

Cavern Diver Specialty

Caves and caverns have some of the most astounding and beautiful scenery in the natural world. A large percentage of these occur underwater and to experience their breathtaking beauty as a diver requires training beyond the recreational level.

Cavern diving is defined as any dive conducted within the light zone of a cave and requires special equipment and techniques to safely participate in it.

The Cavern Specialty course covers the knowledge and techniques of cavern diving and describes the dangers involved with cave diving. Cavern diving is in no way intended to provide instruction for cave diving although it introduces some of the principles that would be learnt on cave diving courses.

You will learn planning, organization procedures, techniques, problems and hazards of cavern diving with special equipment considerations including lighting, guidelines, reel handling and redundant breathing systems.

The course consists of theory sessions and open water dives. It is performance based but usually runs over 3 days. The academic work is conducted at our dive centre in Chiswick over one day or two evenings and the open water dives are conducted at a variety of UK sites or in the warmer waters of Malta, the Red Sea, Minorca, Cyprus or any combination. The open water dives take a minimum of two days.

To enroll on the Cavern Diver specialty course you must be 18 years of age or older and a PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or equivalent.

The course costs £499 and includes instruction, certification and equipment hire*. Not included are transport, accommodation and dive site entry, boat fees or gas fees.

***Note: For courses subsequent to entry level you must provide your own basic equipment of mask, fins and snorkel, gloves and wet suit boots. Dry suits may be hired at a reduced rate if students have the relevant dry suit experience.**