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TRAVEL



**BELIZE**

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# BELIZE SUMMARY

## OVERVIEW

Take the second largest barrier reef in the world, pristine azure waters, and postcard-perfect Caribbean islands... combined with exhilarating jungle terrain, a spectacular underground cave network, and grand Mayan temples... topped off with fabulous fresh island cuisine, warm and friendly English-speaking locals, and a handful of exclusive yet authentic resorts and residences... and you have Belize - a destination that can enchant and captivate all tastes and tempos.

## INLAND

Dubbed the 'Adventure Capital of Belize,' Cayo is an adventurer's paradise, where the list of things to do and places to explore is endless. Clamber through caves, rappel into sinkholes or down cascading waterfalls, zipline above the rainforest canopy, or explore the epicenter of the ancient Maya World. These activities and more will contribute to a thrilling Belize adventure.

## AMBERGRIS CAYE

Of the hundreds of islands in the Caribbean Sea, a handful is inhabited by local fishing communities, guest houses, hotels, and restaurants. The largest community can be found on Ambergris Caye, which touches Mexico's Yucatan peninsula and lies a quarter of a mile from the second largest barrier reef in the world. It's one of the best locations in the world for scuba diving, snorkeling, and sports fishing.

## PRICE INCLUDES:

- Private road transfer from BZE to the Lodge at Chaa Creek with your own persona driver/guide
- 4 nights' accommodation in a Cottage at Chaa Creek
- Daily breakfast
- Private half-day tour to Xunantunich
- Private full-day tour to Oxmul Coffee, San Antonio Women's Center and Big Rock Falls
- Complimentary onsite activities at Chaa Cree including Guided tours of the Natural History Center and Butterfly Farm, Access to Ruta Maya Trail System, Canoeing Upstream the Macal River, Swimming in Eco-friendly Infinity Pool, Early Morning Birdwatching with a Naturalist Guide, Guided Tour of Maya Medicinal Plant Trail
- Private road transfer from Chaa Creek to Belize City Municipal airstrip with a Cave Tubing tour at Nohoch Che'en Archaeological Reserve along the way
- Domestic flight from TZA - SPR
- Roundtrip transfers from San Pedro Airstrip to Portofino Resort
- 5 nights' accommodation in a Treetop Suite
- Daily continental breakfast
- Private snorkel tour to Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark Ray Alley
- Domestic flight from SPR - BZE

# ITINERARY SUMMARY

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## **BELIZE RATE:**

**\$6,445 - 2 PAX**

Including taxes and hotel service charge.

**\$11,845 - 4 PAX**

Including 2 Cottages at Chaa Creek or any of the suites and villas except the Ixchel Villa.  
At Portofino, it includes a Colonial Suite and Treetop suite.



## Day One

### Belize City, The Lodge at Chaa Creek

Welcome to Belize! Upon exiting the Belize International Airport, our representative will meet and show you to a private vehicle for the 90-minute road transfer to San Ignacio and The Lodge at Chaa Creek.

### The Lodge at Chaa Creek

The Concierge/Front Desk Clerk will greet you warmly upon arrival at the lodge and escort you to your Cottage.

The Lodge at Chaa Creek personifies eco-luxury. Set along the banks of the Macal River in the foothills of the Maya Mountains, the private 400-acre nature reserve is an ecological playground that makes for an intoxicating mix of nature immersion and indulgence pampering.



## Day Two

### Xunantunich Maya Ruins

Considered to be the heartland of a civilization that once was, Belize boasts a rich heritage of archaeological sites. Its Cayo District, one of the last unspoiled places in the country and once the epicenter of the Maya, is dotted with ancient cities and ruins.

Travel across one of the last hand-cranked chain ferries to Xunantunich (Maiden of the Rock) - one of the region's most legendary attractions. Perch atop "El Castillo," which rises 130 ft. above the jungle canopy and witness panoramic views of the surrounding mountains, valleys, and villages.

Stop on the way back at a traditional market in the village of San Jose Succutz along the banks of the Mopan River, offering local crafts made from cloth, fabrics, slate, wood, and other natural materials.

**8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

## Day Three

### Maya Cultural Immersion & Waterfalls

#### From bean to cup: Start your morning right!

After a 40-minute drive to the Maya village of San Antonio (originally Oxmul Kah in Yucatec Maya), you will arrive at the home of the Mesh Family. There, they will walk you through the process of making coffee from bean to cup and everything in between! Oxmul Coffee is their labor of love and is organically grown in the foothills of the Maya Mountains.

