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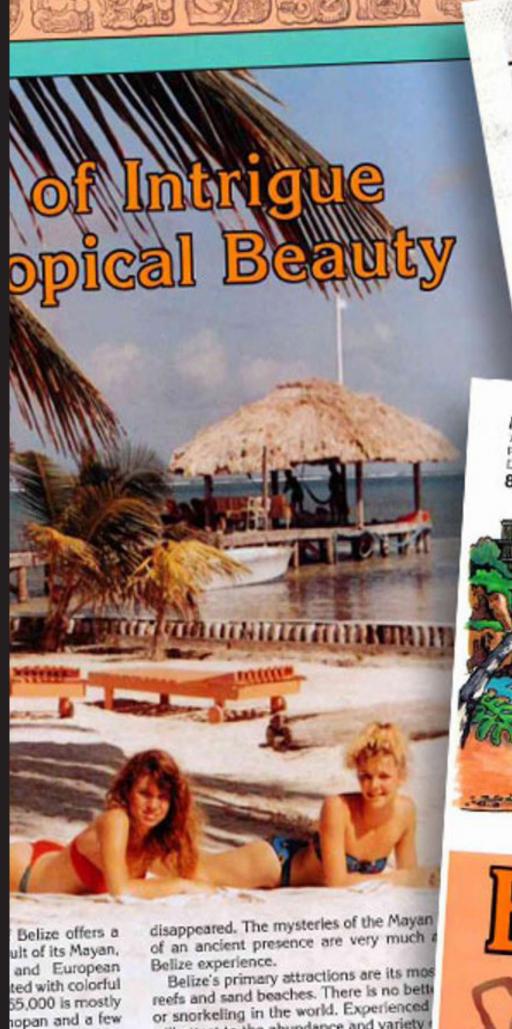
Magnum Tours is a leading Belize destination specialist that has been offering one-of-a-kind vacation experiences for over 30 years.

Our company is based in Minnesota. It all started back in 1983 as a Fishing company called Magnum Americas that arranged summer trips to Canada & Alaska and winter trip to Belize. The owners eventually bought a resort and started offering packages to travel agents in the American and Canadian market. What has begun as a fishing company is today the major tour operator for Belize.

We customize experiences from start to finish. We work with all the best local vendors and have a strong relationship with them, especially when it comes to getting extra amenities that would not be available to the general public.

Our travel consultants are passionate, knowledgeable and creative when it comes to customizing itineraries ... Because we have been focusing only on one country, we know Belize of the top of our head and we can save you time in long research and guarantee you'll get the best recommendations.

We also love working with Travel Agents as we partner to design custom journeys that exceed their client's expectations.



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GET STARTED



ABOUT BELIZE

Belize is located in Central America between Guatemala, Mexico and the Caribbean Sea and is the only English-speaking country in the area. It was known as "British Honduras" until 1973 and then later, on September 21, 1981, was granted independence.

The average temperature is about 84 degrees Fahrenheit all year round. Belize has two seasons – the dry and the wet. The dry season is from December to May and has lower rainfall than the rest of the year. The wet season is between June through November with frequent rainfall and thunderstorms during the nights especially in June and July.

There are daily flights from many cities across North America. There are nonstop flights from Miami, Houston, Dallas, Atlanta, Charlotte, New York, Chicago, Denver and Los Angeles. If you are looking to price it the Belize airport code is BZE. Airfare average prices around \$650 US per person but it can be higher during peak season or lower when on sale.

Another great advantage Belize has when compared with nearby countries is that although the Spanish language is widely spoken, its official language is English. This comes very handy especially when you are outside of your resort, at the grocery store, while shopping or dining out.

Also, the Belize currency exchange is extremely easy for American visitors. The Belize dollar is locked at \$2 Belize = \$1 USD. Also US dollars are accepted everywhere in Belize.

Last but not least... It's a safe destination. Belizeans are welcoming, charming and always ready to help you. They are proud of their country and where they came from.

WHAT TO EXPECT

THE EXPERIENCE

Belize is one of the smallest and best preserved countries in Central America, offering the chance to discover the ancient Mayan civilization and their long and fascinating history, lush nature full of enchanting places and unique colors, with forests that hide valuable archaeological treasures and a barrier reef that makes every diver's dream come true.

