

12 Filtered Reviews for Malibu Divers

Note: The reviews below are not factored into the business's overall star rating.



- 0 friends
 - 4 reviews
 - [Ralph L.](#)
- Alhambra, CA

11/5/2012

Part 1 - Excellent organization! I completed my Rescue training and have almost finished my DM training with Malibu. I have also purchased various types of dive equipment from the shop and all items were reasonably priced and supported. Most notably, I spent a weekend in Catalina with the group and have attended several boat trips. I always have a terrific time! This is a very fun group to dive with and I strongly recommend this shop.

Part 2 - This part is specific for their instructor, Stewart Tanner who is a "PADI Master Instructor" and teaches a wide variety of courses and specialties through Malibu Divers. I first trained with Stewart as part of my Dive Master training. We worked with Open Water and Advanced students, both during pool work training and ocean certification dives. We also made wreck dives together and I completed my dry suit certification course with Stewart.

I found Stewart to be technically very knowledgeable, and excellent at explaining and demonstrating the various skills. He is very well trained and experienced. However, what makes him an exceptional instructor is his personal interest in his students. I found him to take the time to get to understand my equipment, training level, and experience and to help me integrate this foundation into a development plan moving forward. I strongly recommend Stewart Tanner as an instructor.



- 0 friends
 - 3 reviews
 - [M.L.](#)
- San Francisco, CA

7/28/2012

Underpinning the art of teaching there exists a quality of personal caring compounded by an element of joy. You perhaps have experienced this with some favorite teacher in your past, who excited you about a subject that in the hands of another teacher, however capable, might have been meh. And with really great teachers, the lessons go beyond the classroom.

To mix this best case teaching scenario with the wonderland under the waves, the arrow points directly to Barbara and the quite capable staff at Malibu Divers. Thank you, Barbara, thank you.



- 0 friends
 - 1 review
 - [Er G.](#)
- Los Angeles, CA

7/10/2012

Took my first dive trip in about 4 years... and my first dive in California. Danny Burns, made the trip! although I was not "his student" on the dive, he is clearly dedicated to his craft and made sure I was focusing on my skills while having a great dive...oh yea and not dying! Will certainly be doing some training with him...



- 0 friends
- 1 review
- [Shawn H.](#)

Malibu, CA

6/17/2012

It had been years since my last dive in open water. My wife couldn't take the talk and no walk anymore so as a gift she purchased the review course and advanced course for me through Malibu Divers. I was extremely nervous until I entered the Malibu Dive shop and met Carter and Barbara. They were very helpful and understanding with every question or concern I could come up with. Carter spent a great deal of time with me as well as the staff on hand that day. The real diving experience began with my instructor Adam Wills at the pepperdine pool. Again, my throat was in my mouth with anxiety until Adam simply opened his mouth and spoke. I was instantly calmed to a comfortable level with every reassuring word and piece of advice he offered. We met the next weekend on beautiful Catalina Island. The first day was spent out on the King Neptune Dive boat cruising to 3 sperate dive sites. They all were equally amazing. The staff running the boat and tending to our needs were awesome!!! The next day we dove off of Casino point, again - 3 sperate dives. I couldn't believe the abundance of sea life just off the shoreline. I could go on and on but in short - Adam Wills is a truly amazing instructor, I would recommend his cool and collected teachings to anyone, anytime. I completed my open water and advanced open water dives through him and Malibu Divers. I'm simply a very happy customer and will persue more training and trips through them again and again. Thanks Malibu Divers and a special thanks to Adam Wills. Yours Truly Shawn Hanes :)



- 0 friends
- 1 review
- [Olya S.](#)

Malibu, CA

6/7/2012

Malibu Divers is the best, absolutelly great experience! After two past failed attempts to get certified due to motion sickness and anxieties related to that, thanks Malibu Divers and our instructor Adam we had a wonderful two day pool training. He made us feel so relaxed there was no place for anxiety, everything was easy with proper gear adjustment and relaxed attitude. When signing for the course, Carter at Malibu Divers won me over with his caring and honest attitude. Just great people, great Dive shop!



