



Belize
Paradise Islands

PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



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Belize • Paradise Islands

7 DAYS • 6 NIGHTS

Ladyville – Hummingbird Route – Tobacco Caye – Southwater Caye – Billy Hawk Caye – Dangriga

Optional: Rainforest Canopy Extension - £375
Crooked Tree Wetlands, The New River and the Ruins of Lamanai - £450

HIGHLIGHTS

- 🌐 Explore the stunning reefs and cayes
- 🌐 Paddle in this pristine environment
- 🌐 Experience snorkelling and fishing
- 🌐 Enjoying marine life of the Caribbean Sea
- 🌐 The perfect adventure and beach mix - An unforgettable experience

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Sea Kayaking
Tour Start	Belize City
Tour End	Belize City
Accommodation	Lodge
Included Meals	6 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 6 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Medium

PARADISE ISLANDS • BELIZE



On this 7 day kayaking journey we discover the world of tropical islands and coral reefs teeming with life, whilst we explore Belize's Southwater Caye.

There are plenty of opportunities to snorkel in this stunning underwater world whilst kayaking from island to island and spending the nights in lodges looking out to sea.

An activity filled trip which is perfect for sun and sea enthusiasts looking for something different.

BELIZE *an overview*

A note about the ecology...

Flora

The ecology of the Belizean coast is a complex combination of coral reefs, sand flats with extensive turtle grass, and mangrove ranges. The Barrier Reef (the 2nd largest in the world) shelters the Belize coastline from the rougher open waters of the Caribbean sea. It acts as a huge breakwater and holds in the sand, resulting in beautiful islands forested with coconut palms, sea grape, and coco plum, as well as remarkable protected reef structures. The 'breakwater' action also enables the diverse ecosystems of the mangrove and turtle grass to flourish. These tangled partially submerged 'forests' provide essential feeding and nursing habitat for hundreds of species of fish, shell-fish, reptiles, marine mammals, and birds.

Fauna

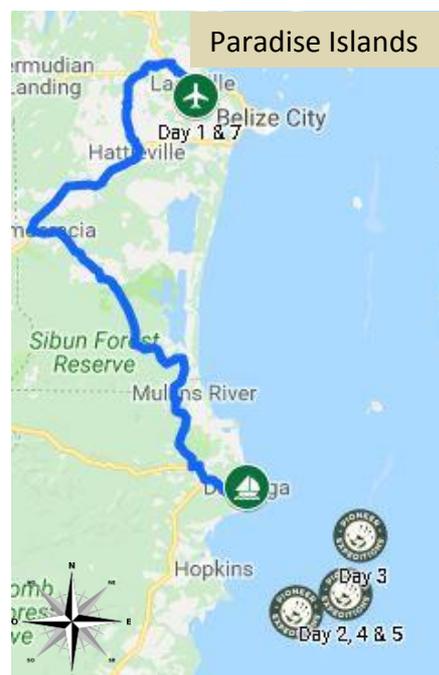
We have plenty of time to snorkel, fish, and enjoy the scenery and marine life of the Caribbean Sea. We explore many different regions of the reef, including the inner and outer walls, patch and fringing reefs, mangrove ranges, and protected lagoons. Our traveling routes often cross those of the fishermen who make their living from the sea and with this interaction we gain good company and an insight into a way of life that is very different from our own.

WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

We really are one of the few specialists that really "do" off the beaten track and unique adventures in Belize. We are driven by a passion for adventure travel and wildlife. Our experts are on hand whether you are looking for a small group trip or a bespoke holiday.

Even better, our small group tours have a maximum of 8 people, making it a much more personal experience. Furthermore, we don't expect you to pay a single supplement, perfect for solo travellers! (*nb. no ss charged as long as you are happy to share a room)

Pioneer work in some of the world's most spectacular, remote and extraordinary places worldwide.



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DAY 1: ARRIVE IN LADYVILLE & TRANSFER TO THE TROPICAL EDUCATION CENTRE

Arrive at the Belize International Airport where you are met by an Island Expeditions' representative and transferred to the Tropical Education Centre, adjacent to the Belize Zoo. We are staying in Forest Cabanas situated in the midst of idyllic tropical pine forest with a network of interpretative trails and wildlife viewing platforms at our doorstep. There is also a great Interpretive Centre, which details the diverse ecology of Belize and is an ideal starting point for the adventure ahead. After checking into our accommodations we enjoy a 'Welcome to Belize Dinner' with our fellow travelers and our Belizean guide team. This day is your day to arrive before the trip starts, meet your fellow travelers, and acclimatize to your new tropical environment. Transfers from the airport and lodging are included.

