

RUINS, REEF AND RAINFOREST
ACTIVE ADVENTURE
8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS



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Itinerary Overview

This multisport adventure showcases the diversity of activities that Belize has to offer. Accompanied by an expert Belizean naturalist guide you journey across the Maya Mountains, through lush lowland rainforests to white sand beaches, coral reefs, and offshore Caribbean cays. Explore by 4x4, boat, on foot and flippers. Ride horseback through the jungle, zip-line through the forest canopy, and canoe down winding rivers surrounded by monkeys, iguanas, and toucans. You hike through rainforests by day and search for nocturnal marine life at night. Float down cavernous underground rivers and explore deep into the Cave of the Stone Sepulcher, an ancient Mayan underground world littered with relics of ancient offerings. Conclude your adventure on Southwater Caye, ***chosen by Outside Magazine the Best Beach in the World!*** Step outside your bungalow onto this idyllic white sand beach to get to know the Belize barrier reef.

| DAY | OVERNIGHT | HOTEL | MEALS | HIGHLIGHTS |
|-----|------------------|----------------------|-------|---|
| 1 | CAYO DISTRICT | Black Rock Lodge | D | Arrive and transfer to Black Rock Lodge |
| 2 | CAYO DISTRICT | Black Rock Lodge | BLD | Macal River canoeing, Xunantunich Mayan ruins |
| 3 | CAYO DISTRICT | Black Rock Lodge | BLD | Actun Tunichil Muknal cave |
| 4 | CAYO DISTRICT | Black Rock Lodge | BLD | Horseback ride to Big Rock Falls, zip-line canopy tour |
| 5 | SOUTH WATER CAYE | Pelican Beach Resort | BLD | River cave tubing, transfer to South Water Caye |
| 6 | SOUTH WATER CAYE | Pelican Beach Resort | BLD | Belize Barrier Reef snorkeling, nocturnal snorkeling |
| 7 | SOUTH WATER CAYE | Pelican Beach Resort | BLD | Belize Barrier Reef snorkeling |
| 8 | DEPARTURE | | B | Transfer by boat to Dangriga, flight to Belize City airport for departure |

Itinerary in Detail

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN BELIZE

Receive a warm welcome from your local guide upon arrival at the Belize International Airport and head deep into the heart of the jungle. Surrounded by the Maya Mountains and located high above the Macal River, Black Rock Lodge is the perfect environment to experience the true wildlands of Belize. We suggest you arrive before 3:00PM to avoid driving after dark (2.5 hour drive). Overnight at **Black Rock Lodge** in a River View Deluxe cabin. **[D]**

DAY 2: MACAL RIVER CANOEING AND XUNANTUNICH

Paddle and float the gentle waters of the Macal River as you canoe downstream to the friendly town of San Ignacio. The riverine habitat is a gallery for viewing parrots, toucans, and myriad bird species, monkeys, iguanas, and other wildlife. Enjoy lunch in the culturally diverse small town of San Ignacio lunch before venturing to the Maya ruins of Xunantunich or “Maiden of the Rock”. Climb to the top of the dominant temple of this ancient city rising 130 feet providing an amazing view over the tree tops of the surrounding forest and ancient city. Explore the ruins with your guide who helps you visualize ancient Mayan life from life or death ball games, to battles with adjacent cities, and spiritual rituals calling forth celestial powers. Return to the lodge to enjoy a delicious tropical dinner listening to the howling monkeys, buzzing insects, creaking frogs, and nocturnal bird calls of the rainforest. Overnight at **Black Rock Lodge**. **[BLD]**



DAY 3: ACTUN TUNICHIL MUKNAL CAVE

Drive 45 minutes east to begin a rainforest hike crossing streams through lush protected habitat of the 6,700 acre Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve to reach Actun Tunichil Muknal. One of the most impressive caverns in Belize, the Cave of the Stone Sepulcher was sacred to the prehistoric Maya who first began using it during the early classic period (300-600 AD). The cave system consists of a series of chambers leading to a massive crystalline cathedral where the Maya held sacrificial ceremonies in this sacred world. Here you will see the remains of individuals sacrificed to the Mayan gods of the underworld. Overnight at **Black Rock Lodge**. **[BLD]**

DAY 4: HORSEBACK RIDING TO BIG ROCK FALLS AND ZIP-LINING

Set off into the rain forest on a morning horseback ride to Big Rock Falls, a beautifully secluded 150-foot waterfall on Privassion River and a great spot to cool off after the horse ride in the natural swimming pool always at perfect temperature. Enjoy lunch and a swim before the short drive to Calico Jack’s zip-line course set into the side of the Maya Mountains. Choose from a variety of cable extensions ranging from 4 platforms and 1,000 ft. to 15 platforms and 2,700 ft. of pure adrenaline! Overnight at **Black Rock Lodge**. **[BLD]**

DAY 5: CAVE TUBING AND SOUTHWATER CAYE

Prepare for an unforgettable day of tubing floating through an expansive limestone cave system carved by the Caves Branch River. Hike along the river's edge before jumping onto your tube and disappearing into a massive cavern filled with underground waterfalls, limestone formations, and an incredible crystal cathedral chamber. Drive along the beautiful Hummingbird Highway to the Caribbean coast. Board a 30-foot motor boat to the tranquil South Water Caye Marine Reserve passing several small sandy islands including Coco Plum and Twin Cayes (boat transfer 45 minutes). Upon arrival, kick off your shoes, unpack, and settle into your beach cabana located on South Water Caye, a private 15-acre island located on the Belize Barrier Reef, your tropical hide-a-way home for a few days. Take in wonderful ocean views and walk along pristine white sands just outside your door where you can walk out snorkeling, kayaking, or try some light fishing right off the dock for. You may also just decide to sit back and relax in a hammock beneath the swaying palms. Overnight at **Pelican Beach Resort South Water Caye. [BLD]**



