



Day 1: Arrival and Orientation

Travel with your group to Belize City. Meet your guide and transfer to our water taxi for St. George’s Caye. St. George’s Caye was the first Capitol of Belize and is home to many fascinating stories of colonization, pirates and more.

Day 2 - 5: Snorkeling and Marine Protected Areas.

Over the next 4 days you will embark on an incredible adventure. Each day we spend our time with local naturalists and scientists to discover the incredible undersea world of the Belize Barrier Reef System—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will snorkel at least once per day on stunning coral reefs and through tranquil sea grass beds seeing a wide diversity of sea life such as sea turtles, tropical fish, rays and skates, and incredible coral reef. We will also assist with the long term monitoring studies conducted at the research center. Topics may include Conch studies, coral reef ecology, sea turtles, dolphins and manatee’s. Each day you will be amazed at what you are experiencing and be inspired by the work you are doing to support local research and conservation efforts. In the evenings, field station staff lead discussions about sea turtle biology and conservation, how marine protected areas work, and manatees.

Day 6: Transfer to the Belize Jungle

After breakfast, we take a boat transfer then bus transfer to our eco-lodge in the heart of the Belizean jungle. Settle in then take a guided hike through the small village to a swimming hole and waterfall.

Day 7: Caracol Mayan Ruins and Rio Caves and Pools

After breakfast we drive to Caracol. The road travels over a series of creeks, through lush tropical forest and pine forest and an area that is home to several species of cats, as well as rare birds. This site is home to the tallest man-made structure in Belize, Canna (sky palace), standing some 143 ft above the plaza floor. The discovery of Alter 23, which shows bound captives, indicates that Caracol was an extremely fierce and war-like center. This tour will be combined with a visit to the Rio Frio Caves and the Rio On Pools on the way back.

Day 8: Final Reflections and Depart for Home

After a rewarding 7 days, take time this morning to sit back, relax and reflect on all that you experienced. We will later depart for Belize City and the airport and our flight home.

Depending on dates of departure/arrival, inclement weather, and other things outside the control of Global Travel Alliance, itinerary may be changed.



**Belize Marine Ecology and Culture
June 25 - July 2, 2018**

Package Inclusions:

- Round trip airfare from San Juan, Puerto Rico (*excluding baggage fees and fuel surcharges imposed by the airlines, if applicable, which are the responsibility of the individual traveler*)
- Seven nights safe, clean lodging at quad or multi/dorm occupancy
- Private land/water transportation to all included sites and activities
- Activities per itinerary
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner daily while touring (starting with dinner Day 1 and ending with breakfast on Day 8)
- Global Travel Alliance guide for the duration of the trip
- Luggage tag
- Convenient monthly payment schedule
- 24-hour emergency support
- **Price dependent on air and hotel availability at the time of booking**
- *Although the school district is supportive of educational trips, this is in no way a school sponsored or school endorsed trip*

INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday August, 29th @ 6:00 PM

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