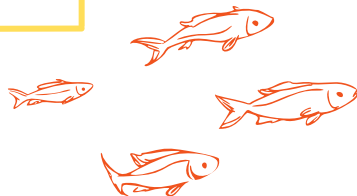


## PADI Divemaster (8 weeks)

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

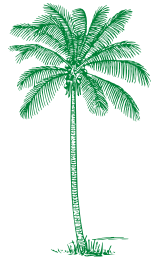
## Airport Transfers

We'll make sure you get from the Richards Bay airport to the camp and back at the end of your trip. For our South African interns, the road is all yours if you would like to drive to the camp yourself!



## Accommodation

You will be staying in our new volunteer and intern house located on the Sodwana Bay main road. The camp is a 10 minute drive from the beach and walking distance from restaurants, cafes, bars and shops in town.



## Food

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

## PADI Dive Courses

PADI Open Water to Divemaster depending on which internship program you pick.



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## Dives and Gear

1 dive a day, five days a week.

Hard gear rental (BCD, regulator, weight belt, and cylinder).



## Marine Lectures

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



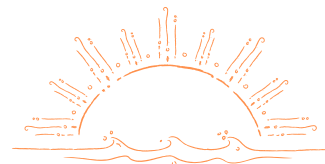
## Transport

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, days at the beach, etc.



# PADI COURSES

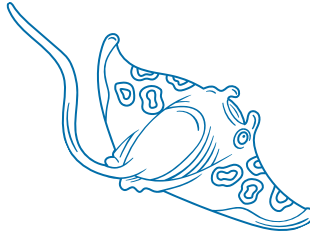
## PADI Open Water

- 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.

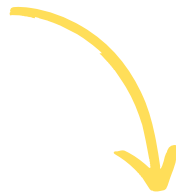
### Practical:

- 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



**PADI OPEN WATER TO  
DIVEMASTER (16 WEEKS)**

**EUR 12 545.00  
USD 15 055.00  
ZAR 228 080.00**

**PADI ADVANCED OPEN WATER TO  
DIVEMASTER (12 WEEKS)**

**EUR 9 670.00  
USD 11 605.00  
ZAR 175 810.00**

**PADI RESCUE TO DIVEMASTER  
(10 WEEKS)**

**EUR 7 985.00  
USD 9 580.00  
ZAR 145 160.00**

**PADI RESCUE TO DIVEMASTER  
(8 WEEKS)**

**EUR 6 840.00  
USD 8 205.00  
ZAR 124 310.00**

**PADI DIVEMASTER  
(8 WEEKS)**

**EUR 6 490.00  
USD 7 785.00  
ZAR 117 950.00**

**PADI DIVEMASTER  
(6 WEEKS)**

**EUR 5 130.00  
USD 6 155.00  
ZAR 93 250.00**

# EXTRA EXPENSES

## Travel Expenses

- Plane Tickets.
- Visas.
- Travel Insurance and Diving Insurance (Diving Insurance can be organised through Divers Alert Network, [www.dansa.org](http://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 Excursions

- Safari trip.
- Kosi Bay trip.
- Surf lessons.
- Sand boarding.
- Turtle beach walk (Nov- Apr).



## PADI Fees

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





## ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE INFORMATION

**Arrival and departure airport:** Richards Bay airport.

**Arrival date and time:** Every Friday of the month, the morning or midday flight is advised and pickup is usually around 12pm.

**Departure date and time:** Fridays, the afternoon or evening flight is advised and drop-off will usually be around 10am.

Exact dates and times for flights can be confirmed with project coordinators via email to ensure accuracy.



**Richards Bay Airport**  
Nearest airport, +/- a 2  
hour drive to the camp.



# DO YOU WANT TO START YOUR ADVENTURE WITH US?



## Book Your Internship:

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!

## Contact Us:

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