Overnight in Forest Cabana



Overnight:
Cabins



Meals:
D



Distance:
N/A



Activities:
Travel

DAY 2: SEA KAYAKING

Waking up to the sounds of the tropics is a pure delight with the chatter of parrots and parakeets flying overhead, the fresh morning air scented with tropical blossoms, and the expectation of an exciting adventure filled day ahead. After breakfast we travel the Hummingbird Route through the Maya Mountains to meet up with our motor charter waiting to take us to our first island on the Southern Barrier Reef. We'll introduce you to safety in a tropical marine environment and then begin with teaching the fundamentals of sea kayaking, including safety, group and self rescues, and touring techniques. Enjoy a swim, explore the island shoreline, and



then after a tasty Belizean lunch, we begin our journey paddling over top submerged coral reefs, turtle grass beds, and through narrow mangrove channels to reach our first night's accommodations. We'll land our kayaks right in front of our lodge, settle into our accommodations, and then enjoy drinks and dinner.

Overnight in Lodge



Overnight:
Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
2-3 hours drive



Activities:
Kayaking

DAY 3: SOUTHWATER CAYE MARINE RESERVE - TOBACCO CAYE

Situated right on the Barrier Reef in the heart of the Southwater Caye Marine Reserve we are ideally positioned to explore the surrounding reefs and cayes. Starting with a steaming mug of coffee and fresh tropical fruits we enjoy an early morning swim or paddle before breakfast. Our focus for the morning will be snorkeling and kayaking. Our first day's snorkeling session begins with a thorough instruction and demonstration (beginner through to advanced skills are taught) at the Tobacco Caye cut and the outer reef walls. In the afternoon we'll paddle to nearby cayes to explore the sheltered lagoons and mangrove channels - returning in the evening to Tobacco Caye.

Overnight in Island Lodge



Overnight:
Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
N/A



Activities:
Kayaking



DAY 4: KAYAKING - SOUTHWATER CAYE

Looking south, with our gaze following the line of breaking waves along the Barrier Reef crest; we can see the next island we'll be travelling to today – Southwater Caye. After packing our kayaks with our personal gear bag and wishing fond farewells to our hosts we'll start our day on the water with an introduction to kayak sailing.

From here we'll paddle and sail our kayaks along one of the most beautiful sections of the entire reef system. The waters are shallow and clear and we'll see a tremendous variety of marine life, including southern stingrays, eagle rays, grouper, nurse sharks, and more. As we make our way to Southwater Caye, with its coconut palms swaying in the wind, this is a day you'll wish could go on forever. We'll land our kayaks on the beach, check into our accommodations, enjoy an ice cold drink, and explore the island before dinner. Then we can maybe try a little bone fishing action on a fly rod or even a night time snorkel session on Southwater cut.

Overnight in Island Lodge



Overnight:
Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
N/A



Activities:
Kayaking

DAY 5: DISCOVERING THE MARINE LIFE OF BELIZE (B,L,D)

We have plenty of time to kayak, snorkel, fish, and enjoy the scenery and marine life of Belize. We explore different regions of the reef including the inner and outer walls, patch and fringing reefs, mangrove ranges, and protected lagoons. For divers we can arrange dives as requested and for those who'd like to try out diving for a first time, we can arrange Discover Scuba courses with prior notice. As we explore by kayak, our routes often cross those of the fishermen who make their living from the sea and with this interaction we gain good company and an insight into a way of life that is very different from our own.



Overnight in Island Lodge



Overnight:
Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
N/A



Activities:
Range of activities

DAY 6: PADDLE TO BILLY HAWK CAYE

Our last day on the caye we will paddle to Billy Hawk Caye (in the Blue Ground Range), a Garifuna fishing camp, for lunch and an afternoon of snorkeling. This evening we celebrate our final night together with a seafood feast and island festivities.