DAYS 6-7: BELIZE BARRIER REEF

Explore unique coral formations and swim among a variety of brilliantly colored tropical fish as you experience the marine environment on two half-day snorkeling and swimming excursion. The Belize Barrier Reef is the longest unbroken barrier reef in the world. Your guide will swim alongside you, pointing out the dazzling array of tropical fish, hydrocorals, sea fans, feather plumes, sponges, and sea cucumbers. Return to the lodge for lunch and enjoy the rest of the day relaxing at the beach. The remainder of your stay is at your leisure. Additional tours and activities can be arranged with the lodge manager. One nocturnal snorkeling tour is also included for the adventurous guests. *Note: Snorkeling gear is included during your stay.* Overnight at **Pelican Beach Resort South Water Caye. [BLD]**

DAY 8: DEPARTURE

Enjoy a final dip in the warm Caribbean Sea before packing up and returning to Dangriga to board a 20-minute flight to the Belize International Airport in time for your international departure. **[B]**

Note: Your international departure must depart after 11:00 a.m. in order to allow time to connect with the local flight to Belize International Airport.

END OF SERVICES

PRICING AND DATES:

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

INCLUDED SERVICES

- All guided tours and excursions as specified.
- Private naturalist guide days 1-4, snorkeling guides on days 6 and 7
- Airport-hotel transfers, land and sea transportation
- Snorkeling equipment at South Water Caye
- Internal flight from Dangriga to Belize Intl
- Use of kayaks and paddle boards at Pelican Beach
- 7 nights 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 airfare
- Tips and gratuities
- Airport departure taxes
- Drinks, additional 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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[Accommodations](#)



BLACK ROCK LODGE

Black Rock Lodge is nestled in the dense rainforest overlooking the Macal River in the Maya Mountains of Belize. Located in the foothills of the Cayo District near the Guatemalan border, Black Rock is a perfect base for adventure travel in Belize including access to caving, rain forest hikes, swimming and river tubing, and exploration of Mayan ruins including travel to Tikal and Caracol. The private rain forest reserve is teeming with wildlife including over 200 species of birds; it is one of the rare places in Central America where you can find all three species of toucan. All 14 cabanas have

stunning views of Black Rock Canyon and the Macal River with great wildlife watching from a hammock on the front porch. Simply decorated, the cabins display artwork created by local artisans and craftspeople. Black Rock Lodge cabins provide a variety of size and configurations that easily accommodate families, honeymoon couples, and friends traveling together. The warm and attentive staff from the surrounding communities of San Ignacio, Bullet Tree, and Melchor serve delicious Creole and international cuisine using fresh organic fruits grown on site and other local ingredients. Ten months out of the year the Black Rock is one of few Belize resorts that generates 100% of its electricity from a hybrid source of solar and hydropower.



PELICAN BEACH RESORT, SOUTH WATER CAYE

This idyllic 15-acre private island is one of few islands directly connected to the Belize Barrier Reef. Each of the cottages are spaced for privacy, full baths with basin, toilet, and tiled showers with hot and cold water. Step right out from your beach front cabana and snorkel amongst coral and brightly colored fish or embark on a guided snorkeling trip to one of the many pristine snorkeling locations in the South Water Caye Marine Reserve. Relax and enjoy the natural beauty in this down-to-earth setting with no frills, yet all the amenities needed for comfort. No need to wear makeup, dress up for dinner, carry around your wallet, or even remember when

mealtimes are-you can eat when you're hungry! Meals are served on the deck and throughout the day cold water, fruit juices, tea and coffee, and a light snack are available for your convenience. These are part of the meal plan. The cottages are comfortably furnished with one queen size bed and one twin bed, ceiling fan, and a large porch with hammocks. Toilets are state of the art composting toilets and easy to use in order to minimize the usage of fresh water and the possible contamination of ground water supply through the use of septic tanks. No electrical outlets are available in the rooms but you can charge your camera equipment in the main lobby. Kick your feet up and relax in this tranquil Belizean beach paradise.

Booking your Wildland Adventure

HOW TO RESERVE A TRIP

You can book online using our [Reserve a Trip form](#) or by calling 1-800-345-4453. Your space on a trip is confirmed once we receive your reservation form and initial trip deposit. All travelers must sign and submit a [Release of Liability](#).

Deposit requirements are as follows:*

- \$700 per person for all trips in Central America.

*Some trips require additional non-refundable deposits, especially when yachts have been chartered or if permits to visit archaeological or wildlife sites have been purchased in advance.

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PAYMENTS, CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Full payment of the trip balance is due 90 days prior to departure. If you must cancel before departure, money will be returned less the cancellation fees charged by Wildland Adventures Inc. plus any additional non-refundable cancellation fees and payments already advanced to airlines, hotels and local operators:

| <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 at your destination 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

REFERENCES AND QUESTIONS

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