

The Blue Hole

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Depth: 40+

Level: Advanced

The Blue Hole is probably the most famous divesite in the area. A hole of about 60-70m in diameter drops down from the reef top into endless depths. At about 60m or so there is an archway breaking through into the open ocean.

Unfortunately the Blue Hole has earned a bad reputation by the number of fatalities in the past. Have a look to the South before you get into the water. At the little passage way that leads to The Bells you'll see many gravestones built into a rock. This should remind you to stay well within your limits! The divesite itself is not "dangerous", you can even snorkel in the shallow parts of the Blue Hole. As any other divesites though, it definitely becomes dangerous when anyone attempts to exceed his limits. So, as a recreational diver, once again, stay well within your limits and **DO NOT SWIM THROUGH THE ARCH!**

Start your dive at one of the two places marked as "Easy Entrance" on either side of the Blue Hole. Stay shallow as you follow the inner wall until you reach the outer rim at a depth of approximately 5m. Spend some time at the rim where you will find lots of colorful coral and reef fish. See the banner picture on top of this website to get a first impression of what's waiting for you there. Swim out over the rim and go either left or right, depending on your dive plan. If you dived The Bells before, you have already done the left part. So, this time go to the right, find your maximum depth which should be no more than 15-20m. There is no reason to go deeper, as the wall is just as impressive in the shallower parts. Dive along this wall until you reach your turning point according to your dive plan and air supply. Then turn back until you get back to the rim and swim back into the Blue Hole. Then go either left or right and follow the inner wall until you reach the exit.