If you are still looking for that huge all-inclusive megaresort with 12 restaurants on site, let us save you some time because there are none. Honestly, we totally get the temptation of that type of vacation. It's all free, right? (Well, sorta). But that's not what Belize is about.

Belize is the eco-lodge' owner that shares stories with you at breakfast, the Mayan family that shares their centuries old tricks, the guide that holds your hand while climbing the jungle waterfall, the sharks you see snorkeling, the golf cart through colorful towns, and many once in a lifetime experiences.

Let a temporary new lifestyle embrace you. Trust us...you'll be okay!

IS BELIZE FOR ME?

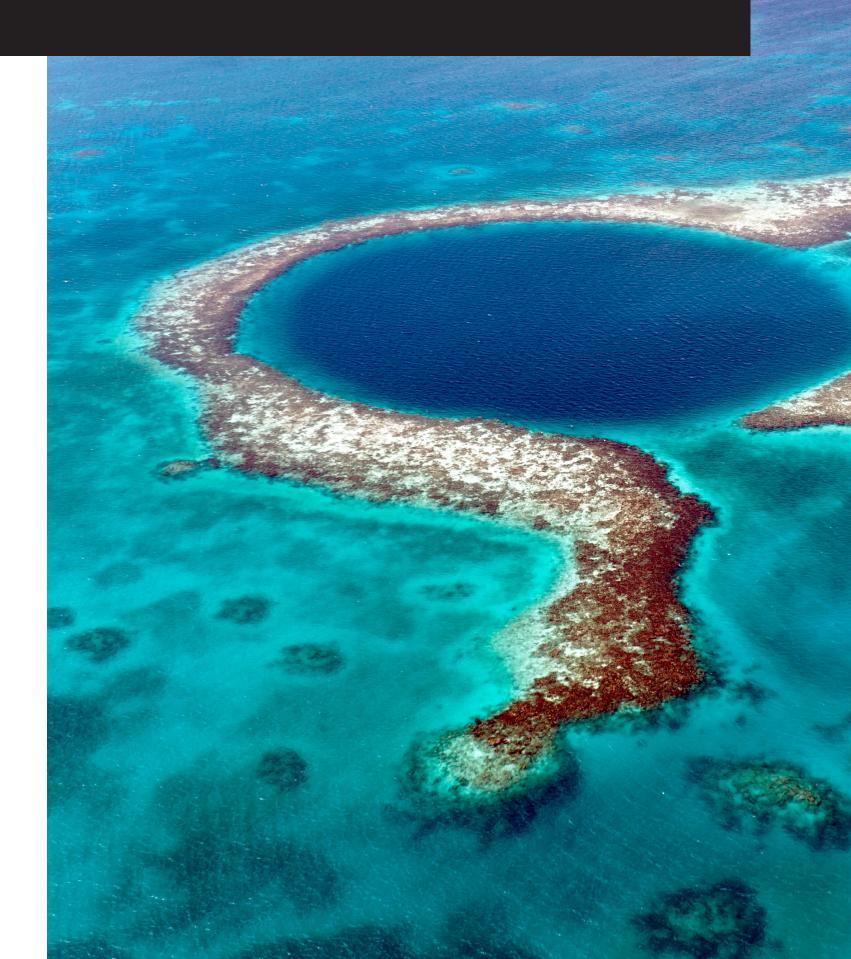
Belize is a small country and allows travelers to experience at least two locations while visiting. In fact, our most popular itineraries include a few nights in a jungle lodge and the remaining nights in one of the beach location.

There isn't really a best itinerary that we recommend because in our experience, what makes your trip a perfect one is only when you are part of the planning. That's why we ask many questions to you or your travel advisor to get a better sense of what you like and what is going to work for your based on your own needs.

We found that most of the travelers that show interest in Belize have already traveled in the Caribbean and Central America. They have done the All-Inclusive vacation a few times, they loved it but they are now wanting to do something different. Although we do have a few properties that offer meal and drink plans, Belize is not your typical, large Caribbean resort with 5 restaurants onsite and unlimited beverages.

However, for those that are looking for an "off the beaten path" type of vacation, Belize has everything to offer. Some of the most popular jungle adventures are cave tubing, zip lining, waterfall rappelling, cave exploration, horseback riding through the rainforest. The most popular activities at the beach are snorkeling, diving and fishing.

