

Belize

Private Jungle Tree House and Reef Adventure with shared experiences

Caves Branch Jungle - Ray Caye off Placencia Peninsula

BEST SEASON

All year

PRICE

From US \$6,125 pp including
local flights

HOW LONG

9 Days / 8 Nights



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Embrace the wild side of Belize with this exhilarating adventure! Your journey begins at Caves Branch Jungle Lodge, where you'll trade traditional accommodation for a thrilling treehouse casita nestled amidst the rainforest canopy. Here, days are filled with optional heart-pounding activities – explore ancient Mayan ruins shrouded in jungle mystery, rappel down cascading waterfalls, or embark on a thrilling cave tubing expedition. As the sun sets, delve into the nocturnal world of the rainforest on a guided night tour. After immersing yourself in the jungle's wonders, unwind on the postcard-perfect Placencia peninsula for the final four nights. Ray Caye Resort awaits, offering beachfront bliss with comfortable accommodation and stunning ocean views. Spend your days soaking up the Caribbean sun on pristine beaches or exploring the vibrant underwater world of the Belize Barrier Reef through snorkeling adventures. This perfectly balanced itinerary promises a taste of both the jungle's adrenaline rush and the island's tranquil paradise, plus, it's a wonderful opportunity for families to meet

others and for children to connect with kids of similar ages during shared activities at the hotels, enhancing the experience even more.

Quick Summary

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

Day & Location	Transportation, Highlights and Accommodations	Meals
Day 1 Arrival in Belize – Caves Branch Reserve	Arrival, transfer to your hotel OV: Caves Branch Jungle Lodge Treehouse Canopy Casita	D
Day 2 Caves Branch Reserve	Actun Tunichil Muknal Cave (ATM) – might change date OV: Caves Branch Jungle Lodge Treehouse Canopy Casita	BLD
Day 3 Caves Branch Reserve	One more Full day Activity to be chosen upon arrival OV: Caves Branch Jungle Lodge Treehouse Canopy Casita	BLD
Day 4 Caves Branch Reserve	Optional Activities OV: Caves Branch Jungle Lodge Treehouse Canopy Casita	BLD
Day 5 Ray Caye Resort	Transfer to Placencia (2.5 hours) Boat transfer to Ray Caye, use of all non-motorized water toys OV: Ray Caye Resort, Ocean Front Cabana	BD
Day 6 Ray Caye Resort	Turtle Sport Snorkeling Tour Use of all non-motorized water toys OV: Ray Caye Resort, Ocean Front Cabana	BLD
Day 7 Ray Caye Resort	Laughing Bird Caye National Marine Park Use of all non-motorized water toys OV: Ray Caye Resort, Ocean Front Cabana	BLD
Day 8 Ray Caye Resort	Optional activities and use of all non-motorized water toys OV: Ray Caye Resort, Ocean Front Cabana	BLD
Day 9 Departure	Boat Transfer to Placencia, flight to Belize international Airport (included), departure	B

ITINERARY IN DETAIL



Day 1 | Arrive in Belize

Arrive at the Belize City International airport and set out west across Belize on a two-hour drive to Caves Branch. Set amidst untamed jungle in the remote Cayo District, Caves Branch Jungle Lodge is a luxurious adventure-driven accommodation on the banks of the Caves Branch River. There's no better way to experience the rainforest than to sleep in spacious tree houses high up in the forest canopy with roof top decks, outdoor showers, and hot tubs to relax under the night sky. Rooms are screened to keep out the monkeys, but to let in the sounds of the jungle at night! All meals are buffet family style and all drinks are included, including fresh local juices and delicious Belizean rum cocktails. Book early for limited availability in Tree House Suites. Overnight at Caves Branch Jungle Lodge.



Day 2 | Actun Tunichil Muknal Cave

Drive 45 minutes past San Ignacio and set out on a 45minute hike through the rainforest. The trail passes over three stream crossings through the 6,700-acre Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve. Nestled in the heart of the reserve is the famous Actun Tunichil Muknal (ATM) Cave, also known as "The Cave of the Stone Sepulchre." The ATM cave, one of the most popular and exciting caving experiences in Belize, was a spiritual refuge to the ancient Maya who used it for sacred ceremonies. The cave system consists of a series of chambers leading to a massive crystalline cathedral where sacrificial rites once took place. Here you can still see sacred items such as skeletons sacrificed to the gods of the underworld, along with ceramics and stoneware left by the Maya. This experience requires a good level of physical fitness and agility to get through tight passageways. Participants in this cave adventure must be able to swim, and at least 48" tall. the ATM cave tour is included and normally it is done on Mon, Wed and Fri, therefore the exact order of your itinerary may change. Overnight at Caves Branch Jungle Lodge.