Overnight in Island Lodge



Overnight:
Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
N/A



Activities:
Kayaking

DAY 7: DANGRIGA

After an early breakfast our water taxi carries us back to the mainland and the town of Dangriga. Any extra luggage that you have stored at our Operations Base will be made available to you to repack and you can catch the connecting flight to the Belize International Airport.



Overnight:
N/A



Meals:
B



Distance:
2-3 hour drive



Activities:
Travel



EXTENSIONS

OPTION 1:

OPTIONAL: EXTENSION IN DANGRIGA MOHO RIVER AND REMOTE MAYAN VILLAGES 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

The Wild South journeys to the last remaining untouched region of Belize. Stay overnight in Toledo at the comfortable Lodge at Big Falls. Embark on an exhilarating four day whitewater paddling trip using inflatable kayaks. You'll navigate the rainforest valleys of the Moho River, camp in the jungle, and visit remote Mayan villages. This trip is ideal for the adventurer who wants to explore the rivers and rainforests of Southern Belize, experiencing the traditional village life of the Maya people.

DAY 8: DANGRIGA (D)

This is your arrival day where you'll meet your fellow travelers, and acclimatize to your new tropical environment. Your meeting point is in Dangriga at 2pm. We can assist you with coordinating transportation to Dangriga from any point in Belize. After meeting your group, you'll travel to the Jungle Lodge in the far south of Belize. The Lodge at Big Falls is situated on the banks of the Rio Grande River in Belize's southern Toledo District, a region of isolated villages lying amongst an unspoiled tropical wilderness. Our location is superb - the lodge property is located on a meander of the Rio Grande River with almost a mile of river frontage. There are views of the Maya Mountains to the northwest while the southeastern bank faces the small village of Big Falls.



Overnight in Big Falls Lodge

DAY 9: MOHO RIVER (B,L,D)

Rise early, and enjoy the beauty of this idyllic setting before having a delicious breakfast. In the afternoon, you'll drive further south from Big Falls to the put-in point on the Moho River. A nice lunch will be prepared for you at the traditional Mayan village of Santa Theresa. Once on the river, your guides will conduct a brief orientation on the boats and river. You'll be given as much time as needed to practise your new boat-handling skills so you can safely navigate the rapids and pourovers. Following the orientation and practice session, you'll begin your journey along one of Belize's most beautiful rivers. Travel through pristine rainforests to your first Belizean river camp.



Overnight in Jungle River Camp



DAY 10-11: MOHO RIVER(B,L,D)

For the next two days you will break contact completely with the outside world and become a part of the mist shrouded rainforest. You'll follow the Moho River through beautiful canyons and lush rainforest. Each bend of the river reveals its dynamic nature. Your journey takes you along calm meandering waters reflecting the intense green of the jungle. The river then carries you over stretches of rapids, pour-overs, and spectacular waterfalls on your descent from the Maya Mountains to the sea. The arrival time at the bush camp is dependent on water levels. When the water levels are ideal, groups typically arrive at the bush-camp by mid-afternoon, and switch to land-based activities. Some of the activities you'll have the opportunity to engage in are hiking, birding, photography, and wildlife identification. During the trip your Mayan guides and North American leaders emphasize the importance of understanding the ecology of the rainforest. They'll share their unique knowledge of the habits of the wildlife, and help you gain an appreciation for the richness of Mayan folklore.



Overnight in Jungle River Camp

DAY 12: DANGRIGA (B,L)



As you continue your journey, today you'll leave the Maya mountains and enter the coastal plain of Belize. The river will begin to meander with quiet pools interspersed in the gentle current. It is common to see a Mayan family along the riverbanks or paddling dugout canoes in these large river pools. Paddling downstream you will arrive at the river pullout by afternoon. You will be met by IE staff and taken for a final lunch in the Mayan village of Jordan. You'll then travel back to the coastal town of Dangriga. Your trip ends in Dangriga at approximately 3:30pm.



OPTION 2:

OPTIONAL: EXTENSION AT CROOKED TREE WETLANDS, THE NEW RIVER AND THE RUINS OF LAMANAI - £450 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

Highlights Rainforest, River, Mayan Ruins and Wildlife in natural habitat. Also the birding promises 60 species and more.