Let's not forget that Belize has the second largest barrier reef in the World (only second to Australia) and that we have The Great Blue Hole, which is a paradise for avid divers and photographers.



WHERE TO STAY

Belize offers many vacation options. Before we even start talking about specific hotels or lodges, it's very important to understand how you envision your vacation so that we can recommend the area of Belize that might suit you better. In all these areas, we have great accommodations, mainly boutique resorts that are small and exclusive, which allows the staff to have personalized time with each of our clients.

IN THE JUNGLE

When we are looking at the jungle area, we refer to the Cayo District. From Belize City, we always arrange a private ground transfer to your lodge. This transfer can take from 1 ½ to 3 hours depending on the location of your lodge. This area includes miles of trails, crystal clear creeks, the tallest waterfall in Central America, beautiful river you can canoe, the most extensive cave system in the World rich of Mayan artifacts, an abundant bird life estimated around 604 species which include the most magnificent bird of the parrot family, the Scarlet Macaw. The Cayo District is with no doubt a sanctuary for nature lovers.

Most of the eco-lodges do not have air conditioning. This is not really a problem during the dry season (Dec-Apr) where the temperatures at night can also go as low as 65 F. If you are traveling during the summer moths and the air conditioning is something important to you, simply let us know so we can make sure we recommend the right jungle property.

Also, when staying in a jungle lodge we always make sure to include a meal plan during your stay. As a Magnum Tours guest, complimentary breakfast is typically included with the accommodation. Many full day tours also include lunch during the excursion.

AT THE BEACH

When we are looking at the beach for example, we have three main areas in the country: Ambergris Caye, Hopkins and the Placencia Peninsula.

Ambergris Caye is the largest and most visited caye in the country. From Belize City, we arrange a beautiful 15-minute jumper flight to San Pedro. The beaches are white and sandy, the water countless shades of blue and the reef is just a short boat ride off shore. The town of San Pedro is busy, there is always something going on, there are shops, grocery stores, and plenty of restaurants. The main form of transportation is golf carts, which is a must have in this area.

Hopkins is a small Garifuna fishing village located in southern Belize, just south of Dangriga. From Belize City, we arrange either an air transfer (15 minutes) or a private ground transfer (2 ½ hours). Hopkins is truly an up-and-coming destination, mainly because of its charm and its proximity to some of the country's most beautiful natural attractions. This laid-back beach retreat is everything that a Caribbean beach village should be. The soft sand leads into warm and shallow water making it a perfect playground for families and children to go swimming.

The Placencia Peninsula is home to the longest stretch of beach in mainland Belize. From Belize City, we always do an air transfer (30 minutes) or a private ground transfer can also be arranged but can be quiet long (3 ½ hours). With its luxury villas and plenty of high-end restaurants, Placencia definitely is geared towards tourist entertainment, not too busy and not too quiet. There are also some unique activities that can be done only if you are staying in this area such as the Monkey River tour and diving with whale sharks.



2020 NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

January 1	New Years Day	May 25	Commonwealth Day
March 9	National Heroes Day	September 10	St George's Caye Day
April 10	Good Friday	September 21	Independence Day
April 11	Holy Saturday	October 12	Pan America Day
April 12	Easter	November 19	Garifuna Settlement Day
April 13	Easter Monday	December 25	Christmas Day
May 1	Labor Day	December 28	Boxing Day

EVENTS

January

Grand Slam Tagging International

February

Fiesta de Carnaval San Pedro Carnival International Bullfish Tournament

March

La Ruta Maya Canoe River Challenge Race Chocolate Week Maya Day Baron Bliss Day Holy Saturday Cross Country

April

San Pedro Reef Eco Challenge San Jose Succotz Fiesta

May

Cashew Festival
Toledo Festival of Arts
National Agriculture/Trade Show
Toledo Cacao Festival
Monkey River Festival