- 0 friends
- 7 reviews
- [Rachel d.](#)

Long Beach, CA

5/22/2012

For the best instructor out there, Stew at Malibu Divers. We knew him from another dive shop and sought him out for a refresher dive after being out of the water for a couple of years. Whether a beginner or experienced diver, Stew is knowledgeable, fun and able to tailor the lesson to whatever your needs are. You'll come out of the water confident and relaxed, knowing you learned from the best and will be a better diver for it.



- 1 friend
- 4 reviews
- [Chris K.](#)

Los Angeles, CA

2/8/2012

After years of putting it off, I decided to commit to learning how to scuba dive. I called a dozen dive shops to get prices and information, and Carter at Malibu Divers was the only one to offer prices and a rundown of what was included, AND a list of questions that I should be asking each shop and why I would want to know these things. He spent a solid 45 minutes on the phone with me, answering questions and offering advice. It's obvious that he really wanted me to have a good experience, and if it was with his shop, great, but the most important thing was for me to learn the joys of diving.

The instructors for the class were incredibly patient and professional, but still hilariously entertaining and lots of fun. I cannot imagine a better introduction to the world of diving!



- 0 friends
- 1 review
- [brian p.](#)

Encino, CA

11/14/2011

Just went back to Malibu Divers for a basic diving tune up. Stuart Tanner was a great instructor. He helped me and daughter ready to jump of the boat again after a year on land. Highly recommend!



- 0 friends
- 5 reviews
- [Rich S.](#)

Galt, CA

8/8/2011

My son and I took the Advanced Open Water (Rugged O) course put on by Malibu Divers at Emerald Bay Scout Camp on Catalina island last month and had a great time. Our instructor most of the time was Joseph and he couldn't have been better. He was great with us and everone I saw him deal with. We also had Veronique for a couple dives and she was also great. She was the primary instructor of a couple boys from our troop who were taking the Open Water (Rugged S) course. One of the boys was struggling and a bit overwhelmed. She took extra time to help him and due in no small part to her efforts, he completed the course and enjoyed himself.

Having taken my open water training in a pool in Sacramento and my checkout in Lake Tahoe I can say that there is no comparison - having Catalina for a classroom was fantastic. My son is already talking about next year and it is in no small part due to the staff from Malibu Divers.



- 0 friends
- 1 review
- [Chris H.](#)

Woodland Hills, Los Angeles, CA

6/22/2011

To date, my only experience with Malibu Divers has consisted of a phone call regarding regular upgrades/servicing with Carter, the shop owner. Despite this being my only contact with this particular dive shop, Malibu Divers will now be my sole source of future scuba equipment and PADI class needs!

Carter was extremely knowledgeable and honest over the phone. He offered genuine advice; and it is clear he is not out to make a quick sale or take advantage of a new diver. You simply can not get that high level of customer service with the larger chain stores or online competitors.

Beyond this, Malibu Divers will even meet or beat legitimate competitors prices, including online vendors! I can not convey

enough how impressed I am with this dive shop; and from here on out I will gladly drive the extra few miles "over the hill" to shop at Malibu Divers.



- 0 friends
 - 3 reviews
 - [Matteo I.](#)
- Westlake Village, CA

5/17/2011

There is a dive shop just blocks from where I work/live and I still decided to make a the drive to Malibu Divers. Barbara is the best dive teacher I have encountered. She will work 1 on 1 and stay with you until you know everything you need to know. When I did my advance class work, there was never a feeling of rush. You can see her immense passion for diving by the fact that after all these years she still has fun in the pool classes.

The staff at BU divers are also great. Their knowledge and helpfulness is the reason I won't go back to the super stores. Just like Cassandra C.'s experience, I was sold a mask that did not fit. I was also suckered in to a b/c that broke on it's first pool dive.

I'm going back soon for my dry suit and search and rescue certifications!



- 0 friends
 - 1 review
 - [Lauren T.](#)
- Los Angeles, CA

8/26/2009

Not only did I feel right at home with their friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable staff, but the training I received was exceptional. I feel extremely confident with the skills I've mastered and information I've learned. As far as I'm concerned, they are the only dive shop in So Cal to train and dive with. Thank you so much to everyone at Malibu Divers.