

Belize

Belize Jungle, Mayan Ruins, and Coral Reef Active Adventure

San Ignacio - Cayo District - South Water Caye

BEST SEASON

All year

PRICE

From US \$4,995 pp including
local flights

HOW LONG

8 Days / 7 Nights



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Embark on an exhilarating Belizean journey showcasing the boundless activities Belize offers. Led by expert local guides, traverse the majestic Maya Mountains, verdant rainforests, pristine beaches, mesmerizing coral reefs, and enchanting Caribbean cays. Engage in thrilling 4x4 rides, boat expeditions, captivating hikes, and aquatic explorations with flippers in tow. Experience the thrill of horseback riding through lush jungles, soaring through the forest canopy on zip-lines, and gracefully paddling down meandering rivers teeming with lively monkeys, majestic iguanas, and colorful toucans. Immerse yourself in the mysterious depths of cavernous underground rivers and venture deep into the legendary Cave of the Stone Sepulcher, an ancient Mayan realm adorned with original remnants of ancient offerings. As your adventure reaches its pinnacle, bask in the paradise of Southwater Caye, *hailed by Outside Magazine as the Best Beach in the World!*. Step beyond the threshold of your charming bungalow and find yourself immersed in the idyllic embrace of a pristine white sand beach, where the captivating wonders of the Belize Barrier Reef await your discovery.

Quick Summary

B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner OV: Overnight

Day & Location	Transportation, Highlights and Accommodations	Meals
Day 1 Arrival San Ignacio, Cayo District	Arrival transfer to Black Rock Lodge OV: Black Rock Lodge	D
Day 2 San Ignacio, Cayo District	Macal River Canoeing, Xunantunich Mayan Ruins OV: Black Rock Lodge	BLD
Day 3 San Ignacio, Cayo District	Actun Tunichil Muknal Cave OV: Black Rock Lodge	BLD
Day 4 San Ignacio, Cayo District	Horseback riding to Big Rock Fall and Zip line jungle canopy adventure OV: Black Rock Lodge	BLD
Day 5 South Water Caye	River Cave Tubing, Transfer to South Water Caye dock, boat transfer to hotel OV: Pelican Beach Resort	BLD
Day 6 South Water Caye	Barrier Reef snorkeling OV: Pelican Beach Resort	BLD
Day 7 South Water Caye	Barrier Reef snorkeling OV: Pelican Beach Resort	BLD
Day 8 Departure	Boat transfer to Dangriga, flight to Belize Intl airport – Departure flight home	B

ITINERARY IN DETAIL



Day 1 | Arrive in Belize

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure as you step foot in Belize! Upon your arrival at the Belize International Airport, our friendly local guide warmly welcomes you. We head on a thrilling journey (2.5 hours) deep into the heart of the jungle, where the magnificent Maya Mountains stand tall, and the Macal River flows gracefully. Your destination? The enchanting Black Rock Lodge, nestled high above the river, offering an immersive experience in the untamed wilderness of

Belize. To ensure a smooth and safe travel experience, we recommend arriving before 3:00 PM, allowing ample time to reach the lodge before nightfall. Once we arrive at Black Rock Lodge, get ready to be captivated by the awe-inspiring views and the serene ambiance that surrounds you. Our accommodation for the night will be in a luxurious River View Deluxe cabin, where you can indulge in the tranquility and marvel at the picturesque vistas.

Note: Please keep in mind the suggested arrival time and allow us to take care of the rest, ensuring your journey is seamless and enjoyable from the moment you arrive.

Overnight at Black Rock Lodge.



Day 2 | Macal River Canoeing and Xunantunich Mayan Ruins

Canoe downstream on the gentle waters of the Macal River to the friendly town of San Ignacio, where a vibrant riverine habitat showcases a gallery of parrots, toucans, monkeys, iguanas, and other wildlife. Enjoy lunch in culturally diverse San Ignacio before visiting the Maya ruins of Xunantunich or “Maiden of the Rock”.

Ascend the dominant temple for a 130-foot view of the surrounding forest and ancient city. Explore with your guide, delving into ancient Mayan life through ball games, battles, and spiritual rituals. Return to the lodge for a tropical dinner amid the symphony of rainforest sounds. Overnight at Black Rock Lodge.



Day 3 | Actun Tunichil Muknal Cave

Set-off on a 45-minute drive eastward to commence a thrilling rainforest hike, meandering through streams and traversing the lush expanse of the 6,700-acre Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve. Your ultimate destination? The awe-inspiring Actun Tunichil Muknal, one of the most remarkable caverns in all of Belize and one of the top 10 in the world. This mystical Cave of the Stone Sepulcher held profound significance to the ancient

Maya, dating back to the early Classic Period (300-600 AD). As you venture deeper into the cave system, a series of chambers unfurl before you, leading to a breathtaking crystalline cathedral of monumental proportions. Within this sacred realm, the Maya conducted solemn sacrificial ceremonies, immersing you in a world where the lines between the earthly and the divine converged. Prepare to encounter a profound sight—a haunting glimpse into the past. Witness the remains of individuals who were sacrificed to appease the Mayan gods of the underworld. The echoes of ancient rituals and the weight of history resonate within the chamber walls, evoking a deep sense of reverence for the Mayan civilization. Overnight at Black Rock Lodge.