June

Lobster Fest Dia de San Pedro

July

Pibil Fest Belize International Film Festival

August

Costa Maya Festival Tres Pescados Tournament

September

Carnival Road March BTIA Salt Water Fishing Tournament

October

Belikin Billfish Tournament Mexican National Day

November

Battle of the Drums

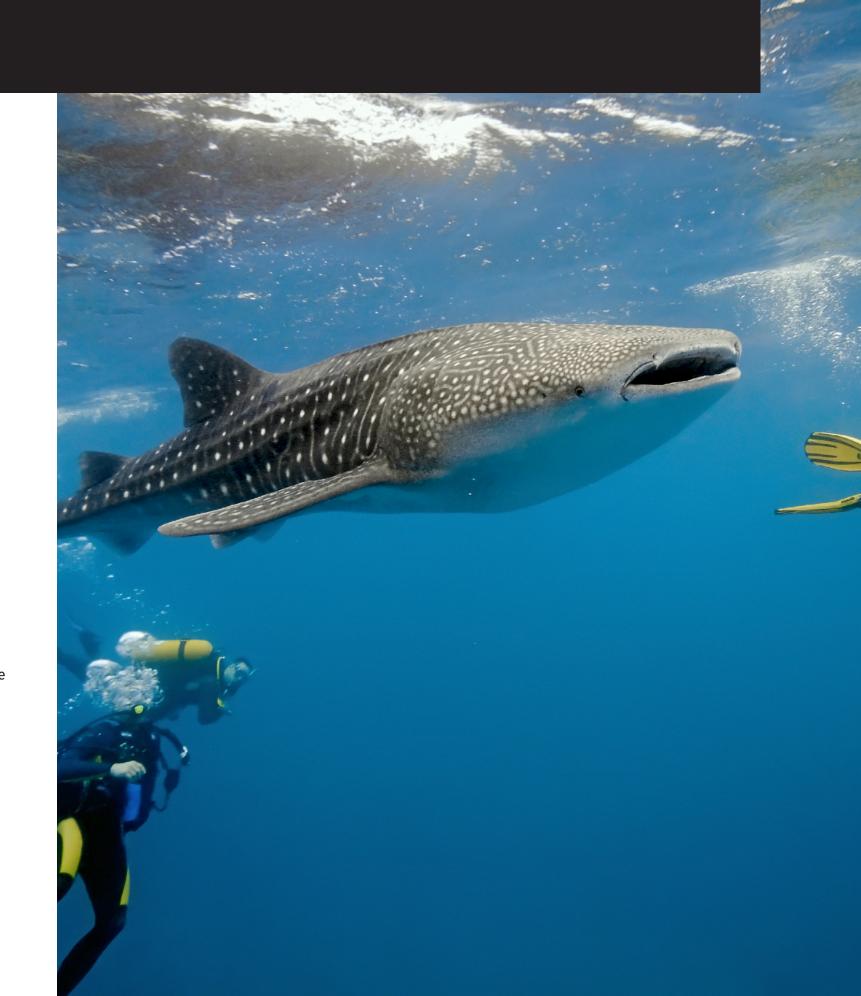
December

San Pedro Christmas Boat Parade

2020 WHALE SHARK DATES

Southern Belize

March 8 - 19 (Full Moon March 9) April 6 - 17 (Full Moon April 7) May 6 - 17 (Full Moon May 7) June 6 - 15 (Full Moon June 5)



THNGS TO KNOW

LOCATION

Belize is located just south of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and is bordered by Guatemala to the west and south. It is approximately the size of Massachusetts, with a population of 225,500.

TIME

Central Standard Time. No Daylight Savings observed.

WEATHER

Climate is subtropical, with an annual temperature that averages 80 degrees F. Rains can bring the temperature down to the low 60s, while mid 90s can be common during the summer. Water temperature averages between 79 and 83 degrees F. Trade winds along the coast and on the cayes help keep temperatures pleasant even in the hottest months. Tropical storms can occasionally occur in the Caribbean region, with increased probability late summer/early fall, although the chance of visitors experiencing such extreme weather is remote.

Dry Season: Generally December - May

Rainy Season: Typically June to November, brief showers can occur usually later in the day

LANGUAGE

English is the official language. Most Belizeans speak another language - Creole, Spanish or Maya.

RELIGIONS

Roman Catholic, Anglican, Protestant, Muslim, Jewish, and regional ethnic religions.

GOVERNMENT

Formerly known as British Honduras, Belize gained its independence in 1981. It's a parliamentary democracy and member of the British Commonwealth.