Our trip begins with the ancient Mayan city of Lamanai on the New River Lagoon. Lamanai, which roughly translates to 'Submerged Crocodile', was one of the most important trading and ceremonial centers in the Caribbean lowlands. Occupied for over 3000 years, from 1500 B.C until 1600 A.D., the ruins are unique as they illuminate a period of history that encompasses the early formative years of Mayan civilization through to initial European contact and colonization. With structures ranging from pre-classic temples to the Spanish colonial-era; with jungle trails, refreshing swimming holes and an excellent on-site museum, Lamanai is one of the most charming of all Mayan sites in Belize. After our day of exploring, we travel from Lamanai by boat winding our way through the wildlife rich wetlands of the New River on the way to our waterfront lodge within the Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary. Crooked Tree provides a special opportunity for viewing, close at hand, the astounding diversity of birds and wildlife for which Belize is renowned. By boat we explore Spanish Creek, Revenge Lagoon and the surrounding wetlands where we can see many birds including northern jacanas, white ibis, wood storks and the huge jabiru stork. In the afternoon we travel to another of Belize's Maya ruins, Altun Ha, known for the impressive temple of the Sun God.

OPTION 3:

OPTIONAL: RAINFOREST CANOPY EXTENSION - £375 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

Highlights Rainforest, waterfalls, unexcavated ruins, birding and zip line or repelling.

A Three Day Zipline, Hiking and Waterfall Adventure in the Rainforests of Southern Belize. Until only recently, Belize was a forgotten corner of the Caribbean. With no plantation history and few if any economic bonanzas there were minimal incentives for settlement and development over the last 200 years. This legacy of neglect has resulted in a modern day treasure trove of virgin forests laced with mountain clear rivers. The region is characterized by moderate to heavy rainfall during the wet season (June through November) and drier, sunnier weather from December through May. The Bocawina Reserve where our trip takes place has five waterfalls within hiking distance of our lodge. The population is primarily Maya. Scattered small villages border the green hills rising into the highest peaks of the Maya Mountains.



OPTIONAL: BOCAWINA RAINFOREST RESORT EXTENSION

This amazing eco-resort is located in the Stann Creek District, completely surrounded by the lush tropical rainforest of the Mayflower Bocawina National Park. Bocawina Rainforest Resort is only 30 minutes away from the beaches of Hopkins and Dangriga and is perfect for families, couples or individual travelers looking to experience the tropical jungles of Belize. On-site activities include the longest zip-line course in Central America, waterfall rappelling at three different waterfalls, bird watching (more than 230 species of birds identified in the park) and hiking. Bocawina Resort also offers various off-site tours including Mayan Ruins, Cave Tubing, Wildlife and Cultural Tours, Snorkeling, Fishing and Diving.

Belize Horseback Riding in the Jungle

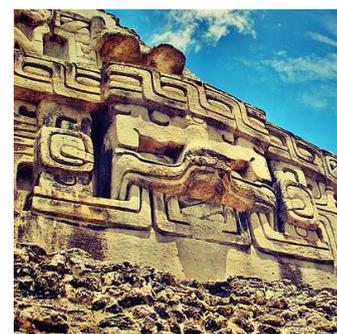
Enjoy the beauty of the jungle by horseback on this half day tour. Enjoy a leisurely ride whilst the experienced guide points out the flora and fauna around you. Stop at the river for a refreshing swim before continuing on your tour. Anyone can enjoy this activity, from the experienced rider to the absolute beginner. The horses are very well trained and the guides will be with you throughout the tour. This is a great family tour and a very relaxing and enjoyable one.



