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## Blue Hole Dive Site

Location: 65 nautical miles northeast of Placencia  
Depth: 130 feet  
Access: Boat  
Expertise rating: Advanced



The Blue Hole located on the Lighthouse Reef Atoll is one of Belize's best known dive sites. It was made famous by Jacques Cousteau who visited the Blue Hole aboard Calypso in 1972 to determine its depth. The Blue Hole is actually a sinkhole that was created after the collapse of an underground cavern and cave system. Almost perfectly circular, the Blue Hole is about 1000 feet/300mt in diameter and over 400 feet/130mt deep. Huge stalactites can be found at depths starting around 100 feet/30mt hanging from the ceiling of caves. The formation of these stalactites and sheer sided wall is the most interesting feature of this dive. Giant groupers, nurse sharks, reef sharks and blacktip sharks may be encountered.

The top of the hole starts at around 35 feet/10mt and is sheer rock until you reach the stalactite formations at about 110 feet/33mt. The circular reef area which surrounds the Blue Hole provides an attractive opportunity for snorkelers to enjoy the Blue Hole. The coral breaks surface in some areas at low tide. Since this dive is made to over 100ft/30mt, only certified advanced and experienced divers should attempt this dive under close supervision of experienced dive masters. Due to the depth of this dive, bottom time is limited at about 8 minutes and good buoyancy skills are required to do the mandatory safety stop. This can be done as a day trip or as an overnight trip. Please contact us to book on these day excursion.

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