CURRENCY

The currency exchange is a stable \$2 BZ = \$1 US. Retail stores & restaurants accept US and Belizean currency interchangeably. Bring cash or traveler's checks - many places don't accept credit cards.

ELECTRICITY

110 volts. No adaptors necessary for U.S. electronics. Some remote hotels have electricity furnished by generators.

TIPPING

Some hotels & restaurants add a service charge, which is distributed among staff. In general, follow the same guidelines you would use at home, tipping for rewarding good service.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A valid passport is required to enter Belize. US Citizens don't need a visa. Citizens of other countries should check with the Belize embassy in their country for regulations. If both parents are not travelling with minors, a Minor Travel Consent Form may be requested.

CUSTOMS DECLARATION

Duty-free importation is allowed for the accompanied baggage of the passenger which is not intended for any other person or resale. Each person is allowed to import: One carton (200 cigarettes) and one bottle (fifth) of alcoholic beverage duty free.

EXIT REQUIREMENTS

When leaving Belize, you must pay an exit fee. These fees may be included in your airline confirmation.

AIR SERVICES

Belize City is the hub for visiting the mainland or the cayes and is an easy two hour flight from Miami or Houston. Tropic Air provides domestic air services to all main cities in Belize and to Guatemala, Mexico and Honduras. Magnum Belize can help you book both international and domestic flights at the same time you reserve your accommodations.

GENERAL

In an effort to preserve resources & amenities for the enjoyment of others, the following are prohibited by law: removing & exporting black coral, hunting without a license, picking orchids in forest reserves, removing archaeological artifacts, spear fishing while wearing scuba diving apparel and overnight camping in any public place, including forest reserves.

SAFETY

Most residents realize that tourism is a key to the Belizean economy and crime against visitors is rare. The same principles of travel apply here as they do in any unfamiliar city or country; don't venture into unfamiliar areas at night and safeguard your possessions.

FOOD AND DRINK

Rice and beans are the staples of the Belizean diet, often served with chicken. Creole, Mexican, Central American, Chinese and American cuisine are also served. Seafood is widely available.

WHAT TO BRING

Good sunscreen is a must. Insect repellent is useful during jungle hikes or when there is no wind. Shorts, t-shirts and sundresses for the day. Bring a sweater for evenings during the winter, especially in the mountains. Long pants are a necessity in the jungle. Necessities can be found in local stores but are expensive and limited.

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GET MARRIED



A romantic ceremony in a lush tropical garden or historic British Colonial residence... on the grounds of an ancient, sacred Mayan site... a casual beach wedding or an elegant, exclusive reception on a private island... Belize offers an infinite variety of options for the wedding and honeymoon of your dreams.

Start your romantic vacation off with champagne and flowers on arrival. Hike down to enjoy a private lunch and swim in the pools of the waterfalls. Go horseback riding amidst ancient Mayan ruins. Canoe down the river to see the wildlife at its banks. Have a couples massage in the jungle air. Snorkel Hol Chan and watch the sea turtles. Explore the town on bicycles. Go fishing and have a romantic dinner for two on the beach. Go on an evening lagoon cruise. Sail off into the sunset on a catamaran. Find romance in Belize!

When it comes to planning the ceremony and organizing marriage festivities, you can choose to do it yourself, or request the assistance of your resort, hotel or tour operator. Many hotels and resorts even offer the personalized service of a wedding planner.

There are a few requirements to be able to have a civil or nondenominational wedding in Belize:

- Couples getting married must reside in Belize for at least three business days prior to their license application being processed. Applications must be made with the Registrar General's Office in Belize City.
- Proof of citizenship is required (i.e., valid passport).
- If applicable, a certified copy or an original copy of your divorce decree or a death certificate is required in the event that one of the partners getting married is a widow or widower.
- The cost of the license is U.S. \$100.00 per couple, plus an administrative fee of U.S. \$5.00. Licenses can be obtained within two days.
- Two witnesses must be present at the ceremony.
- The marriage must be registered with the Belize Registry Department after the marriage ceremony has been completed.

Be sure to check the US Embassy of Belize website for up-to-date requirements for getting married in Belize before planning your wedding.

