

TDI Introductory Cave Diver

"Leave the daylight behind"

Course Overview

Cave diving training has long been recognised as the most thorough and challenging technical diving training available. The skills you will learn on these courses not only prepare you for the rigours of cave diving, but will change the way you dive forever. Cave diving training will increase both your comfort and confidence in all diving environments.

The TDI Introductory Cave Diver course takes qualified cavern divers fully into the darkness of the underwater cave environment and introduces the skills required to safely undertake dives in this challenging area. During the course you'll practice the full range of emergency procedures in the open water and then complete four actual cave dives where you will practice these scenarios within the overhead environment.



A cave diving paradise!

The Poor Knights is the perfect place to continue your cave diving career, offering a wide variety of potential sites: Taravana Cave, Crystal Cave, Mine Shaft, Big-Eye Cave, Venus' Cave, Air Bubble Cave and more, each offering it's own unique challenge.

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, mapping 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 cave dives
- Pre-reqs: Be a certified cavern diver or equivalent. 18 years old, or 15 with parental consent.
- Student to Instructor ratio: Max 3:1
- Equipment req'd: Redundant gas supply (backmounted doubles recommended), primary reg on a 2m hose, one primary light, two back-up lights, safety reel, primary reel, two cutting devices, line markers, underwater slate.
- Qualification limits: Limited penetration in cave environment, max. depth 40m, no decompression, no complex navigation, gas limit 1/6th of doubles.
- Cost: \$550, 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

