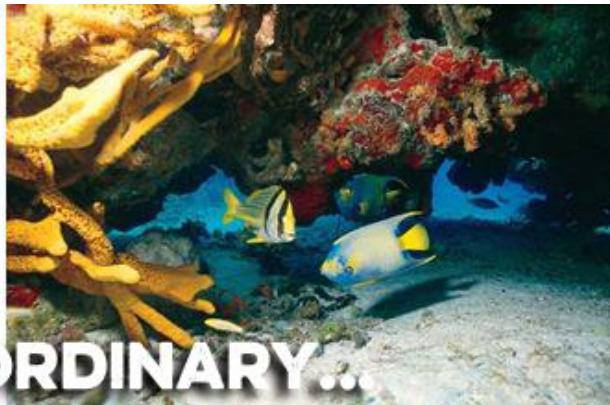




Belize
Epic Belize Adventure

PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



DO SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY...

ITINERARY

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS

Belize • Epic Adventure

Belize City – Dangriga - Bocawina National Park- Moho river-
Toledo- Glover's Reef Atoll – Dangriga

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy jungle camping
- Paddle in this pristine environment
- Experience snorkeling, fishing and sea kayaking
- Visit traditional Mayan villages
- Hike and/rappel in the rainforest

TOUR ESSENTIALS

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|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tour Style | Multi-activity |
| Tour Start | Belize City |
| Tour End | Dangriga |
| Accommodation | Hotel, Resort, Camp |
| Included Meals | 9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 9 Dinners |
| Difficulty Level | Medium |

EPIC BELIZE ADVENTURE



The Epic Adventure takes you far from the usual tourist path with a varied itinerary that explores Belize's different cultures, tropical rainforests, wild rivers, remote villages and finishes with a journey 38 miles out to sea to a stunningly beautiful and pristine coral atoll. This trip is a perfect match for those looking for an active, adventurous vacation that encompasses the very best that Belize has to offer.

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

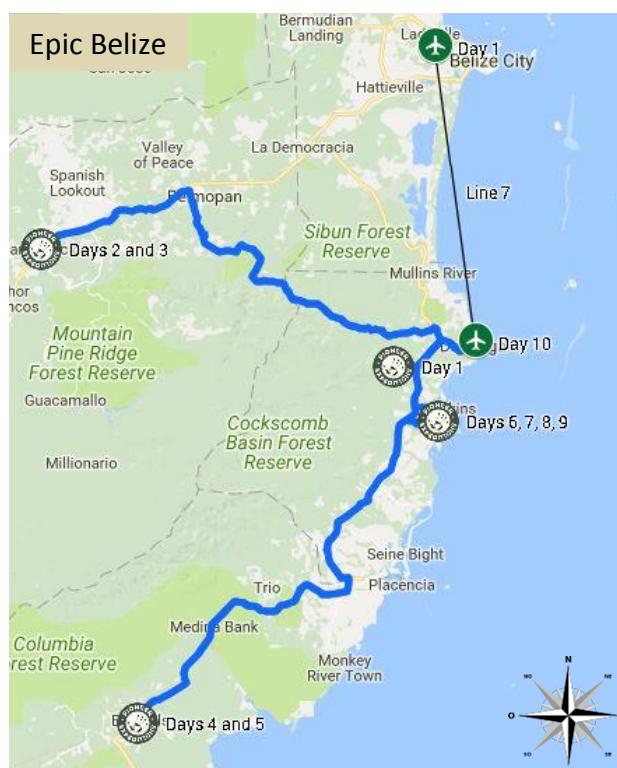
We have plenty of time to snorkel, fish, and enjoy the scenery and marine life of the Caribbean Sea. We explore many different regions of the reef, including the inner and outer walls, patch and fringing reefs, mangrove ranges, and protected lagoons. Our traveling routes often cross those of the fishermen 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 Argentina. 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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ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN BELIZE CITY & TRANSFER TO BOCAWINA RAINFOREST LODGE

Welcome to Belize. Upon arrival at Belize International Airport you will board a scenic 20-minute flight to the town of Dangriga where you will then travel overland to Bocawina Rainforest Lodge in Bocawina National Park in the foothills of the Maya Mountains. Tonight, we dine at the resort's acclaimed restaurant "The Wild Fig"

Overnight in Bocawina Rainforest Lodge



Overnight:
Lodge



Meals:
D



Distance:
N/A



Activity:
Travel

DAYS 2: SANTA THERESA

We wake up to the sounds of the tropical rainforest, enjoy an early breakfast and then continue to the Wild South of Belize. We travel overland through the countryside to the remote Maya village of Santa Theresa. We enjoy a traditional meal prepared at the home of a local family before continuing another 30 minutes to our put-in on the Moho River. Our guides teach you the fundamentals of handling the inflatable kayaks in moving water before starting our journey down one of Belize's most beautiful rainforest rivers to our first river camp.

