

LUXURY BELIZE FAMILY VACATION

8 day / 7 nights



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Itinerary Overview

The award-winning Chaa Creek rainforest ecolodge and the luxurious beach-side resort Chabil Mar set the stage for your luxury family adventure tour of Belize. With the insider knowledge of our guides by your side, connect with the local people and get immersed in the Creole, Maya, and Garifuna (African) cultures of this diverse and fascinating country - a land of discovery and adventure full of exotic wildlife and friendly people. Watch for iguanas as you paddle down the Macal River, glide past brilliant crystalline stalactites in the depths of the Barton Creek Cave, fly through the forest canopy on an extensive zip-line network, float on an inner tube through an incredible cave system with Mayan relics, and imagine ancient times of the Maya exploring the ruins of Xunantunich. Depart from lush inland rainforests and travel to Placencia on the southern coast and to some of the most beautiful white sand beaches of Belize. From your centrally located beach-side cabana stroll along the shore or hop on a bicycle, kayak, or golf cart to immerse yourself in the lively culture of Placencia Village and its cozy cafes and international restaurants. Explore the pristine coral reefs of the Belize Barrier Reef and enjoy observing brightly colored fish and an array of other marine life in this diverse underwater ecosystem.

DAY	DATE	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	MEALS	HIGHLIGHTS
1	Sat	CAYO DISTRICT	Chaa Creek	D	Arrive and transfer to Cayo
2	Sun	CAYO DISTRICT	Chaa Creek	BLD	Cave inner tubing and Xunantunich Mayan ruins
3	Mon	CAYO DISTRICT	Chaa Creek	BLD	Tortilla making, Barton Creek Caves and zip-line tour
4	Tue	PLACENCIA	Chabil Mar Villas	BL	Free morning, afternoon drive to Placencia
5	Wed	PLACENCIA	Chabil Mar Villas	B	Half-day barrier reef snorkeling tour
6	Thu	PLACENCIA	Chabil Mar Villas	B	Full-day golf cart use to explore Placencia
7	Fri	PLACENCIA	Chabil Mar Villas	B	Free Day
8	Sat	DEPARTURE		B	AM flight to Belize International Airport

Itinerary in Detail

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN BELIZE

Arrive at the Belize International Airport and receive a warm welcome from our private local guide. You set off across the Belizean countryside, quickly leaving the city on a 2 hour drive to the rain forests of the Cayo District. Overnight at the **Lodge at Chaa Creek. [D]**

DAY 2: CAVE TUBING AND XUNANTUNICH

Get prepared for an unforgettable day innertubing through the expansive limestone caves at Caves Branch. Pass through citrus orchards to the river's edge where a short float trip carries you into a massive cavern with underground waterfalls, limestone formations, and an incredible crystal cathedral chamber. No experience is needed since the trip does not involve technical caving. After lunch head off to the Mayan ruins of Xunantunich or "Maiden of the Rock". The dominant structure of this ruin rises 130 feet, providing an amazing view of the surrounding forest and ancient city below. Explore the ruins and picture ancient Mayan life while your guide gives a detailed description of the historical events surrounding this fascinating area. Return to the lodge for another savory dinner while listening to the sounds of the rain forest. Stay overnight at **Chaa Creek. [BLD]**



DAY 3: BARTON CREEK CAVES AND ZIP-LINE

This morning you'll visit a local Mayan home to learn to make authentic corn tortillas. Corn tortillas form the base of the Mayan diet and children not only love to make them, they love to eat them! Your Maya experience continues as you delve into Xibalba (she-bal-ba), the Mayan underworld. The Maya believed that caves served as a connection between the living world and underworld. Your guide takes you into the Barton Creek cave system, one of Belize's most extensive, with over four miles of underground tunnels. The cave was formed by the Barton Creek and so you explore by canoe equipped with high powered lights amongst giant stalactites, stalagmites, and impressive calcite crystal formations. Learn about the rituals that archaeologists believe were performed here and the cave's importance to the ancient Maya people. Hop out of your canoes and head up to Calico Jack's zip-line course set into the side of the Mayan Mountains. Choose from a variety of courses ranging from four platforms and 1,000 ft. to 15 platforms and 2,700 ft. of pure zipping enjoyment. Stay overnight at **Chaa Creek. [BLD]**

