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Paddle In Paradise

BELIZE: The scenic and tropical paradise of Belize is an adventurer's paradise. Situated south of Mexico and east of Guatemala, it has unparalleled natural beauty, rich animal and plant life, unspoiled Caribbean coastline, lush rainforests, crystal clear tropical waters, coral reefs and amazingly friendly people.

Belize has a long and fascinating human history. The Maya, who ruled the land up until the 12th Century, built an outstanding archaeological heritage and many of their cities and temples are only now being uncovered. Over the years, many have laid claim to this beautiful country. This fascinating cultural mosaic of people include Mayans, Creoles, Garifuna, Latin Americans, Chinese, East Indians and Lebanese. All make distinct contributions to the Belizean way of life.

Belize's clear waters contain the second longest barrier reef in the world which has recently been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our trip gives the traveler ample opportunities to discover the wonders of the reef and come face to face with the Caribbean's most beautiful marine life.

CAYES: Belize is laced with dozens of small islands or "cayes". Some of the Cayes located on the southern half of the reef are completely uninhabited and offer plenty to visitors, including snorkeling, fishing and diving. Bird watchers see many different types of seabirds such as brown pelicans, yellow-crowned night herons and the magnificent frigate bird, to name just a few.

PLACENCIA: Our trip includes a stay in Placencia, one of the oldest inhabited villages in Belize. Along its three mile long beachfront are houses and lodges, all nestled under palm trees.

The waters are calm and clear, with dolphins often seen feeding and playing close to shore. Known for its sleepy, tranquil and informal way of life; this is a place where one can fit in by doing absolutely nothing! For the more active, however, Placencia is an excellent take off point for the interior nature parks, Mayan ruins and lesser known southern caves. Placencia also has a lively nightlife to enjoy.

SEA KAYAKING IN BELIZE: Sea kayaking does not require you to be a super athlete. The kayaks that we use are very stable and easy to manoeuvre. For safety purposes, life jackets will be provided as well as full instruction on kayak use.

OUR GUIDES: Are fully qualified wilderness guides certified by Slipstream First Aid in B.C., Canada. They have guided trips in Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands), Vancouver Island, Belize, Baja, India, Chile, Argentina and Vietnam. Our trips always include a local Belizean guide who shares with us his intimate knowledge of the area, local folklore and way of life.

WEATHER: Normal conditions in Belize are subtropical; sunny and warm with temperatures averaging between 23 and 30 degrees Celsius. Evening temperatures drop a little but generally remain warm and comfortable throughout the day and night. The dry season runs from December to May.

SAFETY: A VHF radio will be carried for quick communication. Our experienced guides are trained in wilderness first aid and carry an extensive first aid kit. All group equipment is of the highest standard and is meticulously maintained and checked prior to our expeditions.

Excursion Details

Price	US\$1 430
Length	8 days
Accommodation	2 nights Lodge, 5 nights camping
Transportation	Internal flights, airport and boat
Meals	Dinner day 1 to breakfast day 8
Outfitting	All adventure gear, guides, assistants

AIR TRAVEL: American, Continental, US Airways and Taca Airlines all have frequent flights into Belize City.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENT: A \$500.00 per person deposit will hold a place for you until 60 days prior to departure, at which point the balance will be due.

CANCELLATIONS:

Any cancellations are regrettable, but in the event of cancellation, the following policy will apply. 1). 60 days prior to departure a full refund will apply, less a \$200.00 administration fee.
2). 59-30 days: 50% refund.
3). 29 days or less: no refund.

FOOD REQUIREMENTS: If you have any specific food requirements, we will be glad to accommodate them. Please let us know under the dietary requirements section on the medical form.

(We recommend that clients arrive a few days early to acclimatize themselves to the warmer weather. Should you require a hotel, or our three day extensions, or side trip suggestions, just call and we would be more than happy to assist in any way we can).

TOUR DATES:

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**07 Nov - 14 Nov, 14 Nov - 21 Nov, 21 Nov – 28 Nov, 28 Nov - 05 Dec
05 Dec - 12 Dec, 12 Dec - 19 Dec, 19 Dec - 26 De, c26 Dec - 02 Jan**

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27 Mar - 03 Apr, 03 Apr - 10 Apr, 10 Apr - 17 Apr, 17 Apr - 24 Apr
24 Apr - 01 May, 01 May - 08 May, 08 May - 15 May, 15 May - 22 May
22 May - 29 May, 29 May - 05 Jun**

Day 1

Accommodation: Lodge Stay

Activities: explore seaside village

Destinations: Placencia

Description: Land at Belize City, then go through customs to Maya Island Air. The Maya flight takes 30-40 minutes to Placencia. A SeaKunga Adventures representative will be waiting for you and will show you to your hotel. The afternoon is yours to settle in and explore. At dinner we will get to know our fellow travelers and go over plans for the week ahead.

DAY 2.

Accommodation: camping

Activities: transport by powerboat, familiarization with equipment, snorkel.

Destinations: Round Caye, Buttonwood Caye

Description: After breakfast, we will head out to the Cayes in a local power boat. This first day will allow us plenty of time to prepare our kayaks and to cool off in the Caribbean with our first snorkel.

Day 3 to 6

Accommodation: camping

Activities: island hop by kayak, snorkel, fish, swim, hammock lounge, fresh seafood dinners, windsurfing, scuba diving, birding

Destinations: Buttonwood Caye, The Silks, Pompion, Little Water

Description: We will travel amongst some of the most beautiful small islands in the world.

There will be ample opportunities to snorkel, fish and swim in addition to kayaking. Alternatively, you can just relax in your hammock and watch the sun go down into the Caribbean Sea.

Day 7

Accommodation: Lodge Stay

Activities: Morning kayak paddle or snorkel, transport by power boat, evening dinner and celebration in Placencia

Destinations: Scipio Caye, Placencia

Description: This will be our last day in this peaceful world. We will kayak in the morning and then take a power boat back to Placencia. After a refreshing shower and hearty meal, the evening will be one of music and dancing with our Belizean friends.

Day 8

Accommodation: none

Activities: breakfast, transport to airport

Destinations: airport

Description: After an incredible week of kayaking, we bid farewell. An early or mid-morning flight will take you back to the Belize City airport.

(If you are joining us for the 3-day inland extension, morning will find us on our way to Jaguar Preserve.)