Overnight in Jungle River Camp



Overnight:
Camp



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Approx. 2 hour drive



Activity:
Travel and culture

DAYS 3: EXPLORE THE MOHO RIVER



Today we break contact completely with the outside world as we follow the Moho River through canyons and lush rainforest. Each bend reveals the dynamic nature of the river from the calm meandering water that reflects the intense green of the jungle, to stretches of the rapids, pour-overs and spectacular waterfalls. During the trip our Mayan guides assist us with improving our moving water paddle skills, and prove an understanding of the ecology of the rainforest, learning about the habits of the wildlife, and gaining an appreciation for the rich Mayan folklore which adds so much to our experience in the jungle.



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Overnight in Jungle River Camp



Overnight:
Camp



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
N/A



Activity:
Kayaking

DAY 4: MOHO RIVER – THE LODGE AT BIG FALLS



As we continue our river journey, we leave the Maya Mountains and enter the coastal plains where the river slows and meanders through the jungle. Our vehicle is waiting to take us overland to The Lodge at Big Falls, our home for the next 2 nights. We settle into beautiful jungle cabanas with time to enjoy a hot shower and take in the grounds before dinner.

Overnight in The Lodge at Big Falls



Overnight:
Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Approx. 3+ drive



Activity:
Kayaking and Travel

DAY 5: EXPLORING THE BANKS OF THE RIO GRANDE REGION

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. The lodge property is located on a 'meander' of the Columbia River with almost a mile of river frontage. From our cabana there are striking views of the jungle covering the Maya Mountains. After a leisurely breakfast we head out for our exploration of the region. Highlights include the ancient Maya ruins of Lubaantun last active in the 8th and 9th centuries, and then we immerse ourselves in an inspiring, cultural and culinary experience with a visit to a unique spice farm and a tasty 'bean to bar' Mayan chocolate makers experience. We return in time to relax and enjoy the pool on the lodge property.

Overnight in The Lodge at Big Falls



Overnight:
Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
N/A



Activity:
Culture

DAYS 6-9 GLOVER'S REEF MARINE RESERVE



Today we drive north to the coastal town of Dangriga. Here we board a charter boat to our private Basecamp on Southwest Caye, Glover's Reef Marine Reserve a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, we receive an introduction to your new tropical marine environment and then settle into our ocean view tent cabanas. Our guides will then conduct professional instruction to teach you the fundamentals of sea kayaking, snorkeling, and tropical water safety. After the workshop, enjoy a paddle to a nearby patch reef and start exploring some of the 700 snorkel sites Glover's Reef Atoll has to offer.

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Over our 4 days here our itinerary is flexible in order to accommodate individual and group preferences. Activities include paddling sea kayaks, snorkeling the inner and outer walls of the reef, stand-up paddle boarding, traditional Belizean handline fishing and learning to sail a kayak. In the mornings and evenings our guides share their knowledge of Belize, its unique marine environments and cultures of the Caribbean with a focus on the Garifuna people of Belize. There are many different activities that you can choose from and always for those looking to add down time into their adventure there is no better place in Belize to kick back in a hammock and relax with a good book! Accommodation: Glover's Reef Basecamp



Overnight in Glover's Reef Basecamp



*Overnight:
Lodge*



*Meals:
B, L, D*



*Distance:
Approx. 2 hour drive*



*Activity:
A range of activities*

DAY 10: END OF TRIP

Wake early on our final morning, grab your coffee and watch the sunrise over the atoll. Our boat charter departs mid-morning to take you back to the mainland, arriving at approximately noon. You will then board an domestic flight back to Belize International Airport where your trip finishes.



*Overnight:
N/A*



*Meals:
B, PL*



*Distance:
Approx. 2 hour drive
to airport*



*Activity:
Travel*



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
- Optional costs for scuba diving

ACCOMMODATION *at a glance*

| | Location | Accommodation | Example |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Night 1 | Bocawina | Lodge | <i>Bocawina Rainforest Lodge</i> |
| Nights 2 and 3 | San Ignacio | Camp | <i>Jungle River Camp</i> |
| Nights 4 and 5 | Big Falls | Lodge | <i>The Lodge at Big Falls</i> |
| Nights 6, 7, 8, 9 | Glover's reef | Camp | <i>Glover's Reef Basecamp</i> |



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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| ACTIVITY DURATION | 3-5 hours of activities per day. You will need an average level of fitness. |
| SEASON | Jan-Apr |
| BEST TIME TO GO | Jan-Apr |
| GROUP SIZE | 6-12 |
| 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. 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> |
| DIFFICULTY LEVEL | <p>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.</p> |