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AMBERGRIS CAYE

Ambergris Caye is a 25 mile long island stretching down south from the Yucatan Peninsula. Located approximately 35 miles from Belize City, Belize's most popular island is a great place to start or end any vacation. The island itself is made up of mangrove swamps, lagoons, and low sand ridges. Visitors to Ambergris Caye can find plenty of shopping, restaurants, resorts, activities and more on the island reachable by boat or air.

SAN PEDRO TOWN

San Pedro Town is the only town on Ambergris Caye. This bustling town gives you the true feel of life on the island. Golf carts line the streets as you see kids in uniform heading off to school. Local shops with Belizean art or culinary foods, markets set up on street corners and vendors selling in the town squares are all great places to spend your afternoon. Take a bike, rent a golf cart, or walk up and down the streets in this vibrant town. Many festivals are celebrated in San Pedro including the San Pedro Carnival in February, San Pedro Lobster Fest in June, Dia de San Pedro in June, and the Costa Maya Festival in August.

DIVE THE ATOLLS

Three offshore atolls, Turneffe, Lighthouse and Glover's Reef, contain some of Belize's top dives. An atoll is a ringlike, coral island/reef that nearly or entirely encloses a lagoon

Turneffe, located 25 miles east of Belize City, is the largest of Belize's three atolls. It offers divers a variety of experiences, from drift dives to wall dives and creek dives. One of the favorite sites here is the "Elbow," which includes a steep sloping drop-off as well as shallow reef and a wrecked ship.

Glover's Reef, named for pirate John Glover, lies northeast of Placencia. It's a circular necklace of coral reef surrounding an 80-square-mile lagoon. It is the least dived and one of the most pristine sites in Belize.

Lighthouse Reef, home to the Blue Hole, is about 50 miles east of Belize City. At the southeast corner is the 45-acre Half Moon Caye Natural Monument, the first reserve to be established by the National Park Systems Act of 1981.

THE BLUE HOLE

The Blue Hole, the country's most famous dive destination, is located in the center of Lighthouse Reef Atoll. Originally a cave, the roof fell in 10,00 years ago as the land receded into the sea. Almost circular, it measures 1,000 feet in diameter and plunges 410 feet. The former cave's stalagmites and stalactites rate as some of the Blue Hole's trademarks. Magnum Belize Tours can arrange day trips from most Belize resorts to experience this natural wonder.

MEXICO ROCKS

Another dive and snorkel site seven miles north of Ambergris Caye is Mexico Rocks. It's rich with many varieties of patch head coral and numerous juvenile fish, making a colorful aquarium.

HOL CHAN MARINE RESERVE

A national park four miles southeast of San Pedro, Hol Chan features a natural break that gives rise to striking coral formations, fish and other marine life. Established in 1987, it's the first reserve of its kind in Central America.

SHARK-RAY ALLEY

To swim with nurse sharks and southern sting rays, visit Shark-Ray Alley, a shallow cut in the reef located to the south and to the inside of Hol Chan Marine Reserve.

FISHING

Belize offers some of the world's most spectacular fishing in its abundant waters for any level of angling experience, from freshwater fly and spin cast fishing to deep-sea fishing. Look to the reef to catch groupers, snappers, jacks, and barracudas. Marlin and sailfish migrate just outside the barrier reef in the spring and the fall. In the flats and back reef, you'll find permit, tarpon, snook, yellowtail snapper, barracuda and bonefish. Belize's rivers and estuaries are good for snook, tarpon, bonefish and snapper.

GOLF CART RENTALS

Golf cart rentals are a great way to get around the main island of Ambergris Caye. Rentals are available from daily to weekly and more! Be sure to ask us how to book one in advance and we will get it delivered to your resort to be ready for your arrival.



THE CAYO DISTRICT

The Cayo District, primarily an agricultural district, is the largest in Belize and borders Guatemala on the western side. Following the Western Highway, travelers to Cayo will find the adventure center of Belize, rich with tropical foliage, wildlife and waterfalls.

Cayo is home to the largest Maya site in Belize: Caracol & most photographed ruin of Xunantunich, also known as "Maiden of the Rock". It also offers some of the best canoeing, river rafting, hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking in Belize.

The Thousand Foot Falls, occasionally referred to as Hidden Valley Falls, is actually 1600 ft high, & is believed to be the highest waterfall in all of Central America.

