

Crash Bandicoot 2: N-Tranced FAQ by Smaz

What are Gem Shards and what do they do?

Colored Gems have now been split into shards in this game. You must obtain four of the same colored Gem shard from particular levels to create a new level portal in order to obtain the full version of that colored Gem. Each Arabian level contains a green shard, the magma levels contain blue shards and Egyptian levels contain red shards. The level portals for the full colored Gems will be opened after you beat N.Trance.

Is there any way to travel faster on the sea and space levels?

Yup. Press and hold A to speed up on the water levels. It should help against avoiding that shark and also in Time Trial mode. Although it may make it hard to obtain all of the crates. In the space levels with Coco, press B for a temporary speed boost to help escape the Solar Flare. You will stop after each short burst and back to normal speed.

I keep dying on the Arabian levels when jumping from the ropes. Any help?

It's no wonder people trip up on this one – nowhere hints to how to jump across these ropes properly. Press B to spin and the direction of where you want to jump to. Instead of a complicated jump, Crash will simply glide to the next rope effortlessly. Make sure you hold the direction of where you want to go when you spin.

How do I get to N.Tropy – the last boss?

You must obtain everything. Every Crystal, Gem Shard, Colored Gem and Relic. So that's Gold and above, if you can. Once you obtain these, then you can battle N. Tropy in a tedious battle.

Any other general help?

On Time Trial mode you gain the Crash Dash ability after defeating N.Trance. Unfortunately, the same button used to dash is also used to Rocket Jump when standing still, making it irritating to jump at points when you constantly hold down the button to dash in Time Trial. Simply let go of the button whenever you need to jump, despite habits. It makes things much less frustrating. Speaking of powers, the Super Slide ability is amazing for Time Trials when pulled off correctly. The slide, itself, is much faster than the regular Crash Dash and can really boost your time up above Sapphire... which is needed to gain the final completion in the game.