

The Canyon

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Depth: 40+

Level: Advanced

The Canyon is one of the most famous divesites around Dahab. It is a deep crack in the reef with its deepest point far beyond recreational diving depths, and a narrow exit at 12-15m called the Fishbowl; a coral dome with lots of Glassfish and many big Lionfish hunting them. The Canyon is open to the top, but you find just a few spots where you can easily enter or exit.

Start your dive at the shallow lagoon and swim out a couple of minutes at a depth of approximately 4m. When you get out of the lagoon go left, swim along the reef and stay at a depth of around 15m, as you might need your air later. After 5 minutes or so you'll see the Canyon below. This is the point where you have to make a choice where to enter. Find your entry point and drop right into the Canyon. Have a look at the walls to the right and to the left while you follow the Canyon upwards. Turn around and look up to the opening of the crack above and behind you, it's a great view. As you get shallower you reach the Fishbowl at around 17m. Stop here and watch out for countless Glassfish hunted by big Lionfish. The way out of the Fishbowl is a little swimthrough. Get your gear streamlined and watch out where you put your hands, as you have to share this coral dome with all the Lionfish. It might even be a good idea to wait until its safe to swim out.

Once you are out, turn left and follow the reef at a shallower depth until you reach the lagoon. Turn right into the lagoon and swim back to the beach.