BELMOPAN

Belmopan, the capital city of Belize, is located in the Cayo District. Spend some time in the city walking through Market Square for shopping or dining or visit Independence Plaza to see the National Assembly Building which resembles a Maya temple. If you are looking for adventure, there is plenty to do from cave tubing, rapelling, hiking Guanacaste National Park or taking a dip in the inland Blue Hole.

SAN IGNACIO

San Ignacio, sitting on the banks of the Macal River, is a cultural hub of the Cayo District. Home to the bustling Saturday morning San Ignacio Market, Iguana Conservation Project and Belize Botanical gardens, there is always something to see in San Ignacio. Many jungle stays will start or end here and the nearby San Ignacio airstrip makes this destination easily accessible.

TIKAL

Located just across the Guatemala border, Tikal is regarded as one of the most important archaeological discoveries of the 20th century. It is estimated that 1 million people worked over 1,000 years to build this city. At least 3,000 palaces dating back 6,000 years have been discovered here.

CARACOL

Although it was discovered in 1938, excavation efforts at Caracol only began in earnest in 1985. Archaeologists now believe it to be a larger site than Tikal. There are more than 4,000 structures spread across 55 square miles. The largest pyramid, "Sky Palace," rises 140 feet and is the tallest human-made structure in Belize. More than 55 tombs have been discovered, including two belonging to a king and his royal family. A stele (inscription in stone) records Caracol's victory in war with Tikal. Caracol is located in the Chiquibul Forest south of San Ignacio.

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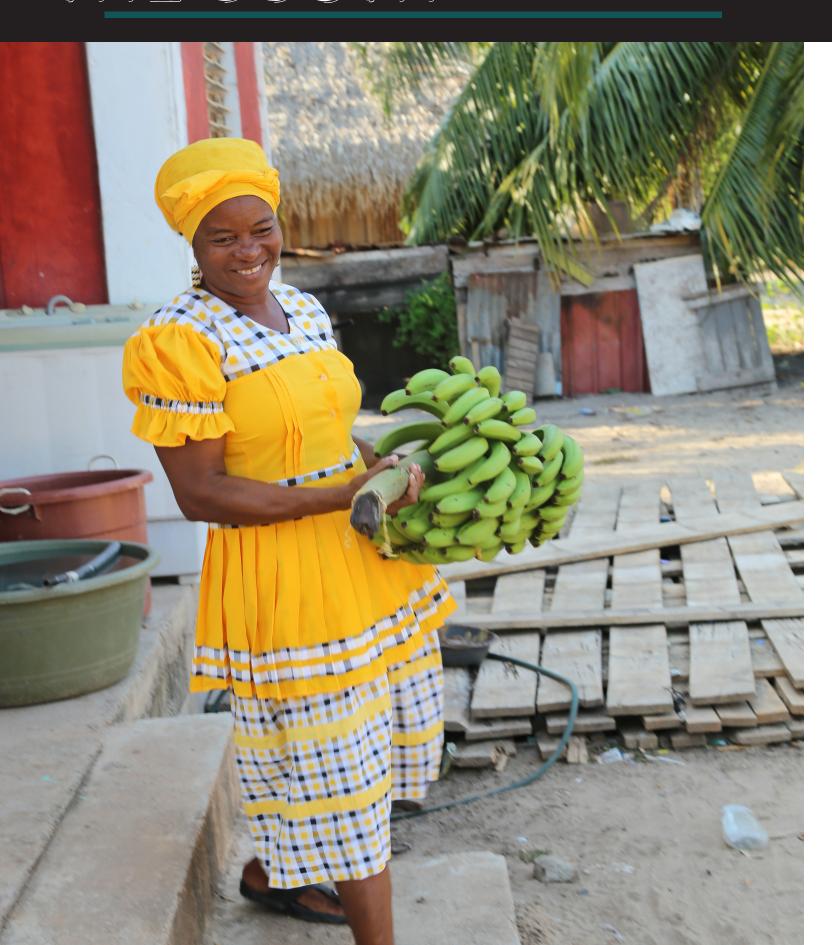
"The Maiden of the Rock" is the name given to the site by present-day Maya. Just three miles from San Ignacio, the site is accessible by a short ferry ride across the Mopan River. El Castillo is a 130-foot temple with elaborately carved friezes showing monkeys, warrior masks, and the Mayan symbol for spring. From the top of the temple, visitors can see the rangeland and jungle of eastern Belize, the lowlands of Guatemala to the west, and the impressive Maya Mountains to the south.

