

BELIZE & GUATEMALA - BELIZE RAINFOREST & REEF EXPLORER



TRIP CODE

BZTSBRR

DURATION

8 Days

LOCATIONS

Belize



INTRODUCTION

In a place of the world riddled with natural beauty including abundant wildlife, pristine coastlines and a UNESCO World Heritage listed barrier reef, Belize provides a paradise for the adventurous.

Journey through Mayan history visiting the Lamanai Maya Temples and seek thrills with cave tubing & zip lining adventures. Continue your Indiana-Jones-like experience through the Barton Creek cave by boat and afterwards head back to Belize City. Then, take to the reef to round off an unforgettable adventure experience!

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Belize Airport - Belize City Zone

Transfer from Belize Airport to Belize City Zone (Shuttle)



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DAY 2: Lamanai Maya Temples & New River Safari

This is a premier opportunity to experience the best of Belize’s attractions including Maya history, colonial history, flora and fauna, rivers and waterways. An archeological walk takes you back over a thousand years in time as you visit the most important plazas and temples including the Mask Temple which depicts Maya ruler Lord Smoking Shell.



DAY 3: Cave Tubing & Belize Zipline

Thrill seekers will love zipping along a series of cables, criss-crossing over the rainforest canopy on seven zip runs ranging in length from 200’ to 675’. Then float on your personal tube assisted by gentle currents taking you through an underground cave system. Intricate crystalline formations line the caves and stalagmites and stalactites add to the serene opulence of nature. Continue to San Ignacio, Cayo where you will stay two overnights.



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DAY 4: Xunantunich & Barton Creek Cave

Guests take a tour to the famous sites of Xunantunich - situated on the banks of the Mopan River. Xunantunich means "stone woman" in Mayan. Xunantunich was a thriving city near the end of the Classic Period (300-900 A.D.) with large plazas ringed with pyramids. The tallest is the 130 ft. "El Castillo," which is large by Mayan standards and is only exceeded in Belize by the Caana pyramid at Caracol. The centre of the site is composed of six major plazas surrounded by more than 25 temples and palaces. The large pyramid, El Castillo, is well known for the frieze or band of stucco decoration that at one time extended around the entire temple. After lunch we transfer up towards the Mountain Pine ridge area and go off road to the Barton Creek Cave system. Along the way we pass through a very conservative Mennonite community. Barton Creek is a low intensity adventure trip that is great for couples and families offering something for everyone. Equipped with canoes and high-powered lights guests gently paddle along the river into the cave system known as Xibalba (she-bal-ba), Maya for underworld. Stalactites and stalagmites hang high overhead as you float past impressive calcite crystal formations. Knowledgeable guides discuss the relevance of the cave to the ancient Maya people and the archaeological significance of this 7.5km limestone Cave system that was used for ceremonial purposes and as a burial site by the ancient Maya people. **INCLUDED:** Private transfers & guide, admission fees, canoe, equipment, lunch.



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DAY 5: Transfer/ Flight San Ignacio - San Pedro

Hotel checkout and 9:00 AM departure for return drive to Belize City where you will connect with a domestic flight for a 15 minute transfer to the quaint seaside village of San Pedro, Ambergris Caye for 3 nights of island ambience.



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DAY 5: Ambergris Caye

Ambergris Caye lies to the north of Caye Caulker. It is a tropical island paradise on Belize's UNESCO World Heritage listed barrier reef and the largest island of Belize. Water sports are plentiful and diving and snorkelling sites abound including Shark Ray Alley, one of the most well-known snorkelling sites of the region.



DAY 6: Free Day

Free day in San Pedro at your leisure.



DAY 7: Free Day

Free day in San Pedro at your leisure.



DAY 8: Transfer Belize City Zone - Airport

Transfer from Belize City Zone to Belize Airport (Shuttle)



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Standard

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Inclusions	Accommodation with breakfast Tours as stated on itinerary Airport transfers as stated on itinerary Meals as stated on itinerary Exclusions Visa fees (if applicable) Personal expenses Optional activities not mentioned in itinerary Gratuities for staff/guides
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.