

# GLOVERS GETAWAY

3 All-Inclusive Days Sea kayaking & Snorkelling on Spectacular Glovers Reef Atoll!

**Trip Details**

3 days / 2 nights

**Price**

\$499 USD Contact us for current Cdn prices

**2009 Departures**

Dec 6, 13, 20, 27

**2010 Departures**

Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Feb 7, 14, 21, 28

Mar 7, 14, 21, 28

Apr 11, 18, 25

**Starts and Finishes in Dangriga**

**Activities**

Sea Kayaking (paddling & sailing), Snorkeling, Fishing, Diving (optional), Photography, Natural History Interpretation,

**Accommodations**

2 nights basecamp



**The Setting...**

One of three coral atolls offshore of Belize, Glover's Reef was named after the English pirate John Glover who used this remote offshore ring of islands and coral reefs as a base from which to raid Spanish merchant ships during the 17th century. Today, the attractions found within the atoll (20 miles long by 7 miles wide) are the incredible clarity of the water and the remarkable profusion of marine life. In 1993, the atoll was declared a marine park and to further efforts to protect this extraordinary environment, the atoll was designated as a World Heritage Site, in 1996. We travel and explore this extraordinary area from our fully-equipped luxury basecamp by sea-kayak, paddling and sailing the shallow 82 square mile lagoon with over 700 patch reefs. The reefs of Belize have long been known as the richest and most developed in the Caribbean, and Glover's is the best in Belize!

**A Note About the Ecology...**

**Flora...**

Belize's Barrier Reef is the largest reef in the northern hemisphere, second largest in the world, extending 185 miles (300 km) along the coastline. Nineteen miles seaward from the eastern border of the Barrier Reef, lies Belize's most spectacular atoll – Glover's Reef. These circular shaped reef systems climb from the ocean floor and surround a central lagoon. The surrounding reef is primarily made up of two kinds of coral, the hard hydro-coral (reef-forming coral), such as brain coral or elkhorn coral, and the soft corals, such as sea fans and feather plumes. The sheltered lagoon harbors one of the world's most diverse sea environments; an extensive community of fish, shellfish, and patch reefs. One mile off the eastern shore of the atoll, the reef wall quickly drops 2600 feet to the ocean floor below. The interaction between the deeper, open waters of the Caribbean Sea and the sheltered lagoons of the atoll, results in a diversity and abundance of marine life, which is unsurpassed for sea kayaking, snorkeling and diving.



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## Fauna...

While on Southwest Cay, we will have the opportunity to view a diverse range of sea-life and tropical birds. While exploring and snorkeling the atoll and the many patch reefs, there are opportunities to see grouper, bonefish, angel and parrot fish, stingrays, conger, moray eels, and goatfish; just to name a few. Some of the bird-life includes osprey (the billy hawk), sea gulls, brown-footed and white-footed boobies, frigate birds, hawks, mangrove warblers, and white-crowned pigeons. Around the atoll and the barrier reef, there are nesting sites for loggerhead, green and hawksbill turtles. If you're lucky, you may see them while out snorkeling or kayaking. We will definitely have a chance to see and sample the main staple for Belizean fishermen, the spiny lobster (when in season) and the queen conch.

## Rendezvous with boat charter...

The trip starts from Sophie's riverside dock in Dangriga on Sunday morning. Our charter boat departs at 10 am for the base-camp on Southwest Cay, at Glover's Reef Marine Reserve. The transfer to Glovers typically takes 2 hours during fair weather conditions and longer during inclement weather conditions. Please ensure that we know of your plans to meet up with the boat prior to the Sunday departure.

## Return to the mainland...

We depart Glovers Reef in the early afternoon and usually arrive back to Dangriga on the mainland at approximately 3 pm.

**NOTE:** Boat schedules can be delayed significantly due to weather and sea conditions so ensure that you leave ample time for connections

## Accommodation...

at Southwest Cay, we are "base camping", sleeping in tent-walled cabanas. These spacious safari-style tents are have ample headroom to walk around and are on raised wooden floors with double or single beds. On the island, we have a fresh-water collection system for drinking water, access to fresh-water showers, modern composting toilets, a fully equipped kitchen. We also have a large dining area and resource library lounge.

## Equipment...

While at our private base-camp on Southwest Cay, our guests have unrestricted use of the following equipment: Double Kayaks (outfitted with special sails), Single Kayaks, Sit-on-Top Dive Kayaks, Research Library. On the island, we are in communication with the mainland via VHF marine radio.

## What's Included...

All meals (fully catered) while you are at our Southwest Cay base-camp, Limited alcohol available during meals, Unlimited use of our Equipment and facilities, Limited professional guide and sports instruction services with Belizean and North American leaders, Safari-style Tent Accommodations on Southwest Cay, Glovers Reef Marine Park user fee of \$10US per person, Comprehensive pre-trip information package, Financial Support for Conservation and Education programs in Belize.

## What's Not Included...

Trip starts and finishes in Dangriga, Beer & soft drinks at Glovers, Gratuities, International Flights & Airport Departure Tax, Snorkeling or Dive Gear & Scuba Diving fees, Extra costs due to late Arrivals, and other circumstances beyond our control.



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