#### Ceramic Pottery Making at the San Antonio Women's Co-op

Next on the agenda is the San Antonio Women's Co-op, a group formed by nine Maya women to empower women and inspire their children. Here you can try your hand at ancient pottery-making techniques.

Experience the local culture of the region while making corn tortillas on a traditional fire hearth. Learn about the process of grinding the fresh corn and transforming it into "masa," the dough for the tortillas.

While the women finish preparing lunch, explore the property to learn about the sustainable processes used to fire the ceramic kilns and sustain an organic garden.

Enjoy a delicious farm-to-table lunch afterward, starting with warm atole, followed by roasted chicken, fresh salsa, and your recently prepared corn tortillas.

#### Big Rock Falls

Referred to by the locals as "Pine Ridge," the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve is renowned for its abundant wildlife, bellowing waterfalls, and idyllic pools. Revere in the astounding and captivating scenery offered by the oldest landmass in Central America.

One such waterfall is Big Rock Falls. After numerous wooden stairways plunging into the forest, you will arrive at the bottom where the 150-foot waterfall stands. Magnificent, massive, and monumental are only a few of the words that come to mind when you gaze upon it. Launch yourself off the rocky cliff if you dare and enjoy a refreshing swim in the perfectly round pool below. Or wade amongst the rocks before relaxing in the cenote.



## Day Four

### Activities/Leisure

Enjoy the onsite activities at the lodge or venture offsite and explore the nearby attractions. The reserve features miles of well-maintained trails for guided horseback riding, mountain biking, and nature walks. Birdwatch, canoe down the Macal River, or hike through the lush rainforest and discover the hidden Maya mounds.

Or, relax with a rejuvenating spa treatment, kick back in a hammock (cocktail in hand), or indulge your palate at the fabulous Mariposa Restaurant.



## Day Five

### Departure, Portofino Resort, Ambergris Caye

Enjoy a leisurely morning before checking out and transferring to the Belize City Municipal Airport for your flight to San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, including cave tubing at Nohoc Che'en.

#### Cave Tubing

Hike through tropical trails and wade across shallow, jungle-lined rivers to cave tube. Float along cool waters illuminated by headlamps, gently pushed by a current. Then, plunge into the darkness while listening to the sounds of bubbling rapids and cascading waterfalls.

#### Portofino Beach Resort

Portofino is characterized by its warm and friendly hospitality, the epitome of barefoot luxury, unpretentious and relaxing. The resort is located on the beautiful island of Ambergris Caye, just six miles north of the charming town of San Pedro. Just a half-mile off-shore is the second-largest barrier reef in the world, so whether you're looking for spectacular diving, snorkeling, or fishing, or just looking for complete relaxation, we have you covered.

## Day Six

### Activities/Leisure

Experience the true beauty, nature, and excitement of Belize from the barrier reef to the Great Blue Hole, or stay onsite and enjoy the amenities at the resort, including paddleboards, kayaks, bikes, snorkeling, and fishing gear.



## Day Seven

### Snorkeling at Hol Chan Marine Reserve & Shark Ray Alley

Prepare for an exciting morning of snorkeling at Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark Ray Alley. Hol Chan Marine Reserve is a must-do if you're in Belize! At 28 feet deep, it is a great dive for experienced and novice divers. Behold the beautiful sights that dwell below, including diverse marine life and spectacular corals such as elkhorn coral, finger corals, grooved brain coral, sheet coral, and many more. There are also colorful yellow, red, and purple sponges.

Swimming and hiding amongst these corals are a vibrant array of playful and curious fishes and other sea animals such as blue stripe grunts, crabs, damselfish, flounders, hogfish, nurse sharks, and octopuses, parrotfish, starfish, stingrays, yellowtail snappers, and much more.



## Days Eight & Nine

### Activities/Leisure

Experience the true beauty, nature, and excitement of Belize from the barrier reef to the Great Blue Hole, or stay onsite and enjoy the amenities at the resort, including paddleboards, kayaks, bikes, snorkeling, and fishing gear.

## Day Ten

### Farewell

Enjoy a leisurely morning before checking out and transferring to the San Pedro Airport for your flight to the Belize International Airport.

