

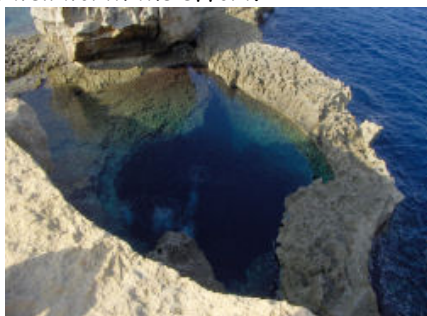
## Canary Divers Gozo Report

Canary Divers have recently returned from a holiday in Gozo where the diving was excellent.

The first half of the holiday party left the UK on Thursday 20 October and were joined by the second half of the party on Friday 21 October after fairly uneventful flights from Manchester.

During the first couple of days the diving was mainly undertaken around the Xwejni bay area whilst a number of trainee open water divers completed their open water dives. After the training dives were completed each day pleasure dives were arranged around the same area.

On Saturday we experienced our first dives into Gozo's legendary Blue Hole. The entry to the blue hole (which has approx 10m x 15m entry point) is not for the faint hearted with a 5 minute trek over boulders and rocks. However, the hole itself is well worth the effort.



Once descended into the hole, there is a large arch which provides an exit into the open sea where the reefs and underwater topography are amazing. On a later dive we dived through the Blue Hole and, after following the reef around to the left, rose up a crack in the rocks into the coral garden which has an amazing array of wildlife and coral.

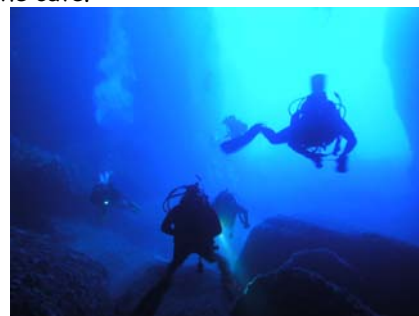
On Sunday we dived in the Inland Sea which is only a short drive from the car park of the Blue Hole. The visibility in the inland sea was pretty dire (<1.5m) but once we entered the 60m tunnel the visibility was over 10m.

A number of the more experienced divers took a trip to the Xlendi ferry on Monday. The ferry is lying upside down with the top of the hull being visible at approx 32m.

The deck is in a depth of approx 43m. Initially when the ferry was sunk as an artificial reef, it was meant to lie upright but a tug boat accidentally pushed the ferry onto a reef as it was sinking. This action meant that the ferry hit a reef on the way down and flipped over.

The ferry is now starting to collapse inside which made it too dangerous for wreck penetration so we enjoyed a jaunt around the outside inspecting the hull.

During the week we also dived the Cathedral cave on a couple of occasions. This is one of the most spectacular sites on the island. After a short 20m dive around the headland the cavern is entered at a depth of anywhere between 5m-20m. Once inside the cave, it is possible to surface and look around the cave. The cave gets its name from the size of it and that it is thought that it is possible to fit a cathedral inside the cave.



More photos and details of the trip are available in the galleries section of the canarydivers website

## Forthcoming holidays

There are a limited number of places left on our trip to the Red Sea in March 2006.

- Flights on 26 March 2006
- 7 nights in the Rosetta 3\* Hotel
- Return flights from Manchester
- 10 dive pack included in the price
- Dive Center next to the hotel
- £584 per person
- £100 deposits required by end October