Belize Mayan Ruins, The Inland Blue Hole & Cave Canoeing

Xunantunich + Cahal Pech Mayan Ruins + Inland Blue

This tour will take you to Xunantunich (meaning Maiden of the Rock) archeological site, which is rich in history and offers an introduction into the life of the Maya. Take a ride over the Mopan River on an old hand cranked ferry. Visit the onsite museum where you will have a chance to view artifacts and maps of the grounds. Your guide will escort you from temple to temple unlocking the secrets of this ancient civilization. The view from the top of the highest temple, El Castillo, is breathtaking and well worth the climb giving a clear view of Western Belize, the old waterways and Guatemala. Your next stop will be Cahal Pech (meaning Place of Ticks), the oldest-known Maya site in Western Belize was a palatial, hilltop home was the royal acropolis-palace of an elite Mayan ruling family who lived here during the Classic period. Cahal Pech was settled around 1000 BC and abandoned by 800 AD. for an elite Maya family, and though most major construction dates to the Classic period, evidence of continuous habitation has been dated to as far back as far as 1200 BC. To complement your tour we end the day with a visit to the Inland Blue Hole a cool and refreshing place for an afternoon swim. It was formed by the collapse of an underground limestone cave. In this case, the river running through the original cavern still flows through the cave system, and forms a sapphire-colored pool at the bottom of the cenote. Includes: guided tour from our site to the ruins, entrance fees, parking fees, lunch, guided tour of the ruins and swim at the Blue Hole.



Belize Xunantunich + Cave Canoeing at Barton Creek Cave

Combine a tour to Xunantunich Mayan Ruins with a Cave Canoeing experience at Barton Creek Cave. Canoe this ancient Maya believed to be used for ritual ceremonies. While paddling through the spectacular cave you will see some very large and colorful formations and your guide will point out skulls and artifacts as you pass between stalactites. The high ceiling, beautiful rock flows and cathedral chambers makes this a beautiful place to photograph. The cave is adorned with stalactites and stalagmites. Mayan pottery shards and bones can be observed by the guide's spotlights. En-route to



the cave you will drive through the traditional Mennonite village of Upper Barton Creek. Includes: Guided tours, canoe hire, entrance fees, lunch.

Belize Caracol Mayan Ruins

Caracol is the largest Maya archaeological site in Belize. The urban area of Caracol had a radius of approximately 10 kilometers around the site's epicenter. It covered an area much larger than present day Belize and supported more than twice the modern city's population. This tour is an all day tour which takes Approximately 13 hours door to door. Includes: Transport from our site to the ruins, entrance fees, parking fees, lunch, guided tour of the ruins.

Recommendations: bug-repellent, camera, sneakers

Belize Bird Watching

Birdwatching at Cockscomb Jaguar Preserve

Venture to Cockscomb Basin Jaguar Preserve to explore the trails in the world's first Jaguar Preserve. Known for its spectacular waterfalls, mountain views, nature trails, and rich diversity of Neotropical birds, this is a perfect place for a bird watching adventure. The preserve is currently operated by the Belize Audubon Society.

"The Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary is a magical place where wonders and diversity are accessible to both the casual and serious visitor." – World Wildlife Fund

Includes: Guided tour, entrance fees, lunch.



Belize Birdwatching at Sittee River (Boat Tour)

Monkey River is a coastal watercourse in southern Belize that starts in the Maya Mountains and ends in the Caribbean Sea near Monkey River Town. It is one of Belize's major rivers whose habitats and watersheds provide cover for such diverse species as the Ocelot, Jaguar, Yucatan Black Howler Monkey, Bare-Throated Tiger Heron, Morelet's Crocodile, Fer-de-lance Snake and Manatee.

Once back at the boat you will continue your enchanting river trip stopping at a well-known Manatee habitat where hopefully you'll get a chance to see them in their natural surroundings.

After the tour, you have the choice to either return to the resort or stay at Placencia for a while, shopping at the colorful gift shops, visiting local art galleries, enjoying the local restaurants and lively bars or just take some chill time on Placencia's beautiful sandy beaches

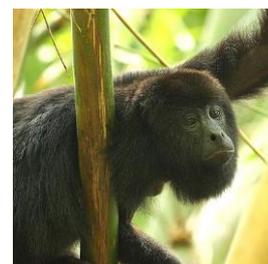
Includes: lunch, boat tour and land tour.

Belize Monkey River & Shopping at Placencia

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Includes: lunch, boat tour and land tour

Belize Cave Tubing & Cave Canoeing

Cave Tubing

Much of the geological structure of Belize is porous limestone, ideal for the formation of underground caves and rivers. These caves are believed by the Maya to be the entrance to the underground world. These are registered archaeological sites and can be only accessed with a registered guide. Join us for a half day tour where we will go for a short hike before putting our tubes in the water.

Includes: Entrance fees, parking fees, lunch, guided cave tubing tour.