Day 4 | Horseback Riding to Big Rock Falls and Zip Lining Jungle Canopy Adventure

Venture into the rainforest on a delightful morning horseback ride, making your way to the enchanting Big Rock Falls. Nestled on the Privassion River, this hidden gem unveils a magnificent 150-foot waterfall, providing a tranquil oasis amidst nature's embrace. After the invigorating horse ride, immerse yourself in the refreshing natural swimming pool, where the water's temperature is always just perfect for a refreshing dip.

Recharge with a delicious lunch and indulge in some leisurely swimming, savoring the serenity of this picturesque setting. As the adventure continues, a short drive takes you to Calico Jack's zipline course, nestled into the side of the majestic Maya Mountains. Prepare for an exhilarating experience as you choose from an array of cable extensions. From 4 platforms and 1,000 feet of pure excitement to a heart-pounding journey across 15 platforms spanning an astonishing 2,700 feet, adrenaline will course through your veins. Overnight at Black Rock Lodge.



Day 5 | Cave Tubing and Southwater Caye

Get ready for an unforgettable tubing adventure as you float through an expansive limestone cave system, meticulously carved by the Caves Branch River. Begin with a scenic hike along the river's edge before hopping onto your tube and venturing into a

vast cavern adorned with underground waterfalls, mesmerizing limestone formations, and an awe-inspiring crystal cathedral chamber. Embark on a picturesque drive along the captivating Hummingbird Highway, leading you to the breathtaking Caribbean coast. Climb aboard a comfortable 30-foot motorboat and set sail for the serene South Water Caye Marine Reserve, passing by a series of charming sandy islands such as Coco Plum and Twin Cayes (boat transfer duration: 45 minutes). Upon arrival, kick off your shoes, unpack, and make yourself at home in a cozy beach cabana situated on South Water Caye—a private 15-acre island nestled on the pristine Belize Barrier Reef. Indulge in the beauty of the ocean views that greet you and stroll along the pristine white sands, just steps away from your door. Immerse yourself in a world of possibilities, whether it's snorkeling, kayaking, or even trying your hand at light fishing right off the dock. Alternatively, you may choose to unwind and bask in the tranquility of the island, swaying gently in a hammock beneath the shade of swaying palm trees. Overnight at Pelican Beach Resort South Water Caye.



Day 6 and 7 | Belize Barrier Reef

Explore captivating coral formations and immerse yourself in the vibrant world of tropical fish during two half-day snorkeling and swimming excursions. As you explore the marine environment, guided by an expert alongside you, prepare to be amazed by the breathtaking variety of fish, hydro corals, sea fans, feather plumes, sponges, and sea cucumbers that grace the Belize Barrier Reef—the longest unbroken barrier reef on Earth. After the exhilarating

adventures, return to the lodge for a satisfying lunch, followed by a blissful afternoon of

relaxation on the picturesque beach. The remainder of your stay is yours to enjoy at your own pace, with the option to arrange additional tours and activities through the lodge manager. For the adventurous souls, try a thrilling nocturnal snorkeling tour (not included), which offers a unique and unforgettable experience. Overnight at Pelican Beach Resort South Water Caye.

Note: Snorkeling gear is provided throughout your stay.



Day 8 | Departure

Enjoy a final dip in the warm Caribbean Sea before packing up and returning to Dangriga to board a 20-minute flight to the Belize International Airport in time for your international departure.

Note: Your international departure must depart after 11:00 a.m. to allow time to connect with the local flight to Belize International Airport.

Pricing

2025	Per Adult Sharing double occupancy
Price per person sharing double occupancy	\$4,995
Child under 11 sharing a room with parents	\$3,795

This is a preliminary costing; hotels may vary according to availability at time of booking.

Included

- All guided tours and excursions as specified.
- Private naturalist guide on days 1-4, snorkeling guides on shared basis on days 6 and 7
- Airport-hotel transfers, land, and sea transportation
- Snorkeling equipment at South Water Caye
- Internal flight from Dangriga to Belize International Airport
- Use of kayaks and paddle boards at Pelican Beach
- 7 nights hotel accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Green Planet Expeditions travel consultation and pre-departure services

Not included

- International airfare
- Tips and gratuities
- Drinks, additional alcoholic beverages, and meals other than those listed above

- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Mandatory Travel Insurance: To ensure a smooth travel experience, all participants are required to have a comprehensive travel insurance policy. This policy should include trip cancellation, medical services, and coverage for active adventures or evacuations. "Cancel For Any Reason" (CFAR) coverage is highly recommended to protect your investment in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATIONS



Black Rock Lodge, San Ignacio

Black Rock Lodge is nestled in the dense rainforest overlooking the Macal River in the Maya Mountains of Belize. Located in the foothills of the Cayo District, Black Rock is a perfect base for adventure travel in Belize including access to caving, rain forest hikes, swimming and river tubing, and exploration of Mayan ruins including travel to Tikal and Caracol. The private rainforest reserve is teeming with wildlife including over 200 species of birds; it is one of the rare places in Central

America where you can find all three species of toucan. All 14 cabanas have stunning views of Black Rock Canyon and the Macal River with great wildlife watching from a hammock on the front porch. Simply decorated, the cabins display artwork created by local artisans and craftspeople. Black Rock Lodge cabins provide a variety of sizes and configurations that easily accommodate families, honeymoon couples, and friends traveling together. The warm and attentive staff from the surrounding communities of San Ignacio, Bullet Tree, and Melchor serve delicious Creole and international cuisine using fresh organic fruits grown on-site and other local ingredients. Ten months out of the year the Black Rock is one of few Belize resorts that generates 100% of its electricity from a hybrid source of solar and hydropower.



Pelican Beach Resort, Southwater Caye

This idyllic 15-acre private island is one of few islands directly connected to the Belize Barrier Reef. Each of the cottages is spaced for privacy, with full bath with basins, toilet, and tiled showers with hot and cold water. Step right out from your beachfront cabana and snorkel amongst coral and brightly colored fish or embark on a guided snorkeling trip to one of the many pristine snorkeling locations in the South Water Caye Marine Reserve. Relax and enjoy the natural beauty in this

down-to-earth setting with no frills, yet all the amenities needed for comfort. No need to wear makeup, dress up for dinner, carry around your wallet, or even remember when mealtimes are- you can eat when you're hungry! Meals are served on the deck and cold water, fruit juices, tea and coffee, and a light snack are available for your convenience throughout the day. These are part of the meal plan. The cottages are comfortably furnished with one queen-sized bed and one twin bed, ceiling fans, and a large porch with hammocks. Toilets are state-of-the-art composting toilets and easy to use to minimize the usage of fresh water and the possible

contamination of groundwater supply through septic tanks. No electrical outlets are available in the rooms, but you can charge your camera equipment in the main lobby. Kick your feet up and relax in this tranquil Belizean beach paradise.

Booking your Green Planet Expedition

How to reserve a trip

To secure your spot on a trip, you can conveniently book online using our [Reserve a Trip form](#) or by calling **1-800-430-9498**. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of the reservation form and the initial 50% trip deposit.

Please note that we are unable to hold space until the deposit is received. If the requested space is unavailable, we will promptly provide alternative options for your consideration (if an upgrade is necessary, higher rates may apply).

Pre departure service

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will email you a comprehensive Predeparture Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions, and more. You will receive a final trip email including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks before departure.

Terms and Conditions

Green Planet Expeditions has arranged your trip utilizing the travel services of local in-country ground operators who are independent contractors. These local outfitters, lodges, hotels, and other suppliers of your travel services will make every effort to conduct this trip as described in the itinerary; however, it is possible that due to transportation schedule changes, weather, delays, and unforeseeable acts of God, humans or nature, this itinerary may vary from what is described. Participants must assume all risks whether identified in advance or unforeseen. All optional activities are at your own risk. Extra costs due to unexpected changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control are not included.

Caring for our planet is integral to our ethos. In alignment with our commitment to sustainability, a carbon emissions mitigation fee is incorporated into all our trips. This fee contributes to environmental initiatives that offset the carbon footprint associated with our journeys, ensuring a positive impact on the destinations we explore. Your safety and peace of mind during the journey is our top priorities. **The purchase of traveler's insurance is mandatory for all participants, and it must cover trip delays, trip cancellations, baggage, accident, or sickness. In some specific cases like Antarctica, it must cover evacuation.**

All information and services provided are subject to our [Terms and Conditions](#).

At Green Planet Expeditions, we craft strategically curated journeys that immerse travelers in the finest of nature, culture, and local traditions, always seeking out opportunities for

exceptional dining experiences. Our expertise lies in tailor-made trips to destinations where we maintain close relationships with local partners, ensuring flawless execution with the assistance of passionate guides deeply connected to their heritage and committed to its preservation.

We believe that tourism, when harnessed thoughtfully, becomes a powerful catalyst for conservation and community upliftment in the destinations we visit.

As with any good recipe, our trips are infused with the following flavors:

- Positive impact on the areas you choose to visit, directly or indirectly.
- Amazing private local guides.
- Lovely small boutique hotels according to your budget.
- Good food, no matter how remote the destination is, we strive to offer good cuisine.
- Our trips frequently include surprises, which often turn out to be the highlight of the journey.
- When open to it, visits to less-known destinations, reserved for the daring few, and engages in intimate and meaningful encounters with locals—a cherished treasure highly valued by discerning travelers, as we have discovered through our years of experience in the industry.

Still haven't found what you're looking for?

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