Day 3 and 4 | Ruin, River and Rainforest Adventures

Caves Branch Jungle Lodge is located in the heart of the Belizean rain forest surrounded by rivers, caves, and rugged limestone formations full of opportunities for adventure! Whether you are looking for high adventure, a romantic escape, or fun family activities, Caves Branch Jungle Lodge offers a multitude of explorations for you to choose. Plan your activities these two days with on-site guides to help you choose adventures based on your interests and abilities. These may include the 7-mile underground tube float, jungle trek with local guide, a hike in the footsteps of ancient Mayan shaman to the lost world cave of Xibalba, rappel

into the Black Hole Drop over a 300-foot cliff face into the abyss of a limestone sinkhole, a nocturnal jungle walk, exploration of the Mayan ruins of Xunantunich and Cahal Pech, ride horseback in the jungle, and more. And you may just want to hang out in your canopy tree house, or around the grounds to visit the botanical gardens, enjoy a rainforest massage, and cool out in the two-tier jungle pools or hot tub under the stars! One full day adventure tour, in addition to the ATM cave tour is included during your four-night stay. If you're feeling extra adventurous, ask about an optional day trip to the Mayan ruins of Tikal, Guatemala or a zip-lining adventure (extra charge will apply for these activities). Overnights at Caves Branch Jungle Lodge.



Day 5 | Hummingbird Highway to Placencia

After a leisurely morning, enjoy one of the most scenic drives in Belize along the Hummingbird Highway. This 2.5-hour drive is one of Belize's most beautiful. Winding its way along the foothills of the Maya Mountains, the paved road twists and turns through valleys and hilltops. You'll pass by local villages, lush rainforests and waterfalls, and miles of citrus farms. On arrival in Placencia, stroll around and enjoy lunch on

your own at one of the local beachfront restaurants that serve freshly caught snapper, conch, and lobster. At 3:00 p.m., our boat departs on a one-hour ride to the stunning Ray Caye Island Resort, a luxurious, intimate oceanfront complex located on its own private island. At Ray Caye Island Resort, listen to the breeze rustle through the palms from your balcony, take a dip in the pool, snorkel just off the beach, or sleep late in your comfortable Ocean Front cabana. Experience the serene, family-friendly side of Belize as you explore Ray Caye Island Resort's first-class, welcoming island ambience. This secluded, palm-dotted isle sits amid gorgeous, crystal-clear blue water rich with sea life and an expansive reef system that's ideal for snorkeling. Ray Caye Island Resort blends the intimacy and comfort of a luxury island resort with opportunities for active, personalized adventures during the day. All non-motorized equipment and resort amenities are included such as kayaks, stand up paddleboards, Hobie Cats, pedal boats, and snorkeling equipment. Overnight at Ray Caye Island Resort.



Day 6, 7 and 8 | Belize Barrie Reef - Snorkeling tours

Marvel at strange coral formations and swim among brilliantly colored tropical fish as you explore marine habitat during your snorkeling and swimming excursions. Your guide accompanies you as you explore the Belize Barrier Reef (the longest unbroken barrier reef in the world), pointing out the dazzling array of tropical fish, hydrocorals, sea fans, feather plumes, sponges, and sea cucumbers. Return to the

lodge and enjoy the rest of the day relaxing at the beach or out and about. Don't forget your sunscreen! Snorkeling excursions included in your trip:

Turtle Alley Snorkel

Embark on an unforgettable snorkeling adventure at Turtle Isle, located just a 10-minute boat ride from Ray Caye Resort within the renowned Gladden Spit Marine Reserve. This unique site

attracts an abundance of marine life, including loggerhead turtles (some reaching a staggering 150 years old!), docile stingrays (rough-tail, southern, and spotted eagle rays), and nurse sharks. For decades, local fishermen have anchored and cleaned their catches in this area, creating a feeding ground that has become a haven for these fascinating creatures. The marine life has become accustomed to this bounty, readily approaching boats in anticipation of a treat. The shallow waters at Turtle Alley, ranging from 8 to 12 feet deep, offer exceptional snorkeling conditions for guests of all experience levels. Witness these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat and create memories that will last a lifetime. A park fee of \$10 might need to be paid directly at the site. Can't be charged in advance.

Laughing Bird Caye National Marine Park Snorkel

Unveil the wonders of Laughing Bird Caye National Park on a captivating 2.5 to 3-hour snorkeling adventure. This pristine island, boasting a unique ecosystem, lies just 7.5 nautical miles from Ray Caye Resort. Gear up for an unforgettable underwater exploration, diving into vibrant inner coral reefs teeming with marine life. The snorkeling session, lasting approximately 60-90 minutes, caters to all experience levels. Our expert tour guides and park rangers will tailor the experience to your preferences and stamina, offering shorter exploration options and breaks to ensure a comfortable and enjoyable adventure. Following your underwater exploration, unwind on the picturesque shores of Laughing Bird Caye. Take advantage of the island's shaded areas and picnic tables for a relaxing beach-combing session. Throughout the tour, our knowledgeable guides will share insights about the island's diverse marine life and its vital role in the Belize Barrier Reef ecosystem. You'll also learn about the commendable coral restoration efforts led by "Fragments of Hope," a dedicated conservation organization. Discover even more! A variety of exciting optional activities are available to enrich your stay at an additional cost. Overnight at Ray Caye Resort.



Day 9 | Depart

Enjoy one final dip in the Caribbean Sea before packing up and transfer to the Placencia airstrip for a short flight to the Belize international airport in time for your international departure (Local flight included).

Pricing

2025	
Price per adult sharing double occupancy	\$6,125
Per Child (10 to 16) sharing with 2 adults	\$4,575
Per Child (under 9) sharing with 2 adults	\$2,095

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

Included

- Snorkelling guides and equipment
- All guided tours and excursions as specified
- 8 nights hotel accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Airport-hotel transfer, land and sea transportation
- Flight Placencia – Belize International Airport
- Green Travel Expeditions consultation and pre-departure services

Included specifically at Caves Branch

- Day tour and Surcharge for Actun Tunichil Muknal
- Your choice of 1 more full day tour (NOTE: Tikal Maya Ruins, Snorkeling, Diving and River of Caves when combined with Zip line- all carry an additional surcharge) tours are booked on arrival. They do not fill up.
- Unlimited local beers, local rum drinks, sodas, juices, water, tea & coffee

Included specifically at Ray Caye Resort

- One guided snorkel to the Turtle spot (excl. USD 10,00 park fee p.p.)
- One Snorkel tour to Lauging Bird caye
- Beverages: only morning coffee and tea are included at Ray Caye Resort
- Use of all non-motorized water toys

Not included

- International airfare
- Tips and gratuities
- Airport departure taxes when applied
- Optional activities at Copal Tree Lodge
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages, and meals other than listed above
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- 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

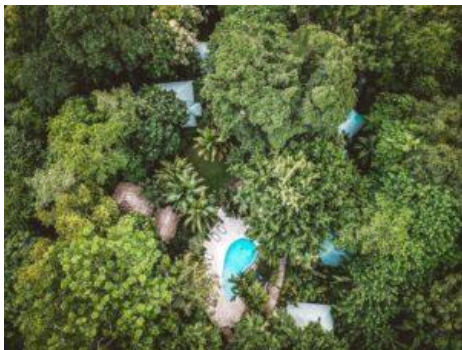
ACCOMMODATIONS



Caves Branch Reserve and Jungle Lodge

Caves Branch's private backyard of jaw-dropping caves and stunning scenery makes it an ideal location to explore the jungle without sacrificing comfort. With the creation of treetop cabins, a touch of luxury has been added to an incredibly wild environment. Each cabin perches 75 feet above the Caves Branch River, offering incredible views of the jungle canopy. Caves Branch's spacious rooms are secluded from the rest of the lodge facilities, giving you the chance to relax in your romantic and personal jungle accommodations. Every room is

screened, providing you freedom from the forest denizens while allowing the jungle to sing you to sleep. Caves Branch also offers a multitude of adventure activities, from serious caving and cave tubing to jungle hikes and Mayan archaeological investigations. After a day of exploring Belize's jungle, soak in the lodge's beautiful pool or hot tub and enjoy a tasty Belizean meal.



Ray Caye Island Resort

Ray Caye Island Resort provides comfort, luxury and privacy in a stunning, oceanfront setting. The resort's spacious, intimate seaside cabanas feature queen or king beds, a private deck, and in-room safe, ceiling fans, A/C, hair dryers, free wi-fi throughout the resort, and morning coffee and tea service are available. Other amenities include Kayaking and Paddleboarding: Complimentary use of equipment for exploring the island's calm waters. Beach Volleyball: Perfect for family fun or meeting other guests. On-Site Fitness Center: Equipped with modern

cardio and strength training equipment. Infinity Pool: Ocean-view swimming pool with lounge areas. Spa Services: Offering massages, facials, and wellness treatments using natural products. Yoga Classes: Available on request in a peaceful, open-air setting. The resort runs on solar energy, making it an eco-friendly retreat. A desalination plant provides fresh water to the island. Lionfish Conservation Program: The resort actively participates in sustainable fishing practices, including removing invasive lionfish from the reef. Family-Friendly Features: Game Room: A space for kids and families to enjoy games, including board games, table tennis, and more. Shared Family Activities: Opportunities for families to join communal activities like snorkeling, volleyball, and beach bonfires.

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?

We offer a wide range of amazing trips that may not all be listed on our website. Plus, we can custom-build pretty much whatever your heart desires, so let us know what we can do for you. If you have any questions about our expedition cruises, private trips, or just want to talk travel, give us a call at +1 800- 430 9498 or contact us via email at travel@greenplanetexpeditions.com