

Participant Frequently Asked Questions for the NAUI Tandem Diving Experience

Q: What is the minimum age for someone to participate in the Tandem Dive Experience?

A: Participants must be at least 10 years of age. This is the same as NAUI Junior Scuba Diver certification.

Q: After completion of the Tandem Dive, am I a certified scuba diver?

A: No. The Tandem Dive Experience does not teach you the necessary skills to become a certified diver.

Q: Does the Tandem Dive count towards the NAUI Scuba Diver certification?

A: No. Because of the need to introduce skills in confined water, you will not receive credit for a NAUI Scuba Diver course. If you wish to continue the adventure and become a certified diver, your NAUI instructor will be able to help!

Q: What if I want to dive with a friend?

A: The maximum number of participants is four, including two non-divers and two supervisory divers. One supervisory diver must be an instructor and the other must at least be a qualified assistant. So bring a buddy!

Q: Does the supervisory ratio change for repeat Tandem Scuba Diver participants?

A: No. Even after completion of the tandem dive, you still haven't been introduced to the skills necessary to operate independently in a buddy team with another non-certified diver.

Q: What if one of the divers has any hesitations?

A: A team of four with one instructor, one qualified assistant and two Tandem Divers must remain a team. That is, if one of the divers is having to descend extra slowly or cannot equalize and must ascend to the surface then so do the others in the team. In the event that there are two teams of two with each having a NAUI instructor, then the two teams can independently operate.

Q: What if I don't feel comfortable going to a depth of 40 ft (12 m)?

A: You choose how deep you want to dive. Your instructor will help you descend at a pace and to a depth that is comfortable for you. Some of the best coral reefs are only at a depth of about 20-30 ft! Just the experience of breathing underwater is thrilling and an adventure in itself!

Q: Will I be attached or connected to my instructor?

A: No. For safety purposes, no diver will be attached to the instructor. Some instructors may opt to use a buddy line, which both tandem diver and instructor will hold onto opposite ends.