Cave Tubing + Xunantunich or Cahal Pech Mayan Ruins

Enjoy a guided tour to the archeological site of either Xunantunich or Cahal Pech. The tour offers a detailed insight into the ancient Maya, their architecture, culture, religion and sacred rituals. After the ruins enjoy a delicious traditional warm Belizean lunch and head to the underground world where after a short hike you will float down the river on a tube travelling back in time through awe inspiring cave systems.

Includes: guided tour from our site to the ruins, entrance fees, parking fees, lunch, guided tour of the ruin and cave tubing tour.



Cave Tubing + Zip-Lining

Combine the fun of a Cave tubing tour with exhilaration of the Bocawina Zip-line tour, the longest zip-line course in Belize.

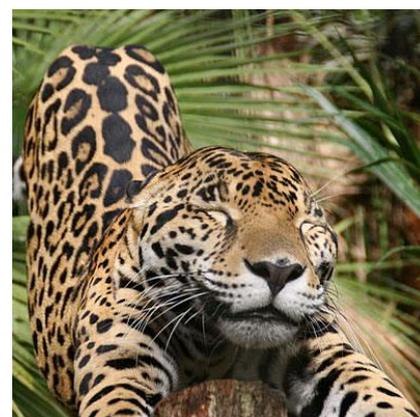
Includes: guided tours, entrance fees, lunch

Belize Zoo + Inland Blue Hole + Guanacaste National Park

Belize Zoo

The Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center was started in 1983, as a last ditch effort to provide a home for a collection of wild animals which had been used in making documentary films about tropical forests. Today, The Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center is set upon 29 acres of tropical savanna and exhibit over 150 animals, representing over 45 species in their natural surroundings. All animals are native to Belize and the zoo only keeps animals which were orphaned, injured, rescued, needed to be rehabilitated or were born at the zoo. No animals were taken from the wild.

A visit to the zoo is the best way to get to know and understand the diversity of animals in Belize and to understand why it is so important to protect the habitats that sustain them.



Belize Zoo, Inland Blue Hole & Guanacaste National Park

Combine your tour to the Belize Zoo with a swim at the Inland Blue Hole and the Guanacaste National Park. Guanacaste National Park is a popular getaway only two miles from the capital city of Belmopan, at the confluence of the Belize River and Roaring Creek. The park's small size allows visitors to observe wildlife and tropical vegetation a short distance



from the entrance.

Learn about plants and their traditional uses, fungus farming leaf-cutter ants, or the mini-ecosystem inside a bromeliad. Habitat consists of secondary broadleaf forest, which benefits many birds and wildlife, including the shy and secretive "tiger cat" or jaguarundi.

Includes: guided tours, entrance fees, lunch

Tikal National Park (Guatemala)

In the heart of the Guatemalan jungle, surrounded by lush vegetation, lies one of the major sites of Mayan civilization - Tikal. There are over 3,000 separate buildings dating from 600 BC to AD 900, including temples, residences, religious monuments decorated with hieroglyphic inscriptions and tombs. Although archaeological work started around 80 years ago, it's estimated that still 80% of the ruins remain unexcavated, making Tikal one of the most promising sites used to decipher some of the unknown Mayan secrets. Tikal National Park protects over 222 square Miles of rainforest, with over 2,000 plant species identified in the park area and with over fifty-four species of mammals, including the howler monkey, spider monkey, giant anteater, nine-banded armadillo, coati, kinkajou, tayra, paca, puma, margay, ocelot, jaguarundi and the mighty jaguar!

Includes: transportation, border crossing fee, PACT fee, Tikal entrance Fee, specialized Tikal tour guide, breakfast, lunch, snacks and water.

Don't forget: Passport and money for shopping (Bring US\$ because BZ\$ is not accepted in Guatemala)

Belize ATM Cave Tour (Actun Tunichil Muknal)

The ATM cave (Cave of the stone sepulcher (grave/crypt)) was a sacred place for the Maya. It is the number one cave expedition in Belize and a "must do" during your visit to the region. This sacred place contains skeletal remains, ceramics, and stoneware left by the Mayas who used the caves between AD 250 - 909. The most famous skeleton inside the cave is that of a young girl, the bones of which have been completely covered by the natural processes of the cave, leaving them with a sparkling appearance. Your adventure begins with a hike through the tropical forest at the edge of Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve.

