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Cultural Tours

GARIFUNA CULTURAL IMMERSION TOUR

The tour takes place in the Garifuna village of Hopkins, near the lagoon on the northside of the village. It's a great, hands-on tour starting with changing your clothes into a traditional outfit! After you are donned in your new threads, you learn about the history of the Garinagu people and then enjoy fresh coconut water right from the tree. Your morning is spent learning about the traditional cooking ways as you prepare your own lunch which involves husking and gratering a coconut. After eating a delicious lunch, you get to test out your rhythm with a drum lesson by a local musician.

DurationHalf dayIntensity LevelEasy

What to Bring Camera Suncreen Bug Repellent

MAYA CULTURAL IMMERSION TOUR

Learn how the Maya people of Belize lived from centuries ago to present. We are invited into a family's home that has been transformed into a museum. A member of the family will proudly share his/ her knowledge, culture and history; from musical instruments to beds to experiencing the process of making corn tortilla! You will be immersed in the traditional lifestyle of the Maya people and learn about a culture that has survived thousands of years. After the tour, you will enjoy eating a homecooked meal that you helped prepare! This is a half day tour or about four hours unless you add one of the additional offered tours.

Duration	Half day
Intensity Level	Easy

What to Bring Bottled Water Bug Repellent Camera

Cap or Hat Sunscreen

OPTIONAL ADD ONS

+ River Tubing (Moderate Intensity)

Immerse yourself in some fresh water and enjoy a lazy river tube through the Rio Grande River in Big Falls Village. Relax while you wind through the waters for two hours and make a stop by the hot springs! It's a perfect way to finish your day! This tour can be done by itself as well.

Bring in addition: T-Shirt, water shoes or sneakers, swimsuit, beach towel and extra (dry) clothes for the end or your day.

+ Spice Farm Tour (Easy)

If you have a love for cooking and/or gardening, this tour is for you! Enjoy an hour's tour through a beautiful spice farm and botanical garden. Depending on the time of the year you can see vanilla beans and blossoms, cacao (the chocolate plant!), black pepper, papaya, carambola or starfruit, nut-meg, jackfruit, custard apple, cashew fruit and nut, tangerines, oranges and the list continues. We stop at the farm on the way back from the Maya Immersion Culture Tour.

+ Nim Li Punit Maya Ruins (Easy)

To further your Maya history lesson, we continue south to Nim Li Punit Maya Archaeological site. The tour begins at the Visitor Center and we are guided around the different plazas. It's believed that the inhabitants of Nim Li Punit took advantage of the location between the mountains and sea coast and traded with many in cities and villages nearby. Bring in addition: Sturdy Shoes or Boots

VISIT PLACENCIA FOR THE DAY

If you're staying in Hopkins, let us show you a day in Placencia! Placencia is located at end of a gorgeous peninsula with the Caribbean Sea on one side and a bay on the other side. The beaches are endless and the town offers wonderful art kiosks and galleries, restaurants and cafes, gift shops and delicious ice cream shops! It's a great way to spend your day and the Belize-famous gelato is on us!

Duration	Full day
Intensity Level	Easy

What to Bring Sunscreen Camera

CHOCOLATE MAKING TOUR

Who doesn't love chocolate? Another fantastic farm-to-table tour, giving you the opportunity to learn about the chocolate making process and its role in the Maya culture. The tour is in Maya Centre Village, the base village to the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Preserve. It begins at the cacao farm where you learn how the trees grow, how the beans are harvested and dried as well as the different uses of the fruit. Did you even know cacao was a fruit? After the farm tour, we return to the chocolate factory where we learn how chocolate was initially processed by the Maya and how it's presently manufactured. You get to grind your own cacao beans and make your own chocolate bar! In the shop, you have the opportunity to purchase a variety of chocolate products – from vinegar to tea.

Duration	Half day	What to Bring
Intensity Level	Easv	Sunscreen
		Bug Repellent
		Camera

XUNANTUNICH MAYA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Belize has many Maya archaeological sites to visit and this one is the most popular! You drive through the scenic valleys and mountains of Belize before getting to the western side of Belize. Before reaching Xunantunich, you get to cross the Macal River on a hand-cranked ferry! We will meet our knowledgeable, licensed guide for this stunning archaeological site which has several plazas and a large selection of classic period structures. Those ambitious enough to hike to the top of El Castillo, the tallest structure on the site, will be rewarded with panoramic views of both Belize and Guatemala. After the guided tour, we will cross the river again and have lunch at a fantastic restaurant before heading back to the beach.

Duration	Full day	What to Bring
Intensity Level	Easy	Sunscreen
•		Bug Repellent

Bottled water Cap or Hat Sturdy Shoes or Boots

OPTIONAL ADD ON

+ River Kayaking (Moderate Intensity)

After lunch, you have the option to include kayaking the Macal River from the hand-cranked ferry to Clarissa Falls! Bring in addtion: Water shoes or sneakers, swimsuit, beach towel and extra set of dry clothes.

Camera

GARIFUNA CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

A group of Garifuna singers, dancers and drummers will amaze and entertain you as they provide an oral history of the Garinagu people through song and dance. It's a perfect 90-minute presentation for families, groups, weddings and/or retreats. And by the end, no one will be sitting down!

MAYA HEALER & MAYA WELLNESS

A crucial part to the Maya culture is traditional healers, people who have been blessed and taught from an elder about the healing powers found in our forests, plants and herbs. Mrs. Aurora Saqui, was an apprentice to her late uncle, Don Elijio Panti, a well-known Maya healer; she has been practicing for decades in Maya Centre healing many people near and far. The basic tour includes a guided walk through the H'Men Herb Center and Garden. There are many additional services that can be customized to enhance your experience. This is a half day tour or about four hours unless additional activities are added.

Duration	Half day	What to Bring
Intensity Level	Easv	Suncreen
•	,	Bug Repellent
		Camera

OPTIONAL ADD ONS

+ Individual Spiritual Healing and Cleansing	45 minutes
+ Traditional Herbal Medicine Preparation Class	30 minutes
+ Traditional Mayan Massage	45 minutes
+ Body Energy Enhancement, 5 Main Body Points	60 minutes
+ Herbal Bath Cleansing	40 minutes
+ Traditional Mayan Ceremony	60 minutes
+ Spiritual Hike and Mountain Meditation	

Please note some of the above activities can only be performed on certain days of the week.

BITTERS MAKING TOUR

A great farm-to-table tour, you have the opportunity to learn about the history and importance of this herbal drink, locally known as "bittas". You get an overview at Herbal Healers Tea Bar in Hopkins Village before adventuring out to the farm on the Hopkins Road. You will harvest your own collection of herbs and barks as the guide walks you through the farm telling you the medicinal and traditional uses of the different plants, herbs and barks. We will then return to the Tea Bar to preserve the herbs in alcohol; you get to make your own bottle of bittas! The owner, Krishna Castillo, has been making local wine and bitters for many years, learning the skills and knowledge from his elders. In 2015, Krishna was featured on The Travel Channel where his bitters were highlighted. It's recommended to bring along extra cash as there are many lovely teas and gifts to be purchased at the Herbal Healer's Tea Bar.

DurationHalf dayIntensity LevelEasy

What to Bring Sunscreen Bug Repellent Camera

Adventure Tours

CAVE TUBING & ZIP LINING AT JAGUAR PAW

A favorite combination for many visitors – an adrenaline-pumping zip line combined with a refreshing cave tubing experience! Take a short walk through the thick jungle before starting your zip line journey. Your first traverse flies you over a cave and as you continue, you will see amazing views of the forest. After the zip line, you switch gears and join the magic of the Maya underworld in this cave system. You will be wowed with the formations, frozen waterfall and even an underground lagoon!

Duration	Full day	What to Bring	
Intensity Level	Moderate	Bottled Water	Camera
		Sunscreen	Swimsuit
		Bug Repellent	Beach Towel

Extra Set of Dry Clothes

Water Shoes or Sneakers

MONKEY RIVER TOUR

A family favorite giving you the opportunity to experience a river tour, hiking and a delicious, locally made lunch. Oh and did we mention Howler monkeys, crocodiles, manatee, toucans, parrots, iguanas, turtles and maybe even a Boa Constrictor in the trees! It's a beautiful way to spend your day and see many of the beautiful birds and animals of Belize. The hike is easy making it perfect for young and old.

DurationFull dayIntensity LevelEasy

What to Bring Bottled Water Sunscreen Bug Repellent

Sturdy Shoes or Boots Cap of Hat Camera

ZIP LINING BOCAWINA NATIONAL PARK

The longest and best zip line in Belize is just a short drive from both Placencia and Hopkins Village! Leave the beach for a few hours and experience an exhilarating ride through the canopy of Mayflower Bocawina National Park where you can see the forest from a bird's eye view. The zip line is 2 ½ miles long with 12 platforms and the longest run is over 2,300 feet! And for the brave, the zip line tour can even be done at night! Please inquire for more details.

Complement this tour and add on the Waterfall Rappelling Adventure!

Duration	Half day
Intensity Level	Moderate

What to Bring Bottled Water Sunscreen Bug Repellent Loose fitting long pants

T-Shirt Sturdy Shoes or Boots Camera

WATERFALL RAPPELLING BOCAWINA NATIONAL PARK

Mayflower Bocawina National Park boasts over five waterfalls and two of them you can rappel with experienced and licensed guides. This tour can either be combined with zip lining or done on its own.

The Bocawina Falls is a better fit for beginners as it's only a 20 minute hike and 100' rappel down the falls. During the hike, the guides will calm your fears and share his knowledge of the flora and fauna. For a more serious rappel, try Antelope Falls. The advanced 90 minute hike involves many inclines as well as the most refreshing swim in emerald pools and a breathtaking view of forest and the Caribbean Sea (on a clear day)! After the break, your rappel of 250' will begin! This is a half day tour or about four hours. This tour will not be forgotten.

Complement this tour and add on the Ziplining Adventure!

Duration	Half day	What to Bring	
Intensity Level	Moderate to Difficult	Bottle Water	Camera
		Sunscreen	Swimsuit
		Bug Repellent	Beach Towel
		Sturdy Shooes or Boots	Extra Set of Dry Clothes

RIO BLANCO WATERFALL HIKE

A breathtaking, powerful waterfall awaits you in the depths of Toledo District. Join us on a guided, moderately easy hike where you can swim, jump and hike in the gorgeous waters. We cross a suspension bridge before taking a 2 km nature walk learning about the local flora and fauna. It's a beautiful place to "get lost in" before returning to a nearby village for lunch. This tour can also be combined with the Spice Farm or Nim Li Punit tours.

DurationFull dayIntensity LevelEasy

What to Bring Bottled Water Sunscreen Bug Repellent Beach Towel

Water Shoes or Sneakers Camera Swimsuit Extra Set of Dry Clothes

COCKSCOMB JAGUAR PRESERVE HIKE

Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary is recognized internationally as the world's first jaguar preserve. It is also known for its spectacular waterfalls, mountain views, nature trails, and rich diversity of neotropical birds. Join our guide for a vigorous and inspiring hike through Belize's jungles. As you walk the trails, your guide will be educating you about the flora and fauna while pointing out tracks and creatures you may have overlooked. Each hike rewards you with a refreshing dip in a waterfall, creek or river!

DurationHalf dayIntensity LevelModerate or Difficult

What to Bring Bottled Water Sunscreen Bug Repellent Loose fitting long pants

T-Shirt Sturdy Shoes or Boots Camera Cap or Hat

OPTIONAL ADD ONS

+ River Tubing

Complete your exhilarating waterfall hike with a relaxing river tubing experience down the river. The driver will meet you in Maya Centre Village while you and the guide see the forest from another perspective! Bring in addition: Swimsuit, beach towel and extra set of dry clothes.

CAVE KAYAKING ADVENTURE

You will be in awe as you kayak through 3 different cave systems. It involves open-river kayaking as well as cave kayaking. This tour is a perfect combination of adventure, history and wildlife as you will learn about Maya history and have the opportunity to see Howler and Spider monkeys and a plethora of birds. A packed lunch is included and enjoyed at one of the cave exits with breathtaking views.

DurationFull dayIntensity LevelModerate

What to Bring Bottled Water Beach Towel Bug Repellent Sunscreen

Swimsuit Sturdy Shoes or Boots Camera Extra Set of Dry Clothes

BIRDING IN SOUTHERN BELIZE

Our premier birding guide will pick you up at dawn's break to experience the magic of birds' early morning calls. There are over 574 species of birds in Belize, including the Jabiru Stork, and rare birds such as Ornate Hawk Eagles and Harpy Eagles. Every year new species are being documented! Belize has savannas, rainforests, coastal plains, and other diverse habitats allowing for an abundance of species. You can cater your tour to include savanna, rainforests or coastal plains birding.

Duration Half day Intensity Level Easy What to Bring Sunscreen Bug Repellent Camera

Bottle water Cap or Hat Sturdy Shoes or Boots

HORSEBACK RIDING

This tour gives you the opportunity to ride on well-trained horses though fragrant citrus fields and to an amazing river spot where you can relax and swim before continuing on the trails. It's perfect for novice and experienced riders alike and is nearby both Hopkins Village and Placencia. This is a half day tour or about four hours. It's offered in the morning and afternoon allowing this tour to be combined with some other area favorites – Chocolate Tour, Zip Lining or Bitters Tour.

Duration	Half day
Intensity Level	Easy to Moderate
	depending on riding experience
	experience

What to BringBottled WaterT-ShirtSunscreenSturdy ShoBug RepellentCameraLoose fitting long pantsCap or Hat

T-Shirt Sturdy Shoes or Boots Camera Cap or Hat

BLUE CREEK CAVE - SWIMMING & WATERFALLS

An adventurous and invigorating tour combining hiking, swimming, Maya history and waterfalls! The cave is in the most southern district of Belize, Toledo. To reach to the entrance of the cave we hike for about 15 minutes before we start our swim, fully outfitted with life vests, helmets and headlamps. We will navigate through multiple chambers, climbing over various rock formations and come across three waterfalls and turquoise waters! Throughout the tour, the guide will also share with you the importance of caves in Maya culture and you will have the chance to see ancient cave drawings and remnants. Hiking sandals, swim suit and a change of clothes are definitely recommended for this tour.

Bug Repellent Camera	oes or Sneakers of Dry Clothes
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ST HERMANS CAVE TUBING

St. Herman's cave is a little over an hour's drive from Hopkins. Cave tubing at St. Herman's Caves starts with a 10 minute walk from the park to the cave entrance before you embark on your two hour float in the cave. The experienced, licensed tour guide will provide interesting facts on the geology of the formations, the cave history as well as the importance of caves in Maya history and culture. At the end of the cave tubing you will walk back up stream, where once again you get a chance to see the cave and its spectacular formations.

DurationFull dayIntensity LevelModerate

What to Bring Bottled Water Beach Towel Bug Repellent Shorts and Shirt

Swimsuit Sturdy Shoes or Boots Camera Extra Set of Dry Clothes

Fishing

REEF FISHING

Reef fishing is the most popular fishing trip done by most visitors to Belize. You will be picked up at the beach or marina and will be fishing within half an hour! You will catch dinner fish such as barracuda, grouper, snapper and more. All tackle, gear and bait is provided by your guide. Reef fishing may be done as half day charters or full day charters. Half days usually being 4 hours and full days 7 to 8 hours. The best time of the day for reef fishing is either early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided on full day charters.

FLY FISHING

Discover the reason top fly fishers from around the world return to fish Belize time and time again. We take you to an area known as "Permit Alley" and once you are there, you will understand why people are obsessed with Belize fishing trips. Five to twelve quality opportunities for permit per day are the norm. There are also tarpon, bonefish, jack, tuna, mackerel and barracuda. Half and full day trips are available. Lunch will be provided on full day charters.

DurationFull or Half dayIntensity LevelEasy

What to Bring Bottled Water Waterproof Camera Beach Towel Long Sleeved Shirt

Swimsuit or Dry Clothes Binoculars Sun Hat Dry Bag (If you have one)

RIVER & LAGOON FISHING

From the Sittee River Marina, you will take a boat up the river enjoying the scenic view of mangroves and marine ecosystems, sometimes spotting crocodiles, en route to Anderson Lagoon. It's well-sheltered on windier days and your catch may include tarpon, snook, and jack fish. Casting or spin rod fishing is available.

DurationHalf dayIntensity LevelEasy

What to Bring Bottled Water Waterproof Camera Beach Towel Long Sleeved Shirt

Swimsuit or Dry Clothes Binoculars Sun Hat Dry Bag (If you have one)

Water Activities

SITTEE RIVER KAYAKING

Explore the beautiful Sittee River on a kayak! The Sittee River is one of the largest rivers in Belize and is filled with great opportunities to view wildlife. Our sharp-eyed tour guide, will identify multitudes of indigenous animals including manatees, crocodiles (small and harmless!), turtles, iguanas and hundreds of species of birds.

Duration Half day Intensity Level Easy What to Bring Bottled Water Cap or Hat Bug Repellent Sunscreen Binoculars

Swimsuit Wading Boots Camera Extra Set of Dry Clothes Beach Towel

SITTEE RIVER ROMANTIC SUNSET CRUISE

Enjoy one of the longest and deepest rivers in Belize as you spend time with your loved one! Leaving from Sittee River Marina just before sunset, this is a mystical adventure where your guide will take you up river looking for crocodiles and tapir before quietly motoring through the mangroves to Anderson Lagoon. This tour is about 2 hours.

Duration Half day Intensity Level Easy What to Bring Bottled Water Bug Repellent Camera

Long Pants T-Shirt & Long Sleeved Shirt Beach Towel

PRIVATE ISLAND GETAWAY

Spend the day on the tranquil island of Thatch Caye and get a taste of the island life! You will take a 20 minute ride on a dive boat and be greeted with a welcome drink. Spend most of the day (9:30 am to 2:30 pm) enjoying the island's facilities and amenities such as snorkeling, kayaking, paddle boards or just relax on the beach with a refreshing cocktail.

This tour includes round trip boat ride from Hopkins to Thatch Caye, welcome (alcoholic) drink for adults, Caribbean lunch, non-alcoholic drinks, use of water toys and snorkeling gear. The island staff will be happy to assist you if you'd like to upgrade your stay with additional services such as a catamaran boat ride, fly fishing classes or a massage.

Duration	Half day	What to Bring	
Intensity Level	Easy	Bottled Water	Swimsuit
·		Sunscreen	Beach Towel
		Sunglasses	Cap or Hat

HOBIE CAT SAILING

The beaches of Belize appeal to all water sports enthusiasts. One of the many watersports activities is sailing. While staying In Hopkins, you can experience the elation of sailing faster than the wind on a small catamaran. This brings an unspeakable feeling of wind and salt spraying on your face while enjoying indescribable views of the Caribbean Sea. Our Hobie Sailboat accommodates up to 2 adults plus a guide. This tour is about 2 hours. Sailing experience is required.

Duration	Half day	What to Bring
Intensity Level	Moderate	Bottled Water
·		Sunscreen

Swimsuit Beach Towel Cap or Hat

Sunglasses

BIOLUMINESCENCE NIGHT TOUR

Enjoy an evening boat tour, and discover one of the natural wonders of Belize! This tour leaves just before sunset from the Sittee River Marina and takes you through a jungle tunnel and mangroves directly into the Anderson Lagoon. Here you will experience the magic of Bioluminescence at its finest. Experience an abundance of fish darting around the boat glowing bright neon green and travel through schools of jellyfish, all aglow. It seems as if the water becomes alive with neon lights. It truly is an amazing adventure that must be experienced to be believed! This tour is about 2 hours. This is a seasonal tour only available from December to June.

DurationHalf dayIntensity LevelEasy

What to Bring Bottled Water Beach Towel Bug Repellent

T-Shirt &Long Sleeved Shirt Long Pants

Snorkeling & Diving

GLOVER'S REEF DIVING

Glovers Reef is located approximately 30 nautical miles offshore from the beach in Hopkins, a journey which takes about an hour and a half. This atoll is so amazing that it was declared a World Heritage Site by the United Nations and it represents some of the best diving in Belize. If visibility is good, the guides like to dive a site called "the Pinnacles" which has big coral heads rising up 40 feet or more from the sea floor. Lots of sponges, plate corals and beautiful gorgonians can be found on each pinnacle. Second and third dives are on the east side of the atoll where the water depth quickly drops off to more than 2,000 feet and visibility is usually over 100 feet. Critters here include Nassau groupers, lobsters, eagle rays and several species of huge snappers. Occasionally in the months of December to February giant manta rays can be seen gliding close to the surface. This tour can be booked as double or triple tank dive.

DurationFull dayIntensity LevelModerate

What to Bring Bottled Water Waterproof Camera

Swimsuit Change of Clothes

TURNEFFE ISLAND ATOLL DIVING

This can be one of the very best dive sites in Belize! This atoll is located approximately 30 nautical miles offshore from the beach of Hopkins and the boat ride takes about 90 minutes. This three tank trip heads northeast cruising past remote fishing camps and idyllic cayes before punching out of the protective Barrier Reef for a short crossing to Turneffe Islands Atoll. Our first dive is one of Belize's most famous dive sites, "The Elbow". The current flows down both sides of Turneffe Atoll and converges at the dive site attracting large schools of jacks, snappers, sharks, eagle rays and larger fish than you are likely to see elsewhere on the Belize reefs. On the next two dives, you experience sheer walls for which Turneffe is famous. You may even encounter dolphins.

Duration	Full day	What to Bring	
Intensity Level Moderate		Bottled Water	Swimsuit
		Waterproof Camera	Change of Clothes

LIGHTHOUSE REEF ATOLL & BLUE HOLE DIVING

The Blue Hole located on the Lighthouse Reef Atoll is one of Belize's best known dive sites. It was made famous by Jacques Cousteau who visited the Blue Hole aboard Calypso in 1972 to determine its depth. This atoll is located approximately 50 nautical miles offshore from the beach of Hopkins and the boat ride takes approximately 2.5 hours.

Once there you can go down 130 feet to view the largest underwater dripstones on the planet! We have two Blue Hole dive profiles. Only experienced, comfortable divers will be permitted to dive to 130 feet. Other divers will enjoy a comfortable, 60-foot Blue Hole dive.

After the Blue Hole, we head a short distance to Half Moon Caye Bird Sanctuary known for the clearest waters and finest beaches of Belize. Our second dive explores the Half Moon Caye wall, a unique topography of swim-through channels. Immense coral buttresses are decorated with black corals, gorgonia, sea whips, a variety of brightly colored sponges, as well as a profusion of reef fish and cruising pelagics. Divers then return to Half Moon Caye to a picnic lunch and a relaxing surface interval before heading out to Long Caye for our third and final dive site.

Perched on the edge of the cobalt blue abyss, "The Aquarium", starts in only 15-20 feet of water before plummeting downward. This site offers what is arguably some of Belize's most prolific and high energy diving. We then depart for our 2-hour journey home with the wind at our back and the sun setting over the Maya Mountains before us.

DurationFull dayIntensity LevelModerate

What to Bring Bottled Water Waterproof Camera

Swimsuit Change of Clothes

SOUTH WATER CAYE SNORKEL

South Water Caye is another Belize Marine Reserve protecting the marine and reef environments which makes for an excellent snorkeling trip. This atoll is located approximately 14 nautical miles offshore from the beach of Hopkins and the boat ride takes about 40 minutes. Attractions include spotted eagle and southern stingrays and nurse sharks in the sandy bottom, spiny lobsters, huge spider crabs, spotted eels, turtles, schools of tarpon and a wide variety of colorful tropical reef fish thriving around healthy coral. The tour then stops at South Water Caye for refreshments before proceeding to the second snorkel site which is just as amazing as the first and back to the resort around 1:00 pm.

DurationHalf dayIntensity LevelEasy

What to Bring Bottled Water Waterproof Camera

Swimsuit Change of Clothes

GLOVER'S REEF SNORKEL

Glovers Reef is located approximately 30 nautical miles offshore from the beach in Hopkins, a journey which takes about an hour and a half. This atoll is so amazing that it was declared a World Heritage Site by the United Nations. Glover's Atoll has over 800 massive coral formations, many of which provide great snorkeling opportunities. At the center of the atoll is a calm and beautiful lagoon with shallow water and an incredible variety of marine life such as parrot fish, sting rays, lobsters, and hundreds of tropical colorful fish species.

DurationFull dayIntensity LevelEasy

What to Bring Bottled Water Waterproof Camera

Swimsuit Change of Clothes



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