DAY 4: CARIBBEAN COAST

Your morning is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful facilities at Chaa Creek. You might choose to sleep in and visit the Butterfly farm, or wake early to catch the jungle birds at their most active or perhaps just laze around at the pool. If you wish, your guide can arrange activities such as canoeing on the Macal River, mountain biking, or horseback riding at additional cost. Following lunch, settle into the van for one of the most scenic drives in Belize as you travel along the Hummingbird Highway through the Maya Mountains to Placencia on the Caribbean Coast. Kick off your shoes, unpack, and settle into your beautiful room. Step outside your door to enjoy wonderful ocean views and pristine white sands. Overnight at **Chabil Mar Villas. [BL]**





DAY 5-7: BELIZE BARRIER REEF AND FREE DAYS

With a local snorkeling expert, head out today to explore the extensive Belize Barrier Reef. Check out the strange coral formations and swim amongst a variety of brilliantly colored tropical fish as you explore the marine environment on a half-day snorkeling and swimming excursion. The Belize Barrier Reef is the longest unbroken barrier reef in the world. Your guide will swim along with you pointing out the dazzling array of tropical fish, hydrocorals, sea fans, feather plumes, sponges, and sea cucumbers. Return to the lodge for lunch on your own, and enjoy the rest of the day relaxing at the beach. Don't forget the sunscreen!

The remainder of your stay is at your leisure. Choose to head out on another snorkeling outing, SCUBA diving, fishing or one of the many mainland tours such as Cockscomb Basin Jaguar Preserve. Additional tours and activities can be reserved at additional cost with the concierge desk during your stay. Overnights at **Chabil Mar Villas. [B]**

DAY 8: DEPART

Enjoy one final dip in the warm Caribbean Sea and shake out the sand before packing up and returning to Placencia to board your short flight to the Belize International airport in time for your international departure. (Local flight included.) Laugh about your good times on the way home and start planning your next family adventure!

END OF SERVICES

Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.

PRICING AND DATES:

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For scheduled departure dates please click here: [Dates](#)

Private departures can be arranged. Please ask the Belize Program Director for more information.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- All guided tours and excursions
- Private Naturalist guide days 1-4
- Snorkeling guide day 5
- Airport-hotel transfers, land and sea transportation
- Internal flight from Placencia to Belize International Airport
- 7 nights (Sat-Sat) hotel accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International flights
- Tips and gratuities
- Airport departure taxes
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages, and meals other than listed above
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

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LODGE AT CHAA CREEK, CAYO DISTRICT

Chaa Creek is a beautiful, 5-star lodge set among a private 330-acre rain forest reserve on the shores of the Macal River in Belize's Cayo District. Flower lined paths bring you to stucco cottages with tall peaked palapa roofs and wooden shutters made from local materials. The spacious cottages have sun-drenched verandahs, private baths, tiled floors, and local and international art. Meals at the full service restaurant and bar are fresh and well prepared often featuring vegetables from the onsite organic garden. Other amenities include a full menu of activities, a natural history center and butterfly farm, a full service spa, conference center and small gift shop featuring local crafts.



CHABIL MAR, PLACENCIA

Nestled at the tip of a 16-mile peninsula in southern Belize, Chabil Mar is a boutique luxury resort on a little slice of heaven known as Placencia. The small and private, guest exclusive, resort has just 22 villas that have been individually decorated and are designed to offer an intimate experience in an incredible natural setting. We reserve Luxury Seaview villas which are situated on the second floor only 100 feet from the beach. Each villa is approx. 1,000 square feet of living area including a veranda facing the Caribbean, multi-zoned air conditioning, a fully equipped kitchen and a washer/dryer. Resort amenities include two infinity pools, a bar and restaurant, free bicycle and kayaks for your use, and resort-wide wi-fi.

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- \$700 per person for all trips in Central America, South America, the Middle East, Asia and the Far East, the Mediterranean, and North America.
- 20% of land cost for all trips in Africa. This deposit is generally non-refundable.

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<u>Days Prior to Departure:</u>	<u>Fee per person:</u>
91 or more:	\$300
61-90 days:	Initial deposit amount
31-60 days:	50% of land cost
30 or less:	100% of land cost

PRE-DEPARTURE SERVICES

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will send you a comprehensive Pre-departure 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 packet including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

REFERENCES AND QUESTIONS

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