On arrival at the hourglass entrance you will swim (PDF's provided for weak swimmers) across a deep pool to the gateway of the underworld. You will need to be at a good level of physical fitness as you will be wading through cool water, climbing over rocks and crawling through narrow passageways. You will spend several hours exploring the wonders of the Maya underworld and when in the inner chambers you will take off your shoes and explore in only your socks to prevent damage to the artifacts. All in all an unforgettable adventure.



Belize Mayan Living Experience

This tour starts with a visit to the Belize Spice Farm and Botanical Gardens where you will go on a tour of the gardens learning about the variety of spices, fruit and hardwood trees.

You will then visit the Mayan village of Big Falls and experience for yourself how the ancient peoples of this region lived in tune with the environment. This tour offers guests a fascinating glimpse into a fast disappearing world in which the local Kek'chi Maya depended upon the jungles for everything they need. From food, building materials, furniture to medicine even musical instruments. You will experience how the Mayan lived fifty years ago before the modern world began to impinge. Come, learn, prepare your traditional Mayan meal and enjoy a cultural experience you will not soon forget.



To round off your day on the way back you will visit the ruins of Nim Li Punit well known for the large amount of stela found there, 26 in all. Although a smaller sight it is truly beautiful and well laid out with many plazas and terraces. Even a ball court can be found



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INCLUDED

- 🌍 Comprehensive Pre-Trip
- 🌍 Information Package
- 🌍 All meals, transfers, and accommodations as described in the Itinerary
- 🌍 Unlimited use of our equipment, including activities and instruction
- 🌍 Waterproof dry bags
- 🌍 Professional guiding services
- 🌍 Marine Park Fees
- 🌍 9% Belize Hotel Tax
- 🌍 12.5% Belize Sales Tax
- 🌍 Transfer back to Belize City

NOT INCLUDED

- Gratuities
- International Flights
- Airport Departure Tax
- Extra costs due to late arrivals, lost baggage and circumstances beyond our control



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACTIVITY DURATION	2-5 hours of activities per day. You will need an average level of fitness.
SEASON	Nov-May
BEST TIME TO GO	Nov-May
GROUP SIZE	6-13
ACCOMMODATION	<p>On 'Day 1' we will be spending the night at the Tropical Education Centre in our Forest Cabanas. Our cabanas are situated in a serene tropical pine forest setting. Bathrooms and showers are situated in a separate building in the Forest Cabana complex. The Education Centre harbours Belize's largest collection of tropical animal specimens, a fantastic Interpretative Centre, and has a great network of trails and wildlife viewing platforms perfect for exploring the pine savannah setting. While out on the cayes we kayak between islands along the Southern Barrier Reef and stay in small Belizean owned lodges. Facilities include running water and fully serviced bathrooms where we stay. On the final morning after breakfast we take a water taxi back to the mainland in time to make your flight connections home or connect with the next stage of your trip.</p> <p>Note You will be carrying your personal equipment and clothing in waterproof bags which go into the hatches of each kayak. We will supply each person with several 20 liter waterproof bags for this purpose.</p>
SINGLE TRAVEL POLICY	<p>Many of our guests travel on their own. This style of trip is ideal for single travelers, combining the benefits of group camaraderie and group security with lots of individual flexibility for what you want to do each day. Single supplement options vary by trip style. Standard trip pricing is based on double occupancy. Solo guests can request either to share twin accommodations with another traveler, or request single accommodations for an additional fee. If you are willing to share and we are able to match you up - no problem and no extra cost.</p> <p>If we cannot match you up then we have a £75 supplement fee. This fee will be applied at the time of booking, but will be reimbursed just before your departure if we are able to match you up.</p> <p>Should you prefer private accommodations, we can provide you with your own room and the following charges apply: Paradise Islands - £250</p> <p>Note: The number of single rooms available on most departures is limited and may not be available at each location. If we are not able to provide you with your own room throughout the trip, we will pro-rate the supplement fee.</p>
EXPEDITION SCHEDULE	Regular weekly scheduled departures. Dates as per website.
DIFFICULTY LEVEL	Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical activity you are likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a medium level (2-5 hours per day). This means that you will need to be of average level of fitness.

