



MALTA UNIVERSITY CONSULTING

THE COASTAL AND MARINE DIVERSITY OF LOCAL WATERS SEPTEMBER 2009

Lectures: 1800 to 2000 hrs
Diving: Saturdays 0900 to 1500 hrs for beginners; Sundays 0900 to 1300hrs for certified divers.
Venue: **Lecture** - The Old University Building, St Paul Street, Valletta, Malta
Diving - Watercolours Diving School, Excelsior Hotel, Valletta

CONTENT OF THE COURSE

Lectures:
Wednesday 9th September 2009 The Mediterranean marine environment; Snapshots of major marine habitats and species
Thursday 10th September 2009 Specialized habitats and plankton; Marine sampling techniques
Friday 11th September 2009 Human impacts and conservation; Marine Protected Areas (MPA's)
Diving sessions:
Saturday 12th September 2009 Beginners = **PADI Discover Scuba Diving Certified Course**
0900: Introductory dive with exercises in swimming pool
1200: Introductory dive (6m depth) in the Exiles (Sliema) or Valletta area (open water pleasure dive)
Sunday 13th September 2009 Certified divers = Deeper (15-35m) wreck dive (location depending on weather conditions) at Zurrieq or Cirkewwa

COURSE LECTURER/S

The course coordinator is Dr. Alan Deidun, a biology lecturer, coastal and marine biologist and a keen diver; diving will be conducted with the assistance of Mr. Jason Fabri a qualified PADI IDC Staff instructor, who runs Watercolours Dive Centre at the Grand Hotel Excelsior in Floriana.

REQUIREMENTS

No prior knowledge of diving is required, although course caters for certified divers as well. A diving medical statement must be filled in and signed by everyone and a possible diving medical might be needed prior to scuba diving. Individuals under 18 yrs can dive on presentation of a **signed parental consent form**.

This course should be of interest to students following courses in Biology, Geography and Environmental Studies (O Level, A Level, University) operators in the tourism industry, public sector employees (e.g. MTA, MEPA, etc), journalists, and members of the public interested in Malta's underwater heritage.

COURSE FEES

OPTION 1 – LECTURES ONLY – **Eur 100**

OPTION 2 – LECTURES + DiscoverScubaDiving (for beginners – 2 introductory dives) – **Eur 150**

OPTION 3 – LECTURES + deep-water dive (for certified divers) – **Eur 150**

N.B. Price includes hire of all diving and snorkeling equipment and transport to and from diving sites.

Students can pay via SmartCard at the International School of Languages, G Cassar Pullicino Bldg, University of Malta, Msida between 0800hrs & 1600hrs

CERTIFICATE AND COURSE NOTES

Participants have the possibility of receiving 2 different certificates. Participants who attend at least 80% of the sessions will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance, whilst those who follow the PADI Discover Scuba Diving Course will receive a PADI DSD Certificate which could be accredited towards further PADI Scuba Diving courses and PADI offers through the PADI website. All participants will receive synoptic course notes in digital form via email.

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

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