

# TDI Cavern Diver

*"Begin your journey into inner-space"*

## Course Overview

Cavern and cave diving offers a unique combination of beauty, peacefulness and adrenalin. Enjoy the buzz and excitement that comes from entering 'inner-space' as well as the calmness that comes from getting away from the crowd. Tackle your fears and challenge your diving skills in an environment both serious and stunning at the same time.

The TDI Cavern Diver course provides divers with an awareness of the underwater cavern environment and introduces the skills required to safely undertake dives in this more challenging area. During the course you'll practice line handling, reel use and emergency procedures in the open water and then complete four actual cavern dives where you will practice these skills.



## A cavern diving wonderland!

The Poor Knights is the perfect place to start your cavern diving career, offering a wide variety of potential sites: Taravana Cave, Red Baron Caves, Crystal Cave, The Labyrinth, The Lost World, Long Cave, Mine Shaft, Big-Eye Cave, Venus' Cave, Shark-fin Cave, Air Bubble Cave and more. The visibility is good, the fish are friendly and the water is warm.

## Your Instructor

Jamie Obern is NZ's only qualified Full Cave Instructor. He has been diving caves since 2001 and has spent the last few years scouring the Poor Knights islands investigating and exploring every crack, crevice, cavern and cave - no one knows the inside of these Islands better!



## Course details

- Time commitment: 2 evenings (Auckland), 1 weekend (Poor Knights)
- No. of dives: 1 open water dive, 4 cavern dives
- Pre-reqs: Be a certified diver with at least 25 dives. 18 years old, or 15 with parental consent.
- Student to Instructor ratio: Max 4:1
- Equipment req'd: Standard scuba set up (single tanks allowed), two lights, safety reel, primary reel, cutting device, directional markets, underwater slate.
- Qualification limits: Exploration of the cavern/daylight zone only, maximum 60 linear metres from surface, max. depth 40m, no decompression.
- Cost: \$500, plus boat fees paid direct to charter operator.
- Equipment hire: All specialist equipment req'd for this course is available for hire. Please contact us for details