ACTUN TUNICHIL MUKNAL CAVE

Actun Tunichil Muknal, popularly known in Belize as "ATM" is the ultimate, unique, multisensory Belize Cave Tour. ATM consists of a series of chambers, including a 300 by 50 meter Cathedral where sacrificial ceremonies once took place. This is a rare opportunity to visit a living museum where human sacrifices and artifacts can be viewed in their original context.

CAVE TUBING & ZIPLINING

Soar above the jungle canopy high above the ground... or glide along the river on an inner tube, through a series of unique cave formations. Ziplining employs a series of cables and platforms suspended over the rainforest treetops, allowing you to slide from one station to the next. Cave tubing is both exciting and educational; experienced guides will lead you through a series of caverns to view some of Belize's unique natural rock formations.



SOUTHERN BELIZE

South of Belize City, the flavor is distinctly Caribbean. Palm trees sway, white sand soothes the feet, & seawater laps the shores. A tropical setting as well as unpopulated diving & snorkeling await.

Garifuna, Creole and Mayan cultures and ancient Maya ruins make it the ideal location for tranquility. Enjoy reef & rainforest activities from one location: snorkel and dive the uncrowded pristine reef. Fish the rivers, flats, lagoons, and the open sea. Kayak the mangroves, & explore an abundance of wildlife. Hike the Cockscomb Jaguar Preserve. Visit the Maya ruins of Lubaatun & Nim Li Punit or just grab a hammock and relax on the beach.

PLACENCIA

Placencia is a mainland beach town located on a peninsula in Southern Belize offering 16 miles of beaches. The now popular Village is set at the tip of the peninsula. The mile long "Placencia Sidewalk" is lined with restaurants, shops and homes and is the "World's Most Narrow Street" at only 24 inches wide. It is the perfect place to stroll and explore the village.

Placencia is about 15 miles north of the mouth of Monkey River, and is a good place from which to take the Monkey River Tour. The Monkey River flows from the Maya Mountains at the Guatemala border through southern Belize to the Gulf of Honduras, and plays a key role in supporting area wildlife, as well as the nearby reef system.

HOPKINS VILLAGE

Hopkins is a small Garifuna village located in the Stann Creek District. Situated just south of Dangriga and the airstrip, arriving to Hopkins can be done easily from anywhere in Belize.

Hopkins is truly an up-and-coming destination, mainly because of its charm and its proximity to some of the country's most beautiful natural attractions. In the south, adventure spots are always nearby, so it is easy and convenient to access waterfalls, ancient Mayan cities, horseback riding, canoeing, fishing, snorkeling or scuba diving.

DIVING

Pristine diving and snorkeling conditions, some of them unexplored in less crowded waters, can be found here. Experience a variety of dives, including reef, gutters, walls and cayes. See large barrel and colorful tube sponges, eagle rays, brilliantly colored fish and more. The best opportunity for whale shark sightseeing, unique to southern Belize, is in April, May and June.

MONKEY RIVER

Located in southern Belize near Placencia, this popular tour takes guests down the lagoon to Monkey River, where they will cruise up the river seeing many birds, tropical plants and trees. It might be possible to see a manatee or dolphin along the way. Then hike newly cut jungle paths to spot howler monkeys, iguanas, and more. It's an excellent combination of river life, rainforest, howler monkeys and a local village.

FISHING

Southern Belize, near Placencia and Dangriga, also provides world-renowned fly fishing in the flats for permit, tarpon and bonefish. The lagoon offers recreational fishing where 400- to 500- pound jewelfish have been noted. Troll inside the reef for snapper, tuna, grouper and mackerel.

COCKSCOMB BASIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY & JAGUAR PRESERVE

The sanctuary and forest reserve is located in southern Belize, near Dangriga, below the Maya Mountains' Cockscomb Range. About 150 square miles are set aside to protect the jaguar population, as well as other plant and animal species. The preserve is also home to 290 species of birds. Just inside the gate is the Mayan Center, with slate carvings, baskets and other craft items for sale.

