

EPIC BELIZE ADVENTURE



Best of Belize: Glover's Reef Atoll, Rainforests, Culture and Culinary Exploration

Duration: 9 nights, 10 Days

Starts: Belize City

Finishes: Dangriga

Group Size: 6-12

Price: \$2549US + \$290 Tax
\$2849CDN + \$350 Tax Fees

*Price includes one domestic flight as outlined in the itinerary

Activity Level: 3/5 - No experience required

2018/19 Departures:

Nov 30

Dec 21

Feb 1

Mar 1, 22

Apr 5

Activities: Snorkeling, Sea Kayaking, Stand Up Paddleboarding, Fishing, Photography, Mayan Ruins, Hiking, Birding, River Paddling. (Scuba Diving - optional, cost not included in trip price).

Accommodation: Bocawina Rainforest Resort, Lodge at Big Falls, Glover's Reef Basecamp and two nights Jungle River Camps

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.

Typical Daily Itinerary:

Day 1: On arrival into the International Airport you connect for a scenic 20 minute flight to the town of Dangriga and then travel overland to Bocawina Rainforest Lodge in Bocawina National Park in the foothills of the Maya Mountains. Tonight we dine in the rainforest at the resort's acclaimed restaurant "The Wild Fig".

Accommodation: Bocawina Rainforest Lodge **Meals:** Dinner is included

Day 2: 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.

Accommodation: Jungle River Camp **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: 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 calm meandering water that reflects the intense green of the jungle, to stretches of rapids, pour-overs and spectacular waterfalls. During the trip our Mayan guides assist us with improving our moving water paddle skills, and also provide 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.

Accommodation: Jungle River Camp **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: 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.

Accommodation: The Lodge at Big Falls **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: 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 your cabana there are striking views of the jungle covered 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.

Accommodation: The Lodge at Big Falls **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 to Sat 9: 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.

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 **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 10: Choose to 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. Your trip finishes in the Garifuna town of Dangriga, and our staff will assist you with connecting to the next leg of your journey.

Accommodations: N/A

Meals: Breakfast, Packed Lunch

Travel note: For travelers who will be leaving Belize on Sunday Day 10, international connections out of the country require a departure after 3:00pm. To make this connection a short domestic flight is required. This flight is from Dangriga direct to the Belize International Airport. Our office can confirm pricing and book your flight. For guests who choose to spend an additional night in Belize we offer a Flight & Hotel Package.

Note: This is one of our more adventurous trips. It takes place in remote wilderness regions of Belize. Weather conditions can affect water levels and may increase the level of difficulty or require itinerary changes. We also believe that the remoteness and variability of conditions are what make this trip the best of its kind in Belize.

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