

## **Divemaster internship**

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**Travel log**

### **Activities undertaken this week:**

8 week internship with Divewise, a dive centre in Malta, working as a divemaster and as an assistant instructor.

### **Overall how do you think this travel experience has/will help you to develop?**

*Think about your confidence, has it grown? Have you become resilient, or more independent? Are you more open minded and willing to try new things?*

I have gained further experience working in the dive industry working both as a PADI divemaster and PADI assistant instructor. I have developed my leadership and communication skills as I was given the opportunity to lead recreational scuba dives and assist on discover scuba dives. I needed to communicate both above and underwater with customers, scuba instructors and divemaster's diving with me. Traveling alone, I do think I am now more independent as well.

### **Challenges faced**

*Did you have any difficulties? Why do you think they arose? How did you deal with them?*

There was a day where I accidentally broke a vital piece of scuba equipment. However, the situation gave me experience on how to calmly deal with stressful situations and resolve issues under pressure.

### **Positive / interesting experiences you enjoyed**

*Think about the things you did that you enjoyed. Think about people you met and any cultural experiences you had.*

I met many other scuba instructors and divemaster trainees, from many countries. During my internship, I was living with a Maltese family for 8 weeks so was given an insight into Maltese culture and cuisine as well.

### **Key skills you have developed / learnt?**

*Make a note of some skills you think you have gained from this experience. This will help you to evidence your skills to future employers.*

I developed many skills which helped further my knowledge about scuba diving, including the right equipment to use and how to use it. The knowledge I have gained about scuba diving will definitely help my future employability in the dive industry