



TRY SCUBA / INTRO TO SCUBA @HOME

This intro program is meant to give you a taste of scuba, and also get you familiar with the skills required for a deeper participation in the sport.

It is not a training course or a certification program, but an experience program - so the emphasis is less on extensive skills training, but more on getting out there and diving. You will watch a video online at home, then get a gear orientation at the pool, do some drills getting you familiar with the equipment and then do a 20-30 min dive in the pool.

Why do this in a pool, you ask? Here are some reasons:

- You can experience scuba right here at home, without needing to go on an expensive holiday - even though there are no fish or reefs in a pool, it is still an exciting enough experience: no other activity lets you experience a similar feeling of weightlessness - this is the closest you will come to flying!
- Many people go on vacation and find that either they are not comfortable in the water, or they like diving enough to wish they had done a certification course. This way, you know your interest level before you go on vacation
- You get to do this in a familiar environment, at your own pace, and not with other vacation-related demands competing for your time. So you are more relaxed
- The Intro to Scuba programs, in many places in the world, is run to a fairly tight schedule, with limited flexibility to accommodate the diver's comfort level. By doing a program here, you get to develop comfort at your own pace - so the next time you dive, you will enjoy the scuba program a lot more

Vinnie, the founder of DIVEIndia, got hooked to the sport in a similar way - 5 minutes of scuba in his college pool, and he knew he has found his passion. In fact, he saw his first fish only on dive #30 - the first 29 dives were all in quarries, with only the sensations of scuba being sufficient to get him addicted to the sport.

PROGRAM DETAILS

The basic program set up is as follows:

1/ Please visit divessi.com, log in, select Dive India as your partner dive center, and then enroll in the Try Scuba online learning program. This is a short video which will give you an introduction to the program, explain the basics of the science behind diving as well as safety and environmental concepts. While this step is optional, we do recommend it if you want to get the most out of the program.



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2/ On the day of your session, you will complete a waiver and review a medical form. To prevent last-minute problems, we recommend you email us at mumbai@diveindia.com or info@diveindia.com for an Intro to Scuba Medical Form. Please go through it - if none of the questions apply, you are good to go and don't need any doctor's certificate. If you do answer "yes" to any of the questions, you need to take that form to a doctor and get him to sign off on it.

3/ After the paperwork, we will go over a short briefing on the program, covering some essential safety concepts, hand signals and how the equipment works.

4/ Once the briefing is completed, it is time to dive. You will don the equipment and practice some drills in the water - how to breathe, how to recover your regulator, how to clear your mask and basic buoyancy skills. After that, you will go for a spin in the pool accompanied by an instructor, and experience the incredible sensation of flying and breathing underwater.

The entire program takes approximately 60-75 minutes.

If you like the program, you can continue to the next step - Open Water training. This course is where you get certified as a diver, and receive a globally-recognized license which lets you dive at any dive center in the world. As a certified diver, you can go deeper and so visit "wilder" sites, with a lot more fish life and action.

LOGISTICS

The Intro to Scuba program is offered at Fr Agnel Swimming Pool in Vashi, Navi Mumbai.

We offer the program only by prior appointment. Please visit www.diveindia.com/diveindia-mumbai/ for a calendar of dates when we are offering the program.

PRICE

Program price is Rs 2,500.

This includes gear rental, service tax, underwater photos and videos and participation certificate.



THE FINE PRINT

- Diving is a very safe sport, with a lower risk of injury than swimming, snorkeling or even cricket. However, low risk isn't the same as no risk and sometimes, accidents happen - just as they do in other aspects of your daily life. Signing the waiver and accepting the risk isn't a mere recital - you are committing to accepting the risk for participating in the sport.
- We want you to feel comfortable - diving should be fun, not something you are compelled to do. So if you listen to the briefings and decide the program is not for you, no problems. You get a refund. However, we also have to balance this with our own cost structure. As such, once you put on the scuba equipment, a minimum charge of Rs 1000 will apply, even if you do not complete the program. Furthermore, once you spend 5 minutes in the water with scuba equipment, the full program fee will apply. We feel this is a fair compromise for both parties - and it is a lot more liberal than the usual "no refunds once you start" policy that is common in the industry.
- We want you to be safe. So please do not lie or hide medical conditions from us. Having a medical condition doesn't preclude you from diving - most of the times, it just requires you to take some precautions. Also, letting us know means we can take suitable precautions when conducting the program, thereby increasing your safety. On the flip side, if we find out that a participant has concealed medical conditions from us, the program will come to an immediate stop and no refunds whatsoever will be offered.
- Participants need to be in full possession of their mental facilities - so please save the beer for after the program!
- We are in the customer satisfaction business, not the legal business. We want you to have a good time diving with us (else what is the point?), and we are committed to providing a safe, professional and fun experience. Sometimes, compost happens - people make mistakes, misunderstandings happen, etc. We will do our best to work with you to find a reasonable solution if anything doesn't go as planned - going the extra distance, if need be. However, we are professionals and we expect the problem-solving to be conducted in a calm and reasonable manner. We do not respond well to raised voices or aggressive conduct, be it verbal or physical. Please accept that we **want** to help you, and work with us in finding a solution without making things adversarial.
- We do provide photos and videos at no extra charge - however, do note that underwater gear occasionally tends to break down. If that happens, we will try to find a solution but loss of photo/videos is not grounds for any refunds.