# Bubbles Experiential Learning and Volunteer Programs 2009

Perhentian Island West Malaysia

## Welcome to Bubbles

- What is it like to be a living on a remote tropical island, surrounded by the fauna, flora and marine life? Need to get away from the office to experience life in Nature? Or use the natural environment as your classroom?
- Our experiential learning and volunteer programmes are designed for professionals and students to experience a different way of life and learning. Of course not everyone can give up everything to become an eco-warrior or nature researcher or documentary producer, and that is why we have designed our programmes to be concise, ranging from 1 week to 1 month, for those with a sense of adventure and exploration.
- The volunteer programmes have been successfully run at Bubbles Dive Centre for about 3 years from 2005 for WOX participants from the UK.

## MISSION

To provide participants with a

realistic environment to experience and learn about nature, and apply what they have learnt through active contribution and volunteerism.



The programmes are designed to raise awareness about nature and conservation through experiential learning and participation.

#### The programmes also aim to promote the following:

Learning: Participants will be guided to learn through physical experience.

**Confidence**: Participants will conduct discussions with fellow participants and present talks to share their knowledge on subjects of interest.

**Leadership:** Participants will assist and lead activities like snorkelling, nature walks, turtle watching, beach clean-ups etc.

**Action**: Participants will be able to contribute actively to conservation by raising the public's awareness and understanding of nature.





- Bubbles Dive Centre is located in a secluded bay in Pulau Perhentian Besar, West Malaysia.
  - An ideal location to observe nature through a compact tropical island ecology, from lowland rainforest to reef slopes to sandy bottom (benthic) sea bed.
  - The long sandy beach in the bay is a turtle nesting site.
  - Protected coral reef where blacktip reef sharks are regularly sighted.
  - An experienced team to facilitate the in-house programmes as well as provide full support for programmes conducted by external institutions.

	Week 1 (Orientation)	Week 2 (Development)	Week 3 & 4 (Contribution)	
Day 1 (Tues)	<ul><li>Pick-Up &amp; Check-In</li><li>Programme Introduction</li><li>Water Confidence w/Briefing</li></ul>	Briefing     Water Confidence Asst Trg     Turtle Patrol Routine	Organise and Maintain Routine      Assist / Conduct Orientation for 1/2-weekers:     -Water Confidence     -Beach Clean-Up     -Turtle Patrol     -Snorkelling     -Observation Studies      Assist facilitators in:     -Briefings     -Discussions     -Assignments      Assist and/or Conduct for visitors:     -Water Confidence     -Reef Talk & Snorkelling     -Turtle Talk & Watch     -Forest Talk & Walk      Collate Observations and Data for publishing.      *Facilitators will be at hand to guide	
Day 2 (Wed)	Beach Clean-Up Briefing     Turtle & Reef Briefing     Assignment for Briefing     Turtle Patrol Orientation	<ul><li>Beach Clean-Up Routine</li><li>Observation Study Briefing</li><li>Turtle Patrol Routine</li></ul>		
Day 3 (Thu)	Beach Clean-Up Routine     Fish ID Briefing     Discussion     Continue with Assignment     Snorkelling w/Briefing     Turtle Patrol Routine	Beach Clean-Up Routine     Observation Study (Reef Flat, Reef Slope & Sandy Bottom)     Turtle Patrol Routine		
Day 4 (Fri)	<ul> <li>Beach Clean-Up Routine</li> <li>Water Confidence – Assist</li> <li>Turtle Talk Assist</li> <li>Turtle Patrol Routine</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Beach Clean-Up Routine</li> <li>Observation Study (Coastal &amp; Coast Line)</li> <li>Water Confidence – Assisting</li> <li>Turtle Talk Assist</li> <li>Turtle Patrol Routine</li> </ul>		
Day 5 (Sat)	<ul> <li>Beach Clean-Up Routine</li> <li>Water Confidence – Assist</li> <li>Snorkelling - Assist</li> <li>Turtle Patrol Routine</li> </ul>	Beach Clean-Up Routine     Observation Study (Forest)     Snorkelling – Assisting     Turtle Patrol Routine		
Day 6 (Sun)	<ul> <li>Beach Clean-Up Routine</li> <li>Reef Check and Survey</li> <li>Program Review</li> <li>Turtle Patrol Routine</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Beach Clean-Up Routine</li> <li>Observation Study (Presentation &amp; Discussion)</li> <li>Program review</li> <li>Turtle Patrol Routine</li> </ul>		
Day 7 (Mon)	Beach Clean-Up Routine     Check-Out     Day Off	Beach Clean-Up Routine     Check-Out     Day Off	Beach Clean-Up Routine     Check-Out at end of 4 <sup>th</sup> week     Day Off	

<sup>\*</sup>Programme itinerary may be subjected to change without prior notice.

## Prices

1-Week Orientation Course	S\$370	Cost includes:  Return boat transfer from Kuala Besut Marine park fee Full Board (Triple / Quad-sharing aircon chalet & 3 meals per day) Snorkelling Course Materials, Equipments &	
2-Week Development Course	<b>\$\$655</b>	Instructions  Not included: Personal travel insurance Pick-Up from: Kota Bharu Airport Tanah Merah Train Stn Jertih Coach Station Leisure Dives & Dive Courses R&R on off days Additional beverages, food, phone calls and laundry	
4-Week Volunteer Course	S\$1090		

#### During your stay, you may join in the leisure dives or take up a PADI Scuba Diving Course

Leisure Dive	From \$\$40 per dive
Open Water Diver Course	S\$460
Advanced Open Water Diver Course	S\$415
Emergency First Responder Course (Non-Diving)	S\$150
Rescue Diver Course	S\$415
Divemaster Course (excluding Manuals)	\$\$1300
Enriched Air (Nitrox) Diver Course	S\$370

Other PADI courses are also available on request

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We would be glad to work with you to adjust the courses for group bookings, e.g., schools, clubs and activity groups, to cater to your specific requirements.