



Mainland Tours
Placencia



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 grating a coconut. After eating a delicious lunch, you get to test out your rhythm with a drum lesson by a local musician.

Duration Half day
Intensity Level Easy

What to Bring
Camera
Sunscreen
Bug Repellent

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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 home-cooked 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 of 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, nutmeg, 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 HOPKINS FOR THE DAY

If you're staying in Placencia, let us show you a day in Hopkins! Hopkins Village is located on the central coast of Belize and only a one hour drive and is well-known for its friendly, village life and its strong Garifuna culture. Take a tour of the village, eat at a local restaurant to taste traditional Garifuna food and enjoy a drumming lesson at Lebeha Drumming School! We will treat you to a locally made sweet treat.

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.

Duration Half day
Intensity Level Easy

What to Bring
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
Intensity Level Easy

What to Bring
Sunscreen
Bug Repellent
Camera
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 addition: Water shoes or sneakers, swimsuit, beach towel and extra set of dry clothes.

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
Intensity Level Easy

What to Bring
Sunscreen
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.

Duration Half day
Intensity Level Easy

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
Intensity Level Moderate

What to Bring
Bottled Water
Sunscreen
Bug Repellent
Water Shoes or Sneakers
Camera
Swimsuit
Beach Towel
Extra Set of Dry Clothes

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.

Duration Full day
Intensity Level Easy

What to Bring
Bottled Water
Sunscreen
Bug Repellent
Sturdy Shoes or Boots
Cap of Hat
Camera

Placencia Tours

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
Intensity Level Moderate to Difficult

What to Bring
Bottle Water
Sunscreen
Bug Repellent
Sturdy Shoes or Boots
Camera
Swimsuit
Beach Towel
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.

Duration Full day
Intensity Level Easy

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!

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| Duration | Half day | What to Bring | |
| Intensity Level | Moderate or Difficult | Bottled Water | T-Shirt |
| | | Sunscreen | Sturdy Shoes or Boots |
| | | Bug Repellent | Camera |
| | | Loose fitting long pants | 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.

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| Duration | Full day | What to Bring | |
| Intensity Level | Moderate | Bottled Water | Swimsuit |
| | | Beach Towel | Sturdy Shoes or Boots |
| | | Bug Repellent | Camera |
| | | Sunscreen | 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.

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| Duration | Half day | What to Bring | |
| Intensity Level | Easy | Sunscreen | Bottle water |
| | | Bug Repellent | Cap or Hat |
| | | Camera | Sturdy Shoes or Boots |

HORSEBACK RIDING

This tour gives you the opportunity to ride on well-trained horses through 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.

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| Duration | Half day | What to Bring | |
| Intensity Level | Easy to Moderate depending on riding experience | Bottled Water | T-Shirt |
| | | Sunscreen | Sturdy Shoes or Boots |
| | | Bug Repellent | Camera |
| | | Loose fitting long pants | 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.

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| Duration | Full day | What to Bring | |
| Intensity Level | Moderate | Bottled Water | Swimsuit |
| | | Beach Towel | Water Shoes or Sneakers |
| | | Bug Repellent | Camera |
| | | Shorts and Shirt | Extra Set of Dry Clothes |

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.

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| Duration | Full day | What to Bring | |
| Intensity Level | Moderate | Bottled Water | Swimsuit |
| | | Beach Towel | Sturdy Shoes or Boots |
| | | Bug Repellent | Camera |
| | | Shorts and Shirt | Extra Set of Dry Clothes |



Fishing

FLY FISHING

Belize is a flat fishing mecca where fly fishing enthusiasts have a chance at the revered Grand Slam: a bonefish, tarpon and permit in one day! Prized for its incredible strength and speed, bonefish may average between 2 to 5 pounds and are caught on Belize’s flats throughout the year. The virgin waters around Placencia offer a fertile ground to sight and catch these top game fish.

Tarpons are perhaps some of the strongest, largest (up to a whopping 200 pounds) and most acrobatic fish in saltwater. The best tarpon fishing months are from November through April or May. Tarpon Caye lies offshore of Placencia. Belize’s southern waters are not only known for tarpon and bonefish, but also the amazing number of permit that inhabit the long chain of cayes and flats. This trip can be done as half day or full day.

Duration Full or Half day
Intensity Level Easy

What to Bring
Bottled Water Swimsuit or Dry Clothes
Waterproof Camera Binoculars
Beach Towel Sun Hat
Long Sleeved Shirt Dry Bag (If you have one)

TROLLING & SPIN CAST FISHING

Belize fishing has long been recognized as a world-class angling destination, and fishermen from all parts of the world come for great sports fishing. Trolling and Spin Casting the Barrier Reef is fun and is the best way to ensure that you will come home with a prize fish. Outside of the barrier reef, dozens of other species are found in the deep blue sea including wahoo, dolphin fish (also known as dorado or maui-maui), grouper, barracuda, jack crevalle, yellowtail and mutton snapper. This trip can be done as half day or full day.

Duration Full or Half day
Intensity Level Easy

What to Bring
Bottled Water Swimsuit or Dry Clothes
Waterproof Camera Binoculars
Beach Towel Sun Hat
Long Sleeved Shirt Dry Bag (If you have one)



Snorkeling & Diving

SILK OR QUEEN CAYES, POMPION CAYE and RANGUANA CAYE DIVE

These islands are located at 20 nautical miles from the beach of Placencia and the boat ride takes approximately 50 minutes. Here the diver is likely to see hawksbill and loggerhead turtles, eagle rays, spiny lobsters, spider crabs, barracuda, schools of yellowtail and dogtooth snappers, several different species of groupers, a myriad of types of reef fishes, nurse sharks and occasional hammer head sharks. Coral formations include walls, canyons, pinnacles, spur and grove formations and overhangs with an abundance of coral and sponge types.

On most dive trips, the added bonus is a post dive snorkel just inside the barrier reef where the local fisherman clean their catch – almost guaranteed to snorkel with huge turtles, southern sting rays, eagle rays, and nurse sharks. Great chance for a nose to nose photo op with the great big turtle.

These dives are suitable for beginner to advanced divers and represent some of the best diving on the Belize barrier reef system. Lunch is barbecue or home cooked Belizean style on the beach at Silk or Queen Cayes where there are picnic and barbecue facilities.

Duration Full day
Intensity Level Moderate

What to Bring
Bottled Water
Waterproof Camera
Beach Towel
Windbreaker Jacket

Swimsuit
Sunglasses
Sunscreen
Change of Clothes

LAUGHING BIRD CAYE DIVE

Laughing Bird Caye is a National Marine Park, World Heritage Site and has an abundance and variety of coral habitats and marine life for scuba divers to explore. This island is located at 11 nautical miles from the beach of Placencia and the boat ride takes approximately 30 minutes. The formation of most of the dive sites are fringing reef systems, with spur and groove formations, and occasional drop offs and areas of patch reef. Many of these protected sites are ideal for entry level and novice divers as there are very weak currents but are also suited to experienced and expert divers who have good buoyancy control, and a fine eye for details, as there are many reef critters that will make the dives enjoyable and exciting. Enjoy a Belize style picnic lunch or a barbecue and relax on the beach after the first dive, then head back in the water for more exploration. You'll arrive back in Placencia at 3:00 pm after the second dive.

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| Cost | \$\$ | What to Bring | |
| Duration | Full day | Bottled Water | Swimsuit |
| Intensity Level | Moderate | Waterproof Camera | Sunglasses |
| | | Beach Towel | Sunscreen |
| | | Windbreaker Jacket | Change of Clothes |

WHALE SHARK DIVE OR SNORKEL

Gladden Spit and Silk Cayes Marine Reserve is a protected marine reserve located at 22 miles off the coast of Placencia or at approximately 1 hour boat ride. Between the months of April and June a great number of snappers produce tons of spawn which attracts whale sharks to feed. Whale sharks are the biggest fish in the ocean growing up to lengths of 60 feet.

Divers and snorkelers get a rare opportunity to swim along with this magnificent creature but are not allowed to chase, ride, touch nor otherwise disturb them. The wall here slopes down to 160 feet/50mt then drops off into the blue abyss. Diving is done in mid water at a depth no deeper than 80 feet/24mt in groups no larger than 12 divers with their dive masters. Special procedures are followed on this dive to ensure safety and to limit any harm that may be caused to the sharks. Snorkeling is done on the surface in open water, however snorkelers have an excellent chance of seeing the whale sharks as they come to the surface to feed.

2018 DATES

April 30 to May 10
May 29 to June 10
June 28 to July 12

These dive trips are in high demand and our April and May trips normally sell out months in advance. Because June can be a windy month with rough water there is a high chance this trip gets canceled.

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| Duration | Full day | What to Bring | |
| Intensity Level | Moderate | Bottled Water | Swimsuit |
| | | Waterproof Camera | Sunglasses |
| | | Beach Towel | Sunscreen |
| | | Windbreaker Jacket | Change of Clothes |

Note – This trip is dependent on weather and a minimum number of divers signing up. The minimum age to go to the whale shark zone is 14.

SOUTH WATER CAYE DIVE

South Water Caye is located at 24 nautical miles from the beach of Placencia and the boat ride takes approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Because of the time, distance and attractions, this destination is done as a three tank dive.

There are many dive sites at South Water Caye with Rosella's Garden, Trick Ridge, Long Reef, and the Abyss being among the most popular ones. Attractions include spotted eagle, southern stingrays, nurse sharks in the sandy bottom, spiny lobsters, huge spider crabs, turtles, schools of tarpons and a wide variety of smaller tropical reef fish thriving around healthy corals. This Marine Reserve has unique formation of corals big barrel sponges with cleaning stations where huge barracudas and groupers visit resident cleaner shrimps. These dives are suitable for beginner to advanced level scuba divers.

Duration Full day

Intensity Level Easy

What to Bring

Bottled Water

Waterproof Camera

Beach Towel

Windbreaker Jacket

Swimsuit

Sunglasses

Sunscreen

Change of Clothes



SILK CAYES, POMPION CAYE OR RANGUANA CAYE SNORKEL (OUTER REEF)

These islands are located at 20 nautical miles from the beach of Placencia and the boat ride takes approximately 50 minutes. Here snorkelers are likely to see huge lobsters, cleaner shrimp, arrow crabs, snapper, barracuda and an abundance of colorful reef fish. A typical day snorkeling includes an authentic Belizean lunch and just before heading back to Placencia as an added bonus the snorkelers join the scuba divers and head to a spot just inside the barrier reef where local fishermen clean their catch and where you are almost certain to have the opportunity to snorkel with huge turtles, southern sting rays, eagle rays and nurse sharks.

OR

LAUGHING BIRD CAYE SNORKEL (INNER REEF)

Laughing Bird Caye is a National Marine Park, World Heritage Site and has an abundance and variety of coral habitats and marine life for scuba divers to explore. This island is located at 11 nautical miles from the beach of Placencia and the boat ride takes approximately 30 minutes. Your expert guide will take you on a tour of the abundant and varied coral and to meet the critters such as huge lobsters, cleaner shrimp, arrow crabs, snapper, barracuda and more varieties of reef fish than you can count.

Duration Full day

Intensity Level Easy

What to Bring

Bottled Water

Waterproof Camera

Beach Towel

Windbreaker Jacket

Swimsuit

Sunglasses

Sunscreen